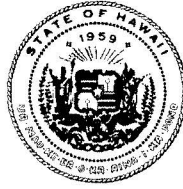


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Maile Shimabukuro, Chair
House Committee on Human Services and Housing

Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair
House Committee on Health

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: **HCR 73 – REQUESTING HAWAII’S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION
TO RECOMMEND TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING
REFORMS FOR HAWAII’S MEDICAID AND QUEST PROGRAMS.**

Hearing: Thursday, March 27, 2008 10:45 a.m.
House Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purposes of this resolution are to request that Hawaii’s congressional delegation: 1) work with the appropriate federal agencies to examine and reconsider how the federal government spends its health care dollars; 2) strive for a more accurate assessment of each state’s economic situation; 3) work with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to consider adjusting the current 0.45 multiplier used to calculate the federal medical assistance percentage; and 4) that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to Hawaii’s congressional delegation, and other dignitaries.

DEPARTMENT’S POSITION: The Department of Human Services supports this resolution. However, if the third purpose is referring to Hawaii’s current (FFY 2008) federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP), the number 0.45 should be corrected to 0.5650.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.