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The Honorable Russell Kokubun, Chair  
The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

**Re: SB 2298 – Relating to Insurance**

Dear Chair Kokubun, Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on SB 2298 which would establish a joint legislative study group to investigate issues regarding the implementation of twenty-four-hour insurance coverage in Hawaii.

HMSA appreciates the legislature's desire to study the effects of implementing twenty-four-hour insurance coverage in Hawaii. We believe that the creation of a Task Force which includes the major stakeholders on this issue could prove beneficial to any future legislative proposals. As such, we would be happy to participate on the Task Force as a member.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 2298.

Sincerely,

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