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The Senate
Notice of Hearing
Monday, February 25, 2008
9:00 am
Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Kokubun and members of the committee:

My name is Gary Saito and I have been a provider in a managed care network, providing services to insureds with managed care policies since the introduction of such policies.

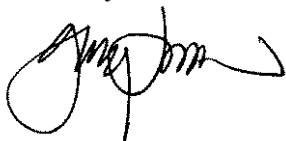
Managed care policies offer insureds a great opportunity to receive benefits at reduced premiums. Such policies are optional and insureds elect to purchase them. Even though I have never been aware of any insureds being unable to access medical care, I am willing to believe a few individuals have met with difficulties.

Managed care policies serve a great many people who benefit from medical treatments and other benefits for the payment of lower premiums. Changing the law for the few to the possible detriment of the many should not be the intent of legislation. On Oahu, I have witnessed accommodations being made for special circumstances over and over again. Surely there is a better way to address and rectify this situation.

I recommend deferring SB 2770 until a study can be done to bring to light the actual magnitude of this problem. We do not know from the testimonies provided to date, the number or percentage of managed care insureds that are adversely affected by the current situation. A study could also recommend remedies that make sure the injured receive care while preserving the intent of managed care policies.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,



Gary Saito, DC