

**HB 1525**



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
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The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Mercado Kim and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: HB 1525 HD1 SD1 – RELATING TO MEDICAID**

The position and views expressed in this testimony do not represent nor reflect the position and views of the Departments of Health (DOH) and Human Services (DHS).

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS THE INTENT OF HB 1525 HD1 SD1.**

The Council supports provisions that require information to determine the qualifications of nonprofit and for-profit entities to be awarded health care insurance contracts. We note that this bill is a work in progress and has undergone substantive amendments throughout the legislative process. We have been working with representatives from FACE (Faith Action for Community Equity), HMSA, and others to amend this bill in a form that we can agree with as the basis for continued discussion during the interim period after the 2009 and prior to the 2010 legislative sessions.

The passage of this bill will provide a mechanism for the group to continue discussion and work toward achieving transparency in future Request for Proposal, and award and implementation of health insurance contracts.

The Council appreciates the opportunity to submit comments supporting the intent of HB 1525 HD1 SD1.

Sincerely,

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Chair