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Comments:

I respectfully oppose this bill due to its ineffectiveness, exorbitant cost, and lack of safeguards. When originally implemented, after seven months, by October 2008, budget shortfalls forced Governor Lingle to drop "Keiki Care."

HMSA has verified that only 88 children remained in their \$55/month Children's Plan following implementation of Keiki Care, and that enrollment dropped by over 90 percent. Clearly, the six month probation period had no effect on parents' decision to drop an affordable program and enroll in a "free" program. Parents who could afford health care for their children abused the system, and I see there is no provision to effectively address this

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.