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S.B. 936, Relating to Department of Health Certificates

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9:30 a.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports this Administration bill.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** This measure repeals the requirement for a sanitation certificate from the
4 department to be issued for the operation of a lodging or tenement house, group home, group residence,
5 group living arrangement, hotel, or boardinghouse. The implementation of this measure would require
6 HRS 445-94 (a) be repealed.

7 In the past, the certificate was required to obtain a business license for these facilities from the
8 City and County of Honolulu. The certificate was not required for the other counties. This requirement
9 for a business license was repealed by the Legislature by Act 35, Session Laws of Hawaii 2001. There
10 is no longer a need for a sanitation certificate to be issued. No impact to the public and other agencies is
11 anticipated. The department will continue inspections for licensed care homes and other domiciliary
12 facilities it regulates under different laws.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this Administration bill.