



Hawaii Association of Health Plans

April 1, 2009

The Honorable David Ige, Chair
The Honorable Josh Green M.D., Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Health

Re: SCR 170 - Requesting the Hawaii State Legislature to Convene a Hawaii Health Care Summit to Develop a Strategic and Comprehensive Plan for Health Care in Hawaii

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Green and Members of the Committee:

My name is Rick Jackson and I am President of the Hawaii Association of Health Plans ("HAHP"). HAHP is a non-profit organization consisting of seven (7) member organizations:

AlohaCare
Hawaii Medical Assurance Association
HMSA
Hawaii-Western Management Group, Inc.

MDX Hawai'i
University Health Alliance
UnitedHealthcare

Our mission is to promote initiatives aimed at improving the overall health of Hawaii. We are also active participants in the legislative process. Before providing any testimony at a Legislative hearing, all HAHP member organizations must be in unanimous agreement of the statement or position.

HAHP appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of SCR 170 which would convene a health care summit to comprehensively examine the pressing health care needs facing the state. We look forward to being a part of this strategic initiative to develop meaningful health care policy. With the Obama Administration focused on health care, convening a summit of this type could produce meaningful and long lasting change for Hawaii.

Yours truly,

Rick Jackson
President