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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Chair

Conference Room 211  
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**Supporting SCR 170 SD1 with an amendment.**

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including acute care hospitals, two-thirds of the long term care beds in Hawaii, as well as home care and hospice providers. Thank you for this opportunity to comment on SCR 170, which requests the Legislature to convene a health care summit. The Healthcare Association supports the concurrent resolution with an amendment.

The concurrent resolution describes many of the problems faced by consumers of health care, providers, insurance plans, and government agencies. The health care environment is a complex one, and there is a growing awareness that our health care system is broken. It will take a concerted effort by all affected parties to fix it. We appreciate the efforts of the Legislature to convene a health care summit to create a plan that addresses the major problems of health care.

As the representative of hospitals, long term care facilities, home care agencies, and hospices, the Healthcare Association, which has studied many health care issues over the years, would like to request representation as a named member of the Health Care Summit.

With that amendment, the Healthcare Association supports SCR 170.