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**Tuesday, February 23, 2010, 2:00 p.m., Conference Room 325**

To: COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY  
Rep. Jon Riki Karamatsu, Chair  
Rep. Ken Ito, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association  
Gary A. Okamoto, MD, Legislative Co-Chair  
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Re: HB2086 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE DATA

Chairs & Committee Members:

In concept, the Hawaii Medical Association supports the exchange of laboratory data among treating providers under HIPAA privacy laws. Efficient access to a patient's lab data would facilitate the appropriate evaluation and treatment of patients.

We have concerns that HB2086 language is too broad. We recommend that lab data exchange should be elective, not mandatory. Specifically, HB2086 should state, "Clinical laboratory test results may be provided . . ." (deleting "shall").

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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