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The Twenty Fifth Legislature, State of Hawaii
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Committee on Ways and Means

Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
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H.B. 694, S.D 1 – RELATING TO THE
HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS
CORPORATION

The Hawaii Government Employees Association opposes H.B. 694, SD. This bill authorizes any of the regional systems or individual facilities of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to transition into a new legal entity. It further allows the reduction of patient care services after presenting the plan first to the regional boards and subsequently to the community. It requires notification to the Senate President and House Speaker within twenty days of the reduction of services.

The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation provides the vital safety net of health care services to the citizens of Hawaii. It is critical that HHSC remain a viable health care system to ensure adequate health care is provided and available to the residents of the state.

We do agree that the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation should be required to bear the responsibility of making all appropriate employer payments into the Employees Retirement Systems under Chapter 88, HRS, beginning July 1, 1996.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our comments on H.B. 694, S.D. 1.

Respectfully Submitted,

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