

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, MARCH 25, 2010**  
**Testimony in Support of SB 2286, SD1, HD1**

May it please the Committee:

I am Stuart T.K. Ho, chair of the long term care commission (LTCC) created by Act 224, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008.

This testimony is in support of SB 2286, SD1, HD1 relating to long-term care. The Commission agrees with the bill's proposed amendments to Act 224 changing the dates of the interim and final reports submitted to the Legislature by the LTCC and extending the life of the LTCC to June 30, 2012.

SB 2286, SD1, HD1 coincides with the dates set forth in HB 1902, HD1 which are satisfactory to the LTCC. I understand and appreciate the House's and Senate's desire to accommodate the LTCC's revised work plan and I look forward to cooperating to satisfy this aim.

FOR THE LONG TERM CARE COMMISSION

/s/ Stuart T.K. Ho  
Stuart T.K. Ho, Chairman



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Rep. Marcus Oshiro, Chair

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**Supporting SB 2286 SD 1 HD 1.**

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii represents its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, as well as long term care facilities, home care agencies, and hospices. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 2286 SD 1 HD 1, which extends the Long Term Care Commission created by Act 224, SLH 2008 from 2010 to 2012, and delays its reports to the Legislature.

Long term care is a significant and growing social concern because of Hawaii's large and increasing elderly population. As the frail elderly population increases, the need for long term care will also increase. Long term care can be expensive. The cost of nursing home care, for example, is typically more than \$100,000 annually, and it is not covered by Medicare.

The responsibilities of the Long Term Care Commission include identifying problems related to long term care and developing a comprehensive long term care plan. The Commission is composed of representatives of a broad spectrum of the population. The job of the Commission is formidable, and the Commission needs more time to complete its work.

For the foregoing reasons, the Healthcare Association supports SB 2286 SD 1 HD 1.