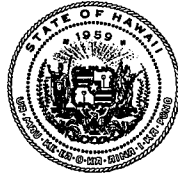


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S.B. 2467, RELATING TO HEALTHCARE

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
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February 1, 2010

1 **Department's Position:** The department must respectfully OPPOSE this bill as currently drafted.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Minimal.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The bill is unclear. It cannot be determined whether the focus of the bill is
4 on community based residential care facilities or nursing facilities.

5 Nevertheless, this bill seeks to establish an interim study group composed of public and private
6 stakeholders to analyze the quality of care at whichever setting is targeted by the bill.

7 The high-level purpose of this bill is laudable but appears to be a duplication of several efforts
8 already underway in the private and public sectors for nursing home services, such as the effort to
9 prevent or reduce pressure ulcers (bed sores). For Adult Residential Care Homes, the Hawaii
10 Administrative Rules Chapter 100.1 is less than four years old. The rules can be reviewed by the
11 department and other key stakeholders without convening a formalized study group as called upon by
12 this bill.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Conference Room 016

Chairs Ige and McKelvey and Members of the Committees:

Good Morning Chairs Tsuji and McKelvey and members of the Committees on Health and Human Services

I am Ken H. Takayama, Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on Senate Bill No. 2467. The Bureau takes no position either for or against this measure, but has the following observations and concerns:

1. If the Legislature wants us to do the work required by this bill, we will do the best we can with the resources that we have.
2. The bill establishes an "intermediate care facility and skilled nursing facility interim study group". The bill also directs the Bureau to provide "technical assistance" to the study group.
3. We respectfully request and recommend clarifying the Bureau's role with respect to the study group by amending the (unnumbered) paragraph at page 4, lines 8-10 to read as follows:

"The legislative reference bureau shall assist the study group in finalizing its recommendations and drafting any legislation proposed by the study group to implement those recommendations.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.