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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON HEALTH AND
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 2530

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RELATING TO HEALTHCARE CLAIMS

Senate Bill No. 2530 establishes the Hawaii Healthcare Claims Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System under the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs to collect, analyze, and distribute health insurance claims information. The bill also creates the Hawaii Healthcare Claims Special Fund to collect healthcare claim fees and penalties, and other proceeds derived from the publication and use of health claims data. The special fund will pay for expenditures to operate and improve the Hawaii Healthcare Claims Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System.

As a matter of general policy, this department does not support the creation of any special or revolving fund which does not meet the requirements of Sections 37-52.3 and 37-52.4 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Special or revolving funds should: 1) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries of the program; 2) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 3) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. It is difficult to determine whether there is a clear nexus between the benefits sought and the charges made upon the users or beneficiaries of the program and whether the fund will be self-sustaining.