


 Hawaii Association of Health Plans

March 17, 2010

The Honorable Robert Herkes, Chair  
 The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair  
 House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

**Re: SB 2599 SD2 HD1 – Relating to Health Insurance**

Dear Chair Herkes, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee:

My name is Howard Lee and I am President of the Hawaii Association of Health Plans (“HAHP”). HAHP is a non-profit organization consisting of seven (7) member organizations:

AlohaCare	MDX Hawai‘i
Hawaii Medical Assurance Association	University Health Alliance
HMSA	UnitedHealthcare
Hawaii-Western Management Group, Inc.	

Our mission is to promote initiatives aimed at improving the overall health of Hawaii. We are also active participants in the legislative process. Before providing any testimony at a Legislative hearing, all HAHP member organizations must be in unanimous agreement of the statement or position.

HAHP appreciates the opportunity to testify on SB 2599 SD2 HD1 which would mandate colorectal cancer screenings based on U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommendations which have been awarded an “A” or “B” rating. We support the sections of this measure which would adopt the State Auditor’s recommendations on colorectal cancer screenings but have comments on the sections of the measure regarding notification of members.

The language concerning member notification is not uniformly applied in the bill since Section 1 differs from Section 2. As such, we support changes being proposed by HMSA to ensure that all health plans are regulated uniformly.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today.

Sincerely,



Howard Lee  
 President