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Written Comments on SB 519 Relating to Safe Patient Handling Protocol
Requires each private hospital in the state and each community hospital within HHSC to establish safe patient handling committee and safe patient handling program

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On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Board of Directors, thank you for this opportunity to testify on SB 519.

We appreciate the intent of SB 519 but cannot support the bill. Employee and patient safety in hospitals is strictly monitored both internally and externally. We certainly support patient safety, but are unconvinced that the additional requirements this bill would impose on our hospitals would provide any additional value to our patient safety efforts. We believe the testimony from the Department of Health and the Hawaii Healthcare Association appropriately represents the concerns of hospitals in Hawaii. We respectfully request that this bill be held in committee.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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