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To: Senate Committee on Health
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association
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RE: SCR 210 Requesting the Establishment of an Advisory Committee to make Recommendations Regarding the Creation of a Hawaii All-Payer Health Claims Database for the Purpose of Transparent Public Reporting of Health Care Information.

In support

Chairs & Committee Members:

Hawaii Medical Association supports this resolution and is grateful to be included in the membership of the advisory committee. We also supported SB2529 as a measure to help provide comprehensive, accurate health insurance claims data collection for Hawaii. An All-Payer Health Claims Database can allow greater public awareness of the costs of health care, allow insurers and providers the ability to compare claims data across the state, and eventually help identify ways to stem the continued rise of health care expenses.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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