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Friday, February 4, 2011
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 1047 – RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE.

TO THE HONORABLE RYAN I. YAMANE, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

My name is Gordon Ito, State Insurance Commissioner, testifying on behalf of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department supports this Administration bill which replaces the existing external review process for deciding health insurance coverage disputes with a new process based on a review by an independent review organization ("IRO") that conforms to the requirements of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("PPACA"). An IRO is a private organization that contracts with a medical doctor to give a medical opinion on a health insurance coverage dispute.

Hawaii already has an existing external review process located at Hawaii Revised Statutes section 432E-6 which involves review by a 3 member panel, but the process has suffered some serious setbacks. In 2004, the Hawaii Supreme Court ruled that this process was pre-empted by ERISA which means that those members who get their health insurance through their private employers could no longer use the external review process. In 2008, the Department of the Attorney General ruled that the EUTF was also exempted from the external review process. Today, the external review process only handles individual, non-group members and Medicaid members. Also, we

should point out that because Medicaid offers an administrative hearing at the Department Human Services we are offering a duplicative process to Medicaid members. Today, we get about one request per month for an external review, if that. As a result, there is almost nothing left of the original external review process and the process therefore does not help very many of Hawaii's citizens.

The PPACA regulation on external reviews (see Federal Register / Vol. 75, no. 141, July 23, 2010 / Rules and Regulations) requires that by July 1, 2011, Hawaii come into compliance with federal requirements and contemplates an IRO process. The regulation also cites to the National Association of Insurance Commissioner's model act on external reviews using an IRO. This is the model we used in developing HB 1047. In order to meet the federal requirements, and restore a workable process to Hawaii's people, we believe it is advisable to enact HB 1047. Note that we have carved out the EUTF and Medicaid from the proposed IRO program because they both have their own existing administrative appeals process.

The use of an IRO for external reviews is well established. Medicare uses an IRO process as do many other states.

We believe that an IRO can handle a review of Hawaii's medical necessity statute (see HRS section 432E-1.4), which is only applicable in selected cases where there is no specific coverage exclusion. Currently, medical directors of health plans must do a medical necessity review.

Although it is not central to the policy issue we are presenting, the Committee should be aware that the current external review process is very expensive. With lawyers on both sides, the basic external review itself can cost around \$80,000. If the external review decision is appealed through the court system, additional attorney's fees will be incurred. An IRO offers a far cheaper way to resolved disputes.

We should also note that the existing external review process has been problematic because it is difficult to get practicing physicians to take the time out to volunteer for service on an external review panel.

We thank this Committee for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter and ask for your favorable consideration.

HMSA



An Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association

February 4, 2011

The Honorable Ryan Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health

Re: HB 1047 – Relating to Health Insurance

Dear Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Morikawa and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 1047 which would provide uniform standards for external review procedures based on a National Association of Insurance Commissioners Act in order to comply with Affordable Care Act requirements. HMSA supports the intent of this measure.

We appreciate the Insurance Commissioner's intent to ensure that existing state law pertaining to external appeals will be compliant with requirements of the Affordable Care Act. This measure is lengthy and we do have questions on some of the language within the measure including:

- **Structuring of Processes:** The measure seems to allow a member to pursue an expedited external review at the same time as applying for an expedited internal appeal. It is unclear how this process would work and if these review processes would run concurrently
- **Notification Timeframes:** The measure requires that when a plan reverses a decision the member, Independent Review Organization (IRO) and the Insurance Commissioner be notified within one day. It may be prudent to change this to verbal notification within one day and allow the plan up to three days to provide written notification to ensure that all the information is provided
- **Multiple Reviewers:** The measure allows the IRO to elect to use more than one reviewer. Since the plan is responsible for paying for the cost of the review, requiring the IRO to justify this action may be warranted

We realize that this is only the first hearing for this measure and we will work closely with the Insurance Commissioner to address these issues prior to HB 1047 being heard by the next Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1047.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JD", written over a white background.

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TESTIMONY ON H.B.1047 RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE

Thursday February 4, 2011
9:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

Testimony from Dr. Arleen Jouxson-Meyers,
President,
Hawaii Coalition for Health and
Hawaii Congress of Physicians and Other Healthcare Providers

Dear Committee Chair and Members:

THE HCFH AND HCOP STRONGLY OPPOSE PASSAGE OF H.B. 1047 AND COMPANION SENATE BILL 1274.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.

Since 1996, the Hawaii Coalition For Health has advocated to protect the rights of healthcare consumers in Hawaii, and later joined by HCOP, to advocate for healthcare providers in Hawaii.

Passage of HB 1047 and companion SB 1274 to replace the external review process in the existing Patients' Bill of Rights and Responsibilities Act (PBR), HRS 432E-6, 6.5 will have dire consequences on health care in Hawaii and on Hawaii's economy in general.

Please let me explain:

Presently, all Medicaid Quest, covering nearly 200,000 healthy poor, Medicaid Quest Expanded Access (QExA), covering more than 40,000 Medicaid-eligible aged, blind, and disabled, all State employees, and all people covered under self insured plans are entitled to access to a 432E-6, 6.5 external review by a 3-person panel headed by the Insurance Division. With President Obama's health insurance mandate and the weak economy leading to job-loss and more people becoming Quest eligible, these numbers are expected to grow even larger. (These are estimated numbers.)

Approximately 2 years ago, as we watched in horror, our Department of Human Services awarded two huge contracts to Evercare and Ohana to coordinate and pay for the medical care of the QExA patients. Evercare and Ohana entered the community with tornado-type force alienating healthcare providers, previously loyal and dedicated to their community and

profession, tearing apart families, and arbitrarily withholding medical care from desperately needy patients. Some patients may even have lost their life as a result. Our prior administration stood by motionless, merely attempting to correct isolated problems on a case-by-case basis as problems were brought to their attention. (I personally brought many cases to Patti Bazin's attention.) Our DHS failed miserably in its oversight of Evercare and Ohana's systemic conduct or apparently to demand performance from these plans. Two years later, many patients still have not found a primary care physician (PCP) suitable to take care of them, many cannot find specialists, and are continuing to experience difficulties getting medications, services, or equipment they need to endure life. Service coordination, the corner stone of managed care, remains non-existent.

Fortunately, The PBR was in effect at this time. The PBR external review process enables patients to promptly appeal wrongfully denied care to the Insurance Commissioner and provides them the resources to put on a well-prepared case which frequently results in preservation of necessary services. In addition, this external review process creates appropriate consequences to the health plan that makes arbitrary coverage decisions without applying Hawaii's Medical Necessity Statute. By reversing the denial, plan medical directors were held accountable for paying no attention to Hawaii's Medical Necessity statute, HRS 432E-1.4, and denying care without applying statutory principles as required. They sometimes appeared to not even know that the statute existed. But for the existence of 432E-1.4, 6, and 6.5, more patients would have been wrongfully denied care.

These external review hearings of the PBR serve another important function, that of monitoring health plan performance. Without these hearings conducted according to Chapter 91, the Commissioner may never know what plan medical directors have considered when denying care or whether their process was consistent with state law.

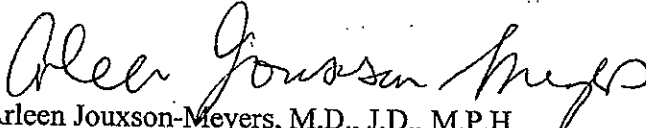
None of these safeguards exist in HB 1047 or SB 1274.

The significant effect on Hawaii's health care in general will come if the present administration adds other categories of patients, such as Quest (and they are expected to do this at the end of this year), or state employees to Evercare and Ohana (and others) membership rolls, and there is no more external review in 432E-6, 6.5 or medical necessity standard in 432E-1.4. Then health plans have unfettered power to deny medically necessary care with impunity, further burdening hospitals and other providers with having to provide uncovered care, and increasing the social costs of poorer health.

DO YOU WANT TO SUPPORT THAT? NO, NOR DO I.

THANK YOU FOR KILLING THIS BILL.

Sincerely,


Arleen Jouxson-Meyers, M.D., J.D., M.P.H.,
President

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 1047

From: Shana Metsch, PO Box 339, Kilauea, HI 96754

Occupation: Mother of a disabled daughter who is exercising her rights to keep her daughter alive and out of an institution.

To: House Committee on Health,
Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Hearing: February 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 329

Emailed to: HLTtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov or faxed to: 586-6281 or 1-800-535-3859

I am **strongly opposed** to House Bill 1047 (and the companion Senate Bill 1274), which will unjustifiably and irreversibly damage health care consumer protection in Hawaii. Our external review law, H.R.S. § 432E-6, has served health care consumers well for over a decade. It gives health care consumers a more level playing field against powerful insurance companies. Consumers have access to experienced advocates to assist them with preparing and presenting their cases in a manner consistent with Hawaii's medical necessity law. Decisions are made by a local expert panel, and consumers are able to present expert testimony and other evidence in a fair, but efficient, hearing process.

We have a four year old daughter with who has a life threatening seizure disorder known as Lennox Gastaut Syndrome. There are some days that she had had over 1,000 seizures per day. Our daughter has numerous physicians that provided her health care plan with prescriptions and letters of explanations on why she needs 24/7 skilled nursing care. It was reviewed by a physician on the health plans staff and denied. The part of this that is so concerning is the health care plans physician that provided the denial is not even a neurologist or has never seen our daughter as a patient so she is not even familiar with her care plan.

The health plans told us if our daughter needed 24/7 care that the most "cost effective" place for her would be placed in an institutional setting; which would also be the most inhumane choice for a four year old child to be banned to an institution away from her family forever. Does that sound like something that constituents would support? The impossible part about this scenario is they don't even have the facilities in Hawaii to accomplish this. Where did they want to send my medically fragile daughter? Were they thinking about taking our daughter from us and placing her on another island or worse another state? By doing this they are putting Hannah in a so called jail. If my daughter is placed in an institution she won't have her family or her right to FAPE. They will put her in a crib bed that is caged and not allow her to live her life. In essence they would be putting her in a jail because of her disabilities... We treat our criminals better. What crime has my four year old child committed that she deserves this fate?

We exercised our right to appeal this decision and so far our daughter has the care she needs to remain with her family, school and community. If you allow House Bill 1047 and companion Senate Bill 1274 to take affect it will be devastating to Hawaii families with disabled

persons. I am begging you please don't take away the only rights we have to help our disabled children and community. I ask you to look into your hearts for the implications of these proposed bills, not just your wallet, and make a wise decision that you and all of us can live with.

Very truly yours,

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 1047

From: Gilbert Madrid, MA

Occupation: Substance Abuse Assessment/Intake Counselor and Caregiver

To: House Committee on Health,
Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Hearing: February 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 329

RE: H.B. 1047/S.B. 1247 – Irreversibly Damaging Health Care³ Consumer Protection to Favor Insurers

I am **strongly opposed** to House Bill 1047 (and the companion Senate Bill 1274), which will unjustifiably and irreversibly damage health care consumer protection in Hawaii. Especially in respect to section 432-6e in the repealed law where the commissioner awards petitioners, like my parents, attorneys' fees and cost incurred in connection with the external review. The new law would eliminate this. My dad is currently on appeal against Evercare for not allowing or taking away home care services he urgently needs for his safety and well being. Without it, my father, who is 93 years old with dementia and numerous other medical problems, would not be able to meet the cost of such appeal. The decision by Evercare not to approve adequate home care services for my dad, 28 hours per week, and then reducing it even more to 15 hours per week, compromises both his physical health and safety. I also believe that Evercare and its coordinator(s) misrepresented themselves when they conveyed to me that I or my family were responsible for my father if he stays in the family home or in the community, which caused me to lose my full-time position due to having to take care of both my father and mother. My mother is under Ohana Health insurance and is also having difficulties getting adequate services provided.

I want you to know that I consider this a VERY IMPORTANT issue, and I ask you to heed the voices of those of us who oppose H.B. 1047. Vote "No" on H.B. 1047 because of the irreversible damage it will do to an inestimable number of Hawai'i citizens when they are sick and need our wholehearted support.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong opposition to this measure.

Very truly yours,

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From: Robert Stiver [stiver-aloha@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2011 11:25 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Vote "NO!" to House Bill 1047

A retired citizen and resident of Hawaii for 40 years, I strongly oppose House Bill 1047. From my study and conclusion, passage of it would constitute a long step backward to health-care consumer protection in Hawaii. Existing law (H>R>S> para 432E-6) has provided adequate health-care review for consumers for years. The system that has been developed and employed allows consumers to be directly involved in cases affecting them in a fair, efficient, effective, local-oriented hearing process.

I cannot understand the Abercrombie Administration's advocacy of H.B. 1047. I must expect that it, and your committee, have the best interests of consumers at heart; accordingly, you cannot vote this bill out of committee!

Thank you for taking my opposition to this misguided measure seriously.

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Subject: Testimony regarding External Review process to be heard Friday, Feb. 4, 2011

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 1047

From: MeleLani C. Llanes

Kapolei Resident

To: House Committee on Health,

Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Hearing: February 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 329

Emailed to: HLTtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov or faxed to: 586-6281 or 1-800-535-3859

I am **strongly opposed** to House Bill 1047 (and the companion Senate Bill 1274), which will unjustifiably and irreversibly damage health care consumer protection in Hawaii. Our external review law, H.R.S. § 432E-6, has served health care consumers well for over a decade. It gives health care consumers a more level playing field against powerful insurance companies. Consumers have access to experienced advocates to assist them with preparing and presenting their cases in a manner consistent with Hawaii's medical necessity law. Decisions are made by a local expert panel, and consumers are able to present expert testimony and other evidence in a fair, but efficient, hearing process.

Instead of repealing our existing external review statute, it should be expanded to include ERISA plan members now that the health care reform act has made that possible. The Insurance Commissioner should be directed to require ERISA plans to make our existing external review available to their members. (If the Commissioner can order ERISA plans to use the outsource review process proposed in H.B. 1047, he can order them to use our existing process.) Decisions on health care in Hawaii should be made in Hawai`i, not outsourced to mainland doctors who are not in touch with our values, our culture, and our people.

The Administration has inaccurately described H.B. 1047 as providing "uniform standards for external review procedures." In fact, more than a quarter of a million people who now have the right to external review under H.R.S. § 432E-6 will lose it. Nearly half of Hawaii's population will have to use various other forms of external review.

Personally, I lost an ERISA case for medical care I received in 2007. I paid out of pocket

over \$100,000.00 for my care and the insurance company refused to reimburse me \$50,000.00 of benefits still due me. A mainland company upheld their decision despite the fact that I noted numerous entries in my chart that supported my need for care. I am now losing my house because of the shortfall.

Currently, I have an appeal approved for hearing with the External Review board for a durable medical devise that I am seeking in lieu of expensive knee replacement surgery. I am actually trying to save the insurance company and the State tens of thousands of dollars and the insurance company is still refusing to reimburse me for the devise.

Under the H.B. 1047 proposed review, the process is far more complex (you have only to compare the length of our existing law, H.R.S. § 432E-6 with H.B. 1047 to see how much more complex it will be), and, ironically, health care consumers will have a lot less help. H.B. 1047 simply cannot be seen as anything more than a huge favor for insurers. I want you to know that I consider this a VERY IMPORTANT issue, and I ask you to heed the voices of those of us who oppose H.B. 1047. Vote "No" on H.B. 1047 because of the irreversible damage it will do to an inestimable number of Hawai`i citizens when they are sick and need our wholehearted support.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong opposition to this measure.

Very truly yours,

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 1047

To: House Committee on Health,
Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
From: Tred R. Eyerly
Occupation: Attorney
Hearing: February 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 329

I **strongly oppose** House Bill 1047 (and the companion Senate Bill 1274), which will unjustifiably and irreversibly damage health care consumer protection in Hawaii. Hawaii's external review law, Haw. Rev. Stat. § 432E-6, has served health care consumers well for over a decade. It gives health care consumers a more level playing field against powerful insurance companies. Consumers have access to experienced advocates to assist them with preparing and presenting their cases in a manner consistent with Hawaii's medical necessity law. Decisions are made by a local expert panel, and consumers are able to present expert testimony and other evidence in a fair, but efficient, hearing process.

Instead of repealing our existing external review statute, it should be expanded to grant external review to ERISA plan members who, under the health care reform act, currently have no such rights. Without an external review before the Insurance Division, ERISA plan members must file a lawsuit in federal court. The expense of going immediately to court is prohibitive for many, if not most, of our citizens. The Insurance Commissioner should be directed to require ERISA plans to make our existing external review available to their members. Decisions on health care in Hawaii should be made in Hawaii, not outsourced as contemplated by H.B. 1047 to mainland doctors who are not in touch with our values, our culture, and our people.

The process for proposed review under H.B. 1047 is far more complex (you have only to compare the length of our existing law, Haw. Rev. Stat. § 432E-6 with H.B. 1047 to see how much more complex it will be), and, ironically, health care consumers will have a lot less help. H.B. 1047 simply cannot be seen as anything more than a huge favor for insurers. How is this bill fair to your constituents and patients across Hawaii.

Vote "No" on H.B. 1047 because of the irreversible damage it will do to an inestimable number of Hawai'i citizens when they are sick and need your wholehearted support.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong opposition to this measure.

Very truly yours,

Tred R. Eyerly

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 1047

From: Bridget Tully
Occupation: ENTERTAINMENT

To: House Committee on Health,
Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Hearing: February 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 329

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The Administration has inaccurately described H.B. 1047 as providing "uniform standards for external review procedures." In fact, more than a quarter of a million people who now have the right to external review under H.R.S. § 432E-6 will lose it. Nearly half of Hawaii's population will have to use various other forms of external review.

Under the H.B. 1047 proposed review, the process is far more complex (you have only to compare the length of our existing law, H.R.S. § 432E-6 with H.B. 1047 to see how much more complex it will be), and, ironically, health care consumers will have a lot less help. H.B. 1047 simply cannot be seen as anything more than a huge favor for insurers. I want you to know that I consider this a VERY IMPORTANT issue, and I ask you to heed the voices of those of us who oppose H.B. 1047. Vote "No" on H.B. 1047 because of the irreversible damage it will do to an inestimable number of Hawai'i citizens when they are sick and need our wholehearted support.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong opposition to this measure.

Very truly yours,



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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 1047

From: Karen Raforth, Ph.D.

Occupation: Psychologist

To: House Committee on Health,
Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair and Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Hearing: February 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 329

Emailed to: HLTtestimony@Capitol.hawaii.gov

I am writing to **strongly oppose** House Bill 1047 which will set back health care consumer protection in Hawaii.

I do not understand why the external review law, H.R.S. § 432E-6 is being changed in a way to harm the patient. The current law gives health care consumers a chance against well-staffed insurance companies.

As a grandmother and mother, I have helped my daughter as she worked with experienced professionals to prepare my little granddaughter's case using Hawaii's medical necessity law. Although we have not always agreed with the outcome, at least we were able to present our testimony and other information and get a reasonable hearing by a local panel. Note that despite my doctorate and experience in administration, my daughter and I needed the advice of professional advocates who are experienced in this area to make our case. I know other parents and people with disabilities need this type of professional assistance when questioning the decisions of insurance companies which are often not made in the patient's interest. I have personal and professional experience in this unfortunate conflict.

Decisions on health care in Hawaii should be made in Hawai'i, not outsourced to mainland doctors and other professionals who are not aware of Hawaiian needs, facilities, culture, and people. Why would you let these decisions be made elsewhere?

This bill is described as providing "uniform standards for external review procedures." It seems to me that many will lose the current rights to external review now available under H.R.S. § 432E-6. Please do not give away rights to this review process to the insurance companies.

Under the H.B. 1047 proposed review, the process seems even more complex than it is now. This is too daunting for most people struggling with illness and disability. My daughter still had to care for my disabled granddaughter and the family while trying to put a case together. She was exhausted with the task even with advice, advocacy, support, and her own hard work and determination. Without professional guidance, I don't know how she would have done it. It seems citizens will have a lot less help if this measure is passed. Our insurance premiums pay for staff for the insurance companies to fight us. Who helps us? Please make it you, the elected leaders. Show your vision of community.

Vote "No" on H.B. 1047. Don't take away the rights of those who need it most at a time when they can least afford to be left alone and without ready assistance. Vote your compassion and conscience. Thank you for considering my reasons for opposing this measure.

Sincerely,

Karen Raforth, Ph.D.
Psychologist,
Mother and Grandmother

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Importance: High

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 1047

From: M. Christine Watanabe

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To: House Committee on Health,
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Very truly yours,

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 1047

February 3, 2011

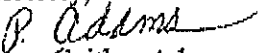
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Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
Fax; 586-6281

RE: Hearing, February 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 329

Having benefited from the Patients Bill of Rights external review process, I concur with many others who are sending testimony that I am strongly opposed to House Bill 1047 (and the companion Senate Bill 1274), which will unjustifiably and irreversibly damage health care consumer protection in Hawaii. Our external review law, H.R.S. § 432E-6, has served health care consumers well for over a decade.

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Sincerely,


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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 1047From: W. DENNIS CARROLLOccupation: PROFESSOR OF THEATRETo: House Committee on Health,
Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dec Morikawa, Vice Chair

Hearing: February 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 329

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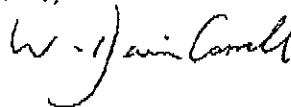
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From: Teresa R. Williams

Occupation: C.N.A

To: House Committee on Health,
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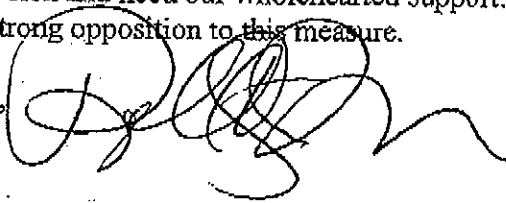
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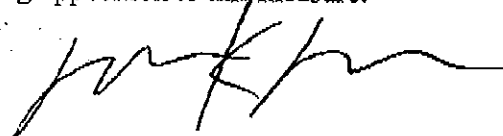
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Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

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 To: House Committee on Health,
 Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 1047

From: Anna Strom
 Occupation: Certified Nurse Aid
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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 1047From: Joseph F. Finn, Jr.Occupation: DISABLEDTo: House Committee on Health,
Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

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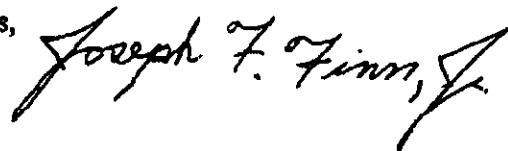
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From: JOSEPH F FINN SR.

Occupation: RETIRED

To: House Committee on Health,
Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

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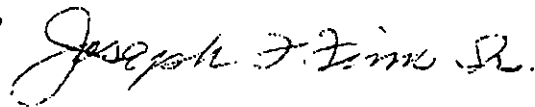
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From: Athena Agrade
 Occupation: Home Health Aide
 To: House Committee on Health,
 Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Hearing: February 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 329

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Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

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Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Hearing: February 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 329

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Patricia Anthony, POA/
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From: JONI BOCALBOS

Occupation: ADMIN. ASST.

To: House Committee on Health,
Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Hearing: February 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 329

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 1047

From: Alice Matsuno

Occupation: Retired Nutritionist

To: House Committee on Health,
Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Hearing: February 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 329

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 1047

From: Charlene Matsunaga

Occupation: CNA

To: House Committee on Health,
Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

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Occupation: waitress

To: House Committee on Health,
Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 1047

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Occupation: HR manager

To: House Committee on Health,
Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Hearing: February 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 329

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Occupation: Medical Assistant

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Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

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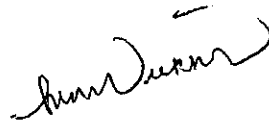
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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 1047

From: Erica Ramos

Occupation: Medical Assistant

To: House Committee on Health,
Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

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Occupation: Casualty Inspector - Army
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Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

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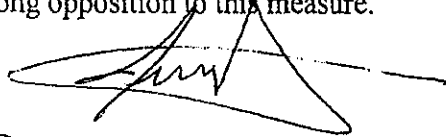
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From: Valerie Maion

Occupation: MMN.

To: House Committee on Health,
Hon. Ryan I. Yamane Chair, Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Hearing: February 4, 2011, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 329

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Occupation: Care Giver

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From: Natasha Nistel-Sampaio

Occupation: Cashier

To: House Committee on Health,
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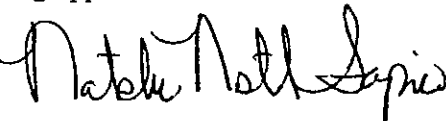
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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 1047

From: Kaimani Lopes

Occupation: Homemaker

To: House Committee on Health,
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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 1047

From: Kendia Nival-Sampdo

Occupation: make pizza

To: House Committee on Health,
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From: Curtis L. Sabalia
Occupation: HOME DEPOT / PRO LOADER
To: House Committee on Health,
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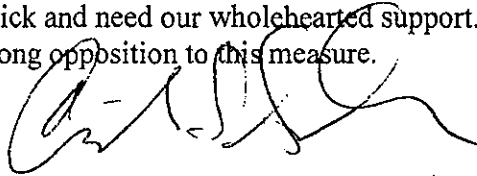
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Occupation: SALES

To: House Committee on Health,
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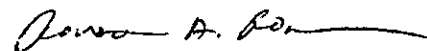
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To: House Committee on Health,
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Occupation: Nurse Assistant

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From: Catherine Marie Ching

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To: House Committee on Health,
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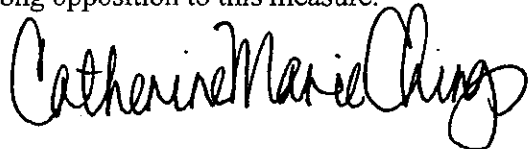
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TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.B. 1047

From: CHI HARU HOSODA

Occupation: MOM

To: House Committee on Health,
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From: Sue Bevacqua

Occupation: Teacher

To: House Committee on Health,
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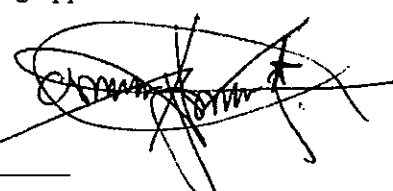
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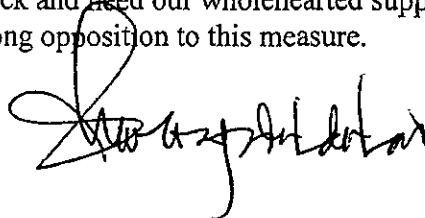
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