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To: COMMITTEE ON HMAN SERVICES

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Re: HCR 254/ HR 217 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO ENGAGE IN DATA EXCHANGES IN ORDER TO VERIFY THE ELIGIBILITY OF RECIPIENTS OF MEDICAID ASSISTANCE.

Chairs & Committee Members:

## In Support

The Hawaii Medical Association believes that ensuring that the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations and the Department of Human Services engage in data exchanges in order to verify the eligibility of recipients of Medicaid assistance will improve operating efficiency.

As such, we support this resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.