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Thursday, February 10, 2011 8:30 a.m. Conference Room 229

To: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
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Re: SB 1348 RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE

In Support

Chairs & Committee Members:

Hawaii Medical Association supports SB 1434.

HMA recognizes that it is vitally important to create a well functioning "health connector" to create a health insurance exchange pursuant to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

We hope that the provider community will have a meaningful place in the discussion about which benefits are necessary for patients to lead healthy and productive lives and how we can improve access to affordable health insurance for self employed and part-time workers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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