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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 1453, S.D. 2 – RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS.

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 takes no position on this bill, which creates a prescription medication prior authorization working group to consider the issue of insurers' prior authorization requirements for prescription medications and make recommendations for legislative action.

We thank this Committee for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
House Committee on Health

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 1453, S.D.2 – RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS**

Hearing: Tuesday, March 15, 2011; 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, Hawaii State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize a working group composed of stakeholders and convened by the Healthcare Association of Hawaii to consider issues relating to prior authorization for prescription medication and to make recommendations for future legislation.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) offers comments. The Department appreciates the direction for a collaborative approach of all stakeholders as prescribed in this bill. DHS will be happy to participate as a member of the working group. DHS continues to support increased emphasis on electronic prescribing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
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SB 1453 SD2 RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Morikawa, and members of the House Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this bill, SB 1453 SD2, requiring the insurance commissioner to develop a standardized prior authorization request form and process for prescription medications for use by health care providers and insurance carriers.

Rather than creating a task force to study this issue, the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene and John A. Burns School of Medicine believes the mandating of a uniform waiver process for prescription authorizations and standardizing the criteria for such waivers would be more effective.

We appreciate your continuing support of nursing and healthcare in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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The Honorable Ryan Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

House Committee on Health

Re: SB 1453 SD2 – Relating to Prescription Medications

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

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on SB 1453 SD2 which would create a working group to consider issues relating to prior authorization for prescription medications and to make recommendations for future legislation.

We appreciate the changes made to this measure by the Senate to convene a working group to discuss issues around prior authorization for prescription medications. We believe that the passage of this measure will serve as a catalyst for the health care community to begin discussing standardization.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. We look forward to participating with the other stakeholders on the workgroup.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JD", written over a horizontal line.

Jennifer Diesman
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