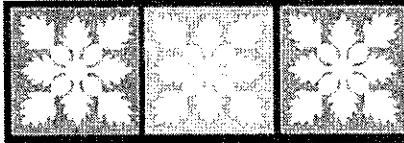


LATE TESTIMONY



Hawaii Association of Health Plans

March 18, 2011

The Honorable Ryan Yamane, Chair
The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
House Committees on Health and Human Services

Re: SB 285 SD2 – Relating to Health

Dear Chair Yamane, Chair Mizuno and Members of the Committees:

My name is Howard Lee and I am President of the Hawaii Association of Health Plans (“HAHP”). HAHP is a non-profit organization consisting of eight (8) member organizations:

AlohaCare	Kaiser Permanente
Hawaii Medical Assurance Association	MDX Hawai‘i
HMSA	University Health Alliance
Hawaii-Western Management Group, Inc.	UnitedHealthcare

Our mission is to promote initiatives aimed at improving the overall health of Hawaii. We are also active participants in the legislative process. Before providing any testimony at a Legislative hearing, all HAHP member organizations must be in unanimous agreement of the statement or position.

HAHP appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of SB 285 SD2 which would provide for QUEST members to receive telehealth services through a medical van in Kona.

HAHP membership includes health plans which contract with the state to provide QUEST services. The Big Island of Hawaii’s geography and sparsely distributed population may translate into barriers to care for some. Bringing access to medical care to the neediest of populations via a mobile medical van makes sense to assist in improving the overall health of rural underserved populations. We would respectfully request the Committees see fit to pass this measure today. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

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