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Honolulu, HI 96813

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair

Conference Room 229
Jan. 28, 2011 at 2:45 p.m.

Commenting on SB 41.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, as well as long term care facilities, home care agencies, and hospices. The Healthcare Association takes no position on SB 41, which repeals the sunset clause of the Prepaid Health Care Act (PHCA), and appreciates this opportunity to comment on it.

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