

**SB 420**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Interim Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 420, S.D.2 – RELATING TO HEALTH**

Hearing: Thursday, March 3, 2011, 10:25 a.m.  
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to appropriate State general funds to the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services to expand certain health care services to qualified individuals and to finance projects at designated health centers throughout the State.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the intent of this bill as it includes initiatives supportive of our goals and objectives but we are concerned about the cost implications generated by this proposal.

Given the State's current fiscal situation and the significant shortfalls in our health care payments program (HMS 401), DHS cannot support increases in general fund appropriations beyond what Governor Abercrombie has proposed in the Executive Biennium Budget for 2012-2013 for DHS.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.



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### Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Hon. David Ige, Chair

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## Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 420 S.D. 2

### Relating to Health

Submitted by **Beth Giesting**, Chief Executive Officer

March 3, 2011, 10:25 a.m., Room 211

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association strongly **supports** Senate Bill 420 Senate Draft 2, which appropriates funds to provide health care for the uninsured, privately insured, or newly insured families and individuals. This bill recognizes the priority of health and living well in our communities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.