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**Wednesday – February 16, 2011 – 2:45pm**  
**Conference Room 229**

**The Senate Committee on Health**

To: Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair

From: Ginny Pressler, MD MBA  
Executive Vice President

Re: **SB 592 RELATING TO MEDICAL TORTS - Testimony in Strong Support**

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My name is Ginny Pressler, Executive Vice President for Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). Hawai'i Pacific Health is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider, committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 49 outpatient clinics and more than 2,200 physicians and clinicians. The network is anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

We are writing in strong support of SB 592 Relating to Medical Torts which imposes sanctions on a non-prevailing party whose rejection of the medical claim conciliation panel's decision results in subsequent litigation.

Defensive medicine drives up the cost of health care for everyone. Protecting physicians and health care providers with a fair review of the merits of a case before it is allowed to go to court is a helpful step in assuring physicians they will be protected against frivolous law suits.

We ask that you pass this measure.



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