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Wednesday February 2, 2011; 2:45 p.m. Conference Room 229

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association

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Re: SB 594 RELATING TO HEALTH

In Support

Chairs & Committee Members:

Hawaii Medical Association supports SB 594.

HMA supports this measure as a way to comprehensively plan such important functions as:

- (1) Current and long-term capacity needs of health providers, facilities, equipment, and support services providers;**
- (2) Recommendations for implementation of the federal Affordable Care Act of 2010;**
- (3) Recommendations for implementation of a health insurance exchange;**
- (4) Recommendations for implementation of the Hawai'i Health Information Exchange (HHIE);**
- (5) Initiatives to increase the number of primary care physicians in Hawaii, including loan repayment programs to maximize federal support;**
- (6) Recommendations regarding patient-centered medical homes**

We appreciate that physicians will be involved in the concerted planning of the future of our healthcare system in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

THE SENATE



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TESTIMONY: SB 594, RELATING TO HEALTH

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Hardy Spoehr, Executive Director

Aloha Chairman Green, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health. Papa Ola Lokahi (POL), the Native Hawaiian Health Board, supports the concept of this measure but has a major reservation in that there is no mention of any representation from the Native Hawaiian community. Native Hawaiians have a unique and special relationship with the state and with the federal government.

The stated purpose of the authority is to develop a comprehensive health plan for the state. POL already has this responsibility for Native Hawaiians which was established in federal law (P.L. 111-148).

We recommend that the president of Papa Ola Lokahi be added to serve on the proposed health authority if it is found to be worthy by others in the state.

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



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

Conference Room 229
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Supporting SB 594.

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. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 594, which establishes a Health Authority to create a statewide health plan.

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State government is the only entity that has the broad authority to create a statewide health plan, and SB 594 creates the mechanism to do so. The health plan would be created by a new Health Authority established within the Office of the Governor. The placement of the Authority is appropriate because various State agencies have responsibility for different aspects of health care.

The membership of Authority would include the health industry and other interests. The Healthcare Association of Hawaii, which represents the range of different types of health care providers, would be willing to participate as a member of the Authority.

Hawaii needs a statewide health plan, and the Healthcare Association supports SB 594.

Jan 31, 2011

Senator Josh Green
State Capitol, Room 222
415 South Beretania Street
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Hawaii needs a statewide health plan, and I support SB 594.

Sincerely,

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State Capitol, Room 226
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