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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

**HB 2447, Relating to Furnishing the Date of Vital Events to Governmental Agencies
Within the State of Hawaii That Request Verification**

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- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports this bill.
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** Fees for the verification of birth, death and marriage records are established by
- 3 law under section 338-14.3(d).
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this bill is to allow the Department of Health to disclose
- 5 dates of vital events to governmental agencies within the State of Hawaii seeking to verify information
- 6 to update official lists of persons more quickly, efficiently and accurately. Many government agencies
- 7 within the State of Hawaii maintain lists of people who receive public benefits, tax exemptions, or other
- 8 government services. To discontinue these benefits, exemptions or government services, the
- 9 governmental agency must verify that the recipient has died and record the date of death. The proposed
- 10 amendment to section 338-18(g) would allow governmental agencies within the State of Hawaii to
- 11 receive the date of death via the current verification process.
- 12 Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support of the passage of this bill.