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House Committee on Judiciary
Representative Gilbert S. C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
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Friday, February 3, 2012
2:00 P.M.
Conference Room 325
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**Testimony Supporting House Bill 2454, Relating to the Rap Back Program of the
Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center**

Allow programs statutorily authorized to conduct criminal history record checks to participate in a statewide rap back program. Effective July 1, 2012. (HB 2454)

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On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Corporation Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of HB 2454, which allows programs statutorily authorized to conduct criminal history record checks to participate in a statewide rap back program. Such a program, modeled after the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) rap back program, would benefit HHSC by providing updated criminal history information for its existing employees, current members of the corporate board or regional system boards, or current volunteers, providers, or contractors.

HHSC is a separate State jurisdiction which employs the largest contingent of health care employees among the public employers (4000 employees), and it is imperative that we protect the safety and general welfare of our patients and residents in our thirteen (13) medical acute and long term facilities on Oahu and the neighbor islands. The statewide rap back program will allow HHSC to request notification through the Hawaii Criminal Justice Data Center (HCJDC) if our employees are arrested any time after their initial fingerprinting and background check. Currently, we have no way of knowing if our employees, volunteers, providers, contractors, corporation board or regional system board members are subsequently arrested and convicted of a criminal violation that could be detrimental to their suitability or fitness for employment and/or services with HHSC. However, by participating in the statewide rap back program, the fingerprints taken at the time of arrest will be compared to the fingerprints in the applicant fingerprint file and a match will be made. HHSC will subsequently be notified and can take

appropriate action as deemed necessary. More importantly, the rap back programs at the state and national level will allow HHSC to make expeditious and appropriate decisions that affect the safety and well-being of not only our patients and residents in our medical facilities but also our employees.

For the above-stated reasons, HHSC supports HB 2454 and respectfully requests that this committee vote to advance the bill forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before this committee.

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