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Comments:

Chair Ige, and members of the Committee:

I urge your support for SB 2344 without amendments. The Hawaii Health Authority needs to have the necessary resources for contracted professional expertise in areas that will guide the development and implementation of Universal Health Care for Hawaii. In 2009, when the legislature passed SB 1504 creating the Hawaii Health Authority, funding was provided for the implementation of the act (Act 11). In September, 2011 the Board of the HHA was appointed, but no funds were available. In order to move the plan for Universal Health Care forward, the HHA must have the resources to achieve the goal. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.  
Jory Watland, Bd member, Hawaii Health Authority