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TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 2472, S.D.1 - RELATING TO PATIENT-CENTERED MEDICAL HOMES**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 29, 2012; 9:15 a.m.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to establish the Med-QUEST patient-centered medical home initiative, identifies the responsibilities for the coordination and evaluation of the patient-centered medical home model to be undertaken by the Healthcare Transformation Coordinator, and appropriates funds for these purposes.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this measure as it provides a method to better coordinate health care services for recipients while also decreasing duplication of efforts by different health care providers.

The Department respectfully defers to the Healthcare Transformation Office within the Office of the Governor regarding this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Hardy Spoehr
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Comments:
Aloha. Papa Ola Lokahi supports this measure. Mahalo.



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To: The Honorable David Y. Ige
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means

From: 'Ohana Health Plan

Re: Senate Bill 2472, Senate Draft 1-Relating to Patient Centered Medical Homes

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'Ohana Health Plan is managed by a local team of experienced health care professionals who embrace cultural diversity, advocate preventative care and facilitate communications between members and providers. Our philosophy is to place members and their families at the center of the health care continuum.

'Ohana Health Plan is offered by WellCare Health Insurance of Arizona, Inc. WellCare provides managed care services exclusively for government-sponsored health care programs serving approximately 2.6 million Medicaid and Medicare members nationwide. 'Ohana has been able to take WellCare's national experience and that of our local team to develop an 'Ohana care model that addresses local members' health care, long-term care and care coordination needs.

We appreciate this opportunity to respectfully submit these comments on this measure. While we understand the intent behind this measure, we would like to point out that the Departments of Health, and Human Services, providers and consumers have been already working together since the last legislative session, under the leadership of the Hawai'i Primary Care Association to develop the parameters of a State Plan Amendment for patient-centered medical homes (PCMH).

We would hope that this measure will not in any way conflict with the work that the State Plan Option Collaborative (SPOC) has already done, and instead work in tandem in defining the definitions, roles and compensation of PCMHs.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit these comments.