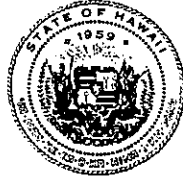


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## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

### SB 2958, SD2, HD1, RELATING TO HEALTH

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the intent of SB 2958, SD2, HD1,  
2 takes no position on an appropriation and defers to the Department of Budget and Finance on matters  
3 relating to the financial implications to the Executive Supplemental Budget.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** An appropriation of \$500,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal  
5 year 2012-2013 as a grant pursuant to Chapter 42 F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for Kapiolani Medical  
6 Center.

7 **Purpose and Justification:** The DOH respectfully asks the Committee if it might consider addressing  
8 the difference between SB2958 SD2 HD1 and the Grant-in-Aid (GIA) application of the Kapi'olani  
9 Medical Center for Women and Children (KMCWC). While the measure does not specify or prioritize  
10 target populations to be served with the implementation of the peripheral blood stem cell/apheresis  
11 program, the KMCWC GIA application describes the population to be served as, "all young children  
12 through adulthood." The DOH would appreciate clarification on the target population to be served  
13 through the general fund revenues appropriation proposed through SB2958 SD2 HD1.

14 DOH recognizes the importance of providing these needed transplantation services. This  
15 procedure treats patients with leukemia and some solid tumors such as breast and ovarian cancer. In

1 Hawaii, about 15 patients a year are in need of bone marrow transplants, the majority of whom must be  
2 treated within one to two months because of the aggressive nature of the disease. Without a bone  
3 marrow transplantation program in the state, patients waiting for transplantation would be left with the  
4 sole option of traveling to the mainland to receive potentially life-saving services.

5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.