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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

SB 2958, SD2, RELATING TO HEALTH

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Director of Health**

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

4 **Fiscal Implications:** The sum of an appropriation is to be determined or so much thereof as may be
5 necessary for fiscal year 2012-2013 out of the general revenues to the DOH.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** DOH recognizes the importance of providing these needed transplantation
7 services. This procedure treats patients with leukemia and some solid tumors such as breast and ovarian
8 cancer. In Hawaii, about 15 patients a year are in need of bone marrow transplants, the majority of
9 whom must be treated within one to two months because of the aggressive nature of the disease. Without
10 a bone marrow transplantation program in the state, patients waiting for transplantation would be left
11 with the sole option of traveling to the mainland to receive potentially life-saving services.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.