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Tuesday, March 13, 2012
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 3036, SD1– RELATING TO INSURANCE.

TO THE HONORABLE RYAN I. YAMANE, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

My name is Gordon Ito, State Insurance Commissioner (“Commissioner”),
testifying on behalf of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
(“Department”). The Department takes no position on this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to add coverage for natural grandchildren that are
adopted by Medicaid beneficiaries.

We thank this Committee for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.

HMSA



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The Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

House Committee on Health

Re: SB 3036, SD1 – Relating to Insurance

Dear Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Morikawa and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on SB 3036, SD1 which would require health plans to cover adopted grandchildren and grandchildren placed for adoption.

The provisions of this legislation are reflective of our current practice. HMSA already provides coverage for adopted grandchildren and those who are going through a formal adoption process. Consequently, we believe this Bill may be unnecessary.

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to comment on SB 3036, SD1. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JD", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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