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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

HB1482, RELATING TO HEALTH

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Director of Health

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1 **Department's Position:** COMMENTS

2 **Fiscal Implications:** General Fund appropriation of approximately \$200,000 would be required to
3 implement and operationalize the provisions in this bill provided that it does not adversely impact
4 priorities in the Governor's Executive Budget.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of HB1482 is to establish a stroke care system in the state and
6 to establish requirements for measuring, reporting, monitoring, and enforcing a system of stroke care in
7 the state.

8 HB1482 and its companion SB1348, contain language that creates requirements beyond the
9 scope and current resources of the Department that are not necessary or can be accomplished outside of
10 government. The Department is currently working with stakeholders to determine language and funding
11 requirements that will achieve the intended objective of creating a stroke care system improving the
12 outcomes of stroke patients. We ask the committee to pass this measure to allow for additional time to
13 explore these options and develop a streamlined version of the proposal.

14 The Department looks forward to the ongoing discussions with our partners to assure the best
15 quality of care for stroke patients in Hawaii.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.