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March 25, 2013, 9:00 a.m., Room 211

**Testimony in favor of HB 656, HD 2, SD 1:** Relating to Health Care Administrative Uniformity

**Testimony presented by:** Beth Giesting, Healthcare Transformation Coordinator

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The Governor's Office strongly supports this measure as a means to support discussion among stakeholders needed to improve our health care system by increasing administrative uniformity. As noted in the bill, improvements in the quality and cost control of health care are imperative. Providing the structure and purpose noted here will support our ability to involve health care stakeholders in the process of positive transformation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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## HB656

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
George Greene	Healthcare Association of Hawaii	Comments Only	No

Comments: SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS Senator David Ige, Chair March 25, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. Conference Room 211 Supporting HB 656 HD 2 SD 1: Relating to Health Care Administrative Uniformity The Healthcare Association of Hawaii advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, a majority of home health agencies and hospices, as well as long term care facilities and other health care organizations. Our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing nearly 20,000 people statewide, delivering quality care to the people of Hawaii. Thank you for this opportunity to comment in support of HB 656 HD 2 SD 1, which creates a mechanism that enables the State to supervise discussions among health care entities when developing uniform administrative standards and procedures to enhance the quality of health care in Hawaii. Such standards include pre-authorization forms, drug formularies, credentialing forms, quality metrics, accountable care organizations, bundled payments, and patient demographic information. In the development of these standards, it is important to encourage discussions and agreements among health care providers, insurers, and other health care organizations. However, antitrust laws are likely to have a dampening effect on such discussions. We believe that the bill will facilitate collaborative efforts among Hawaii's health care providers and other relevant health care entities to improve population health and curb costs. Thank you for this opportunity to comment in support of HB 656 HD 2 SD 1.

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To: The Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Re: HB 656, HD2, SD1,

To: The Honorable Senator Ige and the members of the committee.

Aloha,

The Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help strongly supports locating the Health Care Transformation Program within the Office of the Governor. We believe that the scope and reach of health care transformation is so vast as to reach into all departments of the government and can therefore only logically be located within the Office of the Governor.

Mahalo,  
Scott Wall  
Vice-President

# HMSA



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March 25, 2013

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Senate Committees on Ways and Means

**Re: HB 656, HD2, SD1 – Relating to Health Care Administrative Uniformity**

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 656, HD2, SD1, which would establish the Health Care Transformation Program in the Office of the Governor with the principal mission to identify issues needed to achieve statewide healthcare transformation. This legislation will allow the Governor to oversee a process to result in administrative uniformity for practices that will have an impact on health care in Hawaii. HMSA supports this measure.

This legislation is intended to allow the health care stakeholders to conduct full and free discussions on streamlining these administrative processes that could achieve savings in the health care system. Issues to be considered in this process include (1) quality and cost-effectiveness standards and measures; (2) fair and efficient payment models for health care; (3) streamlined authorization procedures for health care services; (4) use of information technology and information exchange to achieve efficiencies; (5) establishment and use of a cost-effective preferred drug list; and (6) other issues appropriate to further the mission of administrative uniformity.

We are informed that the State Administration has worked with the Attorney General in drafting this measure to ensure it appropriately meets its intent.

Thank you for allowing us to provide testimony in support of this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark K. Oto'.

Mark K. Oto  
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Comments:

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Troy Abraham	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support urgent passage of this bill to fix the broken healthcare system in Hawaii.

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