

**HB656**

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March 11, 2013

The Honorable Josh Green M.D., Chair  
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senate Committees on Health and Commerce and Consumer Protection

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

Dear Chair Green, Chair Baker and Members of the Committees:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 656, HD2 which would establish the Health Care Transformation Program in the Office of the Governor with the principal mission 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 to propose an amendment to this Bill that ensures it may appropriately meet its intent.

Thank you for allowing us to testify on this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark K. Oto".

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