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HCR40, RECOGNIZING AND DESIGNATING THE HAWAII HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE AS THE ONLY FULLY OPERATIONAL, STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE OPERATING IN HAWAII

Testimony of Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.
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March 31, 2014

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1 **Department's Position:** SUPPORT

2 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department of Health (DOH) support HCR40. As demonstrated during
4 the months long planning process for healthcare transformation guided by the Hawaii Healthcare
5 Project, health information technology and exchange are key foundations for a more efficient and
6 effective healthcare and public health system.

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8 The Hawaii Health Information Exchange (HHIE) was identified as the State Designated Entity (SDE)
9 for health information exchange in 2009 and 2011, pursuant to the Health Information Technology for
10 Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009 (Title XIII, Pub. L. 111-5). This formal recognition by the
11 State of Hawaii, the US Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, and the
12 US Department of Health and Human Services, intended to focus local efforts, as well as federal
13 funding, to enhance Hawaii's infrastructure capacity building.

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1 Although the five-year cooperative agreement with the federal government ended in February 2014,
2 much work remains for the state to establish relationships and propagate standards and technologies to
3 healthcare stakeholders. The designation of a single coordinating entity, in this case the entity that has
4 driven health information exchange efforts since 2009, is critical in maintain continuity.

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6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2014

Monday, March 31, 2014
2:10 p.m.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40 – RECOGNIZING AND DESIGNATING THE HAWAII HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE AS THE ONLY FULLY OPERATIONAL, STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE OPERATING IN HAWAII.

TO THE HONORABLE ANGUS L.K. McKELVEY, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Gordon Ito, State Insurance Commissioner, testifying on behalf of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department supports this resolution, and submits the following comments.

The purpose of the resolution is to formally recognize and designate the Hawaii Health Information Exchange as the only fully operational statewide health information exchange operating in Hawaii, and to continue to advance health care transformation initiatives, including the electronic exchange of health information. As set forth in the Healthcare Innovation Plan, a key underpinning for healthcare transformation is the effective use of health information technology tools which connect healthcare provider to provider, provider to patient, and data sets and public health registries. Both government and private industry recognize the need for information exchange.

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



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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

The Hon. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
The Hon. Derek S.K. Kawakami, Vice Chair
March 31, 2014, 2:10 p.m., Room 325

HCR 40: Recognizing and Designating the Hawaii Health Information Exchange as the Only Fully Operational, Statewide Health Information Exchange Operating in Hawaii

Testimony in Support

Presented by Beth Giesting, Healthcare Transformation Coordinator, Office of the Governor

Thank you for the opportunity to support HCR 40. The potential for improving quality, cost-effectiveness, transparency, and patient engagement in our health care system is almost endless if we competently use available and emerging health information technology tools. The Hawaii Health Information Exchange currently fills a very important leadership role in carrying out the health IT elements of healthcare transformation, and has potential to do much more as the State's designated nonprofit partner. Besides building technical infrastructure, HHIE supports the adoption and use of HIT tools as the trusted, neutral source for expertise and as convener of health providers to discuss and align HIT initiatives and data governance needs and agreements.

The planned and possible future uses of effective health information exchange are significant:

- Improving care when all providers in the system share key information
- Reducing waste related to needlessly repeated tests or procedures
- Enabling care coordination when admission, discharge, and transfer information flows from hospitals to primary care providers in real time
- Increasing provider efficiency with lab and pharmacy orders
- Helping providers reach quality goals by providing timely clinical performance feedback
- Serving as a conduit of information shared appropriately with extended providers across the continuum of care to improve coordination and case management
- Improving timely public health information about reportable conditions, immunizations, and

- other priority conditions
- Serving as a conduit to support and supplement data warehouses to contribute to our knowledge about the system and continuously improve it
- Helping providers and agencies identify and address prescription drug abuse

As federal funding supporting development of the HHIE's services ends, we in the State expect to enhance our relationships and investments with HHIE. This resolution is an excellent next step to continue building the foundation of a close public-private partnership for health IT.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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March 28, 2014

Rep. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
Rep. Derek S.K. Kawakami, Vice Chair
House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
Hawaii State Legislature
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI

Dear Chair McKelvey and Vice-Chair Kawakami:

For twenty years, the Hawaii Health Information Corporation has provided health data and analytics to Hawaii's hospitals, health care providers and State government. As a complement to our work, which focuses on quality improvement and cost control, we strongly believe that the direct exchange of patient medical information between providers will result in better care for patients as the services are delivered. Thus, we are a founding member of the Hawaii Health Information Exchange Board to help develop such exchange.

The HHIE effort has engaged Hawaii's healthcare providers, insurers, consumers and others, with the participation of State government. HHIE leadership has been centered in the private sector. HHIE funding entails significant private resources from the organizations involved in addition to State funding provided by the legislature. Hawai'i HIE's non-profit status has proven to be most effective in building the trust between parties that has moved health information exchange forward in Hawaii. This trust among participants has enabled substantial advancement of data sharing between diverse systems across the State.

Unlike large states, which may be able to support a number of regional or local exchanges, Hawaii's healthcare system cannot waste resources. Hawaii must focus information exchange functions into the Hawaii Health Information Exchange. Therefore, HHIC fully supports SCR 36 as the means to designate Hawai'i HIE as the sole statewide health information exchange in Hawai'i.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

Sincerely,

Peter A. Sybinsky, Ph.D.
President and CEO



March 28, 2014

To: House of Representatives Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Representative Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of HCR 40
Relating to: Hawai'i Health Information Exchange
Submitted by: Christine Mai'i Sakuda, Hawai'i HIE
DATE: Monday, March 31, 2014
PLACE: State Capitol, Conference Room 325

Aloha Representative McKelvey, Representative Kawakami, and members of the Committee:

I appreciate the vote of confidence that Hawai'i's lawmakers have provided the Hawai'i Health Information Exchange (Hawai'i HIE) since its inception. You and your peer's ongoing support will allow us to carry on our mission of improving healthcare while reducing healthcare costs in our community.

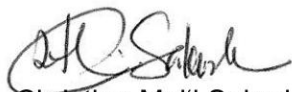
We have truly entered a new era in healthcare delivery, and the ability for health care providers and organizations to share patient data with each other and public health agencies is beginning to yield tangible benefits.

The Hawai'i HIE team has had the privilege of helping physicians in our state become meaningful users of electronic patient data while helping them navigate the process of adopting information technology systems for their practices. We have also experienced the joy of having large Hawai'i healthcare providers, including a number of hospital systems on different islands, become a part of our family of Hawai'i HIE participants. This is a key step toward the Hawai'i HIE's and the State's mutual goal of statewide real-time exchange of electronic patient data.

While the Hawai'i HIE team is understandably proud of our achievements, we know there is much more to do in our role to help transform our state's healthcare system. On behalf of Hawai'i's healthcare providers, and the health care industry and community members who comprise the Hawai'i HIE's board of directors, I would like to humbly ask for your endorsement of this resolution to designate Hawai'i HIE as the solely designated health information exchange for our state.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,



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The House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

To: Representative Angus McKelvey, Chair
Representative Derek Kawakami, Vice Chair

From: Virginia Pressler, MD, MBA
Hawai'i Pacific Health

Re: Recognizing And Designating The Hawaii Health Information Exchange As The Only Fully Operational Statewide Health Information Exchange Operating In Hawaii
Testimony in Support

My name is Virginia Pressler, MD, MBA. I am the Executive Vice President and Chief Strategic Officer for Hawai'i Pacific Health. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system, and the state's largest health care provider and non-government employer. It is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four hospitals, more than 50 outpatient clinics and service sites, and over 1,600 affiliated physicians. Hawai'i Pacific Health's hospitals are Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

Electronic medical records and sharing health information have been catalysts that are unifying Hawaii's healthcare industry in unprecedented ways. To date, more than 600 users and 180 physician practices, rural pharmacies and large healthcare providers participate in the Hawai'i HIE allowing them to securely exchange patient data. Just five years ago, this was only a dream.

I fully support the resolution to designate Hawai'i HIE as the sole statewide health information exchange in Hawai'i and that it continue to function as a stand-alone 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Hawai'i HIE's non-profit status has proven to be the most effective model in moving the health information exchange forward and has enabled rapid advancement of data sharing between diverse systems.

Equally as important, Hawai'i HIE has demonstrated sound fiscal management and has leveraged its federal grant funds to attract matching funds from private sources. Having any other health information exchange in the same state would be a distraction to further progress and dilute funding away from Hawai'i HIE. As a community, we must support this resolution to continue this positive momentum.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



Affiliates of Hawai'i Pacific Health

Testimony of Phyllis Dendle

Before:

House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
The Honorable Derek S. K. Kawakami, Vice Chair

March 31, 2014
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**HCR 40 RECOGNIZING AND DESIGNATING THE HAWAII HEALTH
INFORMATION EXCHANGE AS THE ONLY FULLY OPERATIONAL,
STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE OPERATING IN
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Chair McKelvey, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HCR 40 regarding Hawaii Health Information Exchange.

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports this resolution.

This resolution details the history and activities of the Hawaii Health Information Exchange and makes the case for formally recognizing and designating the Hawaii HIE as the only fully operational, statewide health information exchange operating in the state of Hawaii. It also highlights the ongoing partnership between HHIE, the state legislature and the administration in continuing to advance health care transformation initiatives including the electronic exchange of health information.

We urge the committee to approve this resolution.

Thank you for your consideration.

HMSA



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March 31, 2014

The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
The Honorable Derek S.K. Kawakami, Vice Chair

House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

Re: HCR 40 – Recognizing and designating the Hawaii Health Information Exchange as the only fully operational, statewide Health Information Exchange operating in Hawaii

Dear Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Kawakami, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HCR 40 which recognizes and designates the Hawaii Health Information Exchange as the only fully operational, statewide Health Information Exchange operating in Hawaii. HMSA supports this resolution.

HMSA believes the Hawaii Health Information Exchange (HHIE) has been successful in the mobilization of healthcare information across organizations, and preserving the meaning of the information being shared. We further believe that the HHIE has been highly effective in facilitating access to and retrieval of clinical data to provide safer and more timely, efficient, effective, and equitable patient-centered care.

HMSA supports the designation and recognition of the HHIE as the only fully operational, statewide health information exchange operating in the State of Hawaii; and as a partner with the Hawaii State Legislature and Administration, to continue to advance health care transformation initiatives, including the ongoing electronic exchange of health information.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this Resolution.

Sincerely,

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

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| Teresa Parsons | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: Let us not confuse the consumer by introducing more variables into an already complex system. We used valuable resources to create the HHC, let's utilize it to the fullest. Mahalo for allowing me to submit testimony in support of this measure.

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