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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
The Hon. Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Hon. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
March 21, 2014, 8:30 a.m., Room 329

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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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2014

Friday, March 21, 2014
8:30 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 140 – RECOGNIZING AND DESIGNATING THE HAWAII HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE AS THE ONLY FULLY OPERATIONAL, STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE OPERATING IN HAWAII.

TO THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, 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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In reply, please refer to:
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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.
Director of Health

March 20, 2014

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.

March 19, 2014

Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health
Hawaii State Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: HCR 40

Dear Chair Belatti and Vice-Chair Morikawa:

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 19, 2014

To: House of Representatives Committee on Health
Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of HCR 40
Relating to: Hawai'i Health Information Exchange
Submitted by: Christine Mai'i Sakuda, Health Information Exchange
DATE: Friday, March 21, 2014, 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: State Capitol, Conference Room 329

Aloha Representative Belatti, Representative Morikawa, 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.

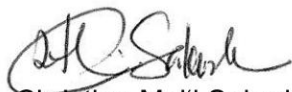
We have truly entered a new era in healthcare delivery, and the ability for health care providers and organizations to share patient data with each other and public health agencies is beginning to yield tangible benefits.

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,



Christine Mai'i Sakuda
Executive Director



To: Hawaii State Legislatures

From: Lee Castonguay
Hawaii-Alaska Chapter of HIMSS Board Member and Advocacy Liaison

RE: Testimony in Support of Concurrent Resolutions SCR 36 and HCR 40

Dear Legislators;

On behalf of the Hawaii-Alaska Chapter of HIMSS (Health Information Management and Systems Society), we strongly support concurrent resolutions SCR 36 and HCR 40.

HIMSS is a cause-based; not-for-profit organization exclusively focused on providing global leadership for the optimal use of information technology (IT) and management systems for the betterment of healthcare. HIMSS represents more than 42,000 individual members, of which two-thirds work in healthcare provider, governmental and not-for-profit organizations. HIMSS also includes over 550 corporate members and more than 125 not-for-profit organizations that share our mission of transforming healthcare through the effective use of information technology and management systems. HIMSS frames and leads healthcare practices and public policy through its content expertise, professional development, and research initiatives designed to promote information and management systems contributions to improving the quality, safety, access, and cost-effectiveness of patient care.

The HIMSS State Government Affairs team works to make connections and build relationships with state elected officials, HIMSS and its Members. This team has grown the Chapter Advocacy Roundtable to be one the most passionate and far reaching group of Chapter Members committed to advocating for health IT at a local and regional level.

The Hawaii Health Information Exchange (Hawaii HIE) was awarded a Cooperative Agreement by the Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) to develop, produce, maintain and administer a health information exchange in the State of Hawaii for the purposes of improving patient care, reducing medical errors, eliminating duplicative testing and procedures, and cut down on unnecessary paperwork. The Hawaii HIE has been diligently building the communications infrastructure to allow health information exchange to occur. Hawaii's health institutions, in a major cooperative effort, have contributed much time and money to ensure the Hawaii HIE remains successful since healthcare transformation in Hawaii has much dependence on its success. We feel it is imperative that this rare industry cooperative effort continue.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of the Hawaii-Alaska Chapter of HIMSS for Concurrent Resolutions SCR 36 and HCR 40.

Testimony of Phyllis Dendle

Before:
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The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

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INFORMATION EXCHANGE AS THE ONLY FULLY OPERATIONAL,
STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE OPERATING IN
HAWAII**

Chair Belatti, 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.