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**Testimony in favor of SB 1241, SD 1**

Relating to Health Care.

Testimony presented by: Beth Giesting, Healthcare Transformation Coordinator, Office of the Governor

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The Office of the Governor strongly supports SB 1241, SD 1. The U.S. system of health care has evolved to be a complex, specialty-oriented, and fragmented collection of services that is frequently bewildering to patients, inefficient, unsupported by evidence, and unsustainably costly. Hawai'i's system is not exempt from any of these problems and, since the State pays for health coverage for 40% of the population, improving health and healthcare are our direct concerns.

Part of the healthcare transformation process includes developing service models for patient-centered, integrated systems of care that are incentivized to deliver quality, cost-effectiveness, and positive clinical outcomes. As we develop these service models, it is imperative that we receive information from the providers and payers that will participate in them to create stakeholder alignment.

This bill would provide the structure within a permanent department that has the purpose of healthcare transformation and, in carrying out its healthcare transformation responsibilities, may call upon stakeholders and subject matter experts to contribute information. Accordingly, we believe that passage of this bill is vital to our transformation efforts.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of this measure.

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