



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE, 2013**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:
S.B. NO. 1241, S.D. 1, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

DATE: Friday, February 22, 2013 **TIME:** 11:30 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 016

TESTIFIER(S): David M. Louie, Attorney General, or
Rodney I. Kimura, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Hee and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney supports this version of the bill.

The purpose of this bill is to further the efforts of the State to spearhead the transformation and improvement of health care services and the health care system in the State.

This bill creates a new section that establishes the health care transformation program within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. Among the critical activities of the program will be development of appropriate strategies and any associated rules.

However, before the strategies and associated rules can be developed, the program must obtain information, and formulate ideas and possible solutions through informal consultations and collaborations with sources that are expected to widely vary from individuals to groups, and whose constituency will change depending on the issues being explored.

The informal consultations and collaborations are not intended to be subject to chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes. The informality of the process and the consultations and collaborations will help to foster the flow of information from different stakeholders, encourage candor, and accordingly, speed the pace by which the program will be able to gather information helpful in developing the strategies, as well as the consideration of and the development of possible rules to consider for later adoption through the rulemaking process.

We therefore recommend that favorable consideration be given to this bill.



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To: The Hawai'i State Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Re: SB 1241 SD1

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

Aloha,

The Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help oppose SB 1241 SD1. We feel that the proper home for the state's health care transformation should be either the Department of Human Services or the Department of Health.

Mahalo,
Scott Wall
Vice-President

February 21, 2013

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Hawaii State Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: SB 1241, SD1—RELATING TO HEALTH CARE

Chairman Hee and Vice-chair Shimabukuro:

The Hawaii Health Information Corporation supports SB 1241, SD 1— RELATING TO HEALTH CARE, to establish a structure for the State's long-term efforts to transform the way healthcare is delivered in Hawaii. Such transformation is necessary for the system to provide for all in Hawaii care that is patient-centered, high quality and cost effective.

The Hawaii Health Information Corporation is a private, not-for-profit organization which has, for nineteen years, maintained a database of hospital discharges for use by Hawaii's healthcare providers to improve quality and control costs. We have been working with the many other organizations in Hawaii who are part of the Governor's initiative to transform healthcare in Hawaii. This measure will enhance our collective efforts to provide better care at reasonable costs to all in Hawaii.

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

Sincerely,

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