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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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Regular Session of 2013

Thursday, April 4, 2013
9:50 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 151, S.D. 1 AND
SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 110, S.D. 1 – URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
WORK GROUP TO EXAMINE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND RISK
ADJUSTMENT FOR MEDICAID, GAP-GROUP, AND UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS.**

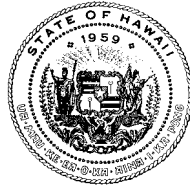
TO THE HONORABLE DAVID IGE, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Gordon Ito, State Insurance Commissioner (“Commissioner”),
testifying on behalf of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
(“Department”). The Department supports these resolutions.

The purpose of these resolutions are to establish a Work Group to examine
social determinants of health and ways to better serve the Medicaid, gap-group, and
uninsured populations in this State.

The Department is willing to participate in this Work Group.

We thank this Committee for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter
and ask for your favorable consideration.



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**SCR 151 SD1, URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORK GROUP TO
EXAMINE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND RISK ADJUSTMENT
FOR MEDICAID, GAP-GROUP, AND UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS.**

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

April 4, 2013

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1 **Department's Position:** SUPPORT.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** This resolution proposes to examine the relationship between social
4 determinants of health and risk adjustment for Medicaid, gap-group, and uninsured individuals and
5 recommend programmatic, benefit, actuarial, and evaluation criteria.

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7 “Your ZIP code affects your health status more than your genetic code. “ Social determinants of health,
8 or the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age, including the health system, are
9 responsible for a greater share of a population's disease burden, healthcare expenditure, and quality of
10 life index than congenital medical and biological conditions.

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12 Addressing social determinants is key in achieving health equity, a policy priority for the Department of
13 Health. As part of DOH's strategic plan, the Five Foundations for Healthy Generations, DOH
14 established the Office of Health Equity to guide health equity policies and organize activities around

Promoting Lifelong Health and Wellness

1 social determinants of health. And certainly as part of overall Healthcare Transformation, there can be
2 no greater investment in people's lives or in bending the cost curve of healthcare expenditure than
3 addressing these fundamental geographic, economic, linguistic, and social disparities.

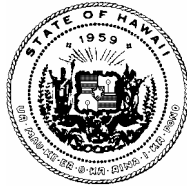
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5 We urge adoption of SCR 151 and look forward to any opportunity to address this issue, particularly
6 across state agencies.

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8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.C.R. 151, S.D. 1/S.R. 110, S.D.1 – URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF A WORK GROUP TO EXAMINE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF
HEALTH AND RISK ADJUSTMENT FOR MEDICAID, GAP-GROUP,
AND UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS.**

Hearing: Thursday, April 4, 2013; 9:50 a.m.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to establish a work group to examine social determinants of health and risk adjustment for medicaid, gap-group, and uninsured individuals.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) would like to provide the following comments on S.C.R. 151, S.D. 1/S.R. 110, S.D. 1. This resolution is one of 14 bills and resolutions being considered by the Legislature that requires the Med-QUEST Division (MQD) of the Department of Human Services to conduct a study or participate in a working group, task force or other groups on various subjects not only Medicaid. Participating in all of the required studies and groups will necessitate that MQD resources be redirected from implementing the new Medicaid eligibility criteria and methodology requirements under the Affordable Care Act by January 1, 2014, from

completing the section 1115 demonstration waiver renewal, from procuring QUEST Integration and its focus on improving transition of care for vulnerable individuals, from transforming behavioral health services delivery, and from the ability to support other healthcare transformation activities, including the planned activities lead by the Health Care Transformation Coordinator.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.