

# SCR 16, SD1

Measure Title: REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE HAWAII HEALTH CARE PROJECT AND THE HAWAII HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE TO IMPLEMENT AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE, INTEGRATED, TECHNOLOGY-BASED HEALTHCARE INFORMATION SYSTEM.

Report Title: Hawaii Health Care Project; Hawaii Health Information Exchange; Implement Technology-Based Healthcare Information System

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

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HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE TO IMPLEMENT AN EFFICIENT  
AND EFFECTIVE, INTEGRATED, TECHNOLOGY-BASED HEALTHCARE  
INFORMATION SYSTEM**

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

**April 3, 2013**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports this measure.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of Senate Concurrent Resolution 16 SD1 is to encourage the  
4 State to support the efforts of the Hawaii Health Care Project and the Hawaii Health Information  
5 Exchange to implement an integrated, technology-based healthcare information system. The resolution  
6 requests that all state agencies that collect and maintain healthcare-related data and information  
7 cooperate with the HHCP and HHIE's effort to develop and implement the technology-based healthcare  
8 information system.

9 The Department supports this bill as a part of the comprehensive package of legislation  
10 developed by the Childhood Obesity Prevention Task Force. The Task Force was created on July 6,  
11 2012 as Senate Bill 2778 and signed into law as Act 269 by Governor Abercrombie to address the  
12 growing crisis of childhood obesity in Hawaii. The task force identified twelve policy recommendations

1 that when implemented together, have the potential to reshape the environments in Hawaii where people  
2 live, work, play, and learn. SCR16 SD1 is one of the twelve recommended policies from the Task  
3 Force.

4 The efforts of the HHIE complement the mission of the Department to protect and improve the  
5 health and environment for all people in Hawaii. To achieve the mission, the Department relies on  
6 science-based decision-making and evidence-based practices. The Department is working with the  
7 HHIE to enhance integration, monitoring, and surveillance capabilities, and to improve the efficiency  
8 and quality of patient care and public health response.

9 The Department supports passage of SCR16 SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to provide  
10 testimony.

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**Wednesday, April 3, 2013 – 10:15 am**  
**Conference Room 229**

**The Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection**

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

From: Virginia Pressler, MD, MBA

Re: **SCR 16, SD1 REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE HAWAII HEALTH CARE PROJECT AND THE HAWAII HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE TO IMPLEMENT AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE, INTEGRATED, TECHNOLOGY-BASED HEALTHCARE INFORMATION SYSTEM.**

**Comments in Strong Support**

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My name is Virginia Pressler, MD, MBA, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategic Officer for Hawaii Pacific Health (HPH). HPH is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital on Kauai. HPH is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 49 outpatient clinics and service sites, more than 5,400 employees and 1,300 physicians on staff,

I am writing in strong support of SCR 16, SD1, which requests the state of Hawaii to support the efforts of the Hawaii health care project (HHCP) and the Hawaii health information exchange (HHIE) to implement an efficient and effective, integrated, technology-based healthcare information system.

To address the problem of obesity in Hawaii, the healthcare system needs an integrated information technology system that provides an efficient means to share clinical and other healthcare-related data about the population residing in various registries and surveillance systems in the State. This resolution would support the efforts of a public-private partnership to include those with shared interests in providing data into and receiving data through the system. Additionally, the resolution asks that all State agencies that collect and maintain healthcare-related data and information cooperate with the HHCP and HHIE's efforts to develop and implement the technology-based healthcare information system. The resolution requests that the HHCP and HHIE develop a financial sustainability model to maintain the technology-based healthcare information system that provides for all entities that benefit from the system to fairly share in the financial responsibility to maintain that system, and that the State should maximize efforts at applying for and receiving federal funding for the system.

This measure thus provides the means by which the use of information technology will improve the efficiency of access to a patient's healthcare information, and thus improve the efficiency and quality of patient care. We ask that this Committee pass the measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this matter.



April 2, 2013

Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Honorable Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair  
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Re: SCR16 – REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE HAWAII HEALTH CARE PROJECT AND THE HAWAII HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE TO IMPLEMENT AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE, INTEGRATED, TECHNOLOGY-BASED HEALTHCARE INFORMATION SYSTEM.

Honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair Galuteria and Members of the Committee:

**Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Hawai'i HIE submits this testimony in strong support of SCR16 – Relating to Healthcare Transformation.**

My name is Christine Sakuda and I am the Executive Director for Hawai'i Health Information Exchange (Hawai'i HIE), a 501(c)(3) non-profit and the state-designated entity to implement the State Health Information Exchange Plan. We are also partnered with the majority of primary care providers in Hawaii to implement certified electronic health records, a set of tools needed to meet public and population health reporting requirements.

This Senate Concurrent Resolution 16, requests all state agencies that collect and maintain healthcare-related data and information to cooperate with the HHP and Hawai'i HIE's effort to develop and implement a sustainable, meaningful, secure, and responsive technology network that supports the growing demands of an integrated healthcare delivery system.

I am proud to sit on the Executive Committee of the Hawaii Healthcare Project, a public-and-private partnership committed to developing actionable strategies that address a rapidly evolving integrated care delivery system such as those articulated in the Childhood Obesity Prevention Taskforce.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Christine Mai'i Sakuda



Executive Director  
Hawai'i Health Information Exchange