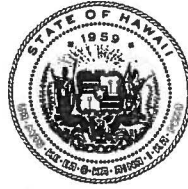


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Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports this measure.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

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

9 The DOH supports this bill as a part of the comprehensive package of legislation developed by
10 the Childhood Obesity Prevention Task Force. The Task Force was created on July 6, 2012 as Senate
11 Bill 2778 and signed into law as Act 269 by Governor Abercrombie to address the growing crisis of

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1 childhood obesity in Hawaii. The task force identified twelve policy recommendations that when
2 implemented together, have the potential to reshape the environments in Hawaii where people live,
3 work, play, and learn. SCR16 is one of the twelve recommended policies from the Task Force.

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

9 The DOH supports passage of SCR16. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16 – 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.

TO THE HONORABLE JOSH GREEN AND GLENN WAKAI, CHAIRS, AND MEMBERS OF THE JOINT 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 this Administration concurrent resolution.

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to assure a healthcare data environment to maximize the prevention and treatment of childhood obesity across the healthcare continuum and stages of life. The coordinated and timely sharing of appropriate medical records, exchanged in a secure manner, will likely improve efforts to prevent and better manage obesity in our State’s population.

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

March 13, 2013

The Honorable Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair
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Honorable Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, Chair Wakai and Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Hawai'i HIE submits this testimony in strong support of HCR16 – 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 House 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.

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To: Senator Josh Green, Chair
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From: Virginia Pressler, MD, MBA

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Testimony in Strong Support

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 Hawaii'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, 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 testimony on this matter.

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