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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18, S.D. 1 – URGING THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING THE PROVISION OF OBESITY PREVENTION-RELATED SERVICES AND COUNSELING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.

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 this Administration concurrent resolution.

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to have the Department of Health establish a 25-member Obesity Prevention Healthcare Reimbursement Task Force (“Task Force”) that will develop recommendations for increasing the provision of obesity-related services and counseling by health care provider as mandated by federal Affordable Care Act guidelines.

The Department is willing to participate in the proposed Task Force.

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



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

**SCR18 SD1, URGING THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING THE PROVISION OF OBESITY
PREVENTION-RELATED SERVICES AND COUNSELING IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND
AFFORDABLE CARE ACT**

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

April 4, 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 18 SD1 is to create a task
4 force to develop recommendations for improving the provision of obesity-related services and
5 counseling in accordance with implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act
6 (PPACA).

7 The Department supports this bill as a part of the comprehensive package of legislation
8 developed by the Childhood Obesity Prevention Task Force. The Childhood Obesity Prevention Task
9 Force was created on July 6, 2012 as Senate Bill 2778 and signed into law as Act 269 by Governor
10 Abercrombie to address the growing crisis of childhood obesity in Hawaii. The Childhood Obesity
11 Prevention Task Force identified twelve policy recommendations that when implemented together, have
12 the potential to reshape the environments in Hawaii where people live, work, play, and learn. SCR18

1 SD1 is one of the twelve recommended policies from the Childhood Obesity Prevention Task Force.

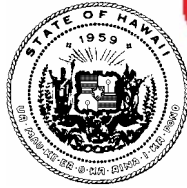
2 During meetings with the Childhood Obesity Prevention Task Force, which included
3 representatives from physician groups and health plans, it became clear that additional meetings and
4 discussions were necessary to identify information gaps and to address physician concerns about obesity
5 related-medical services. Physicians expressed concerns about the need to expand billable obesity-
6 related medical services and health plans felt that more education was needed on current billable
7 services. The intent of the task force is to help to identify gaps and education needs for healthcare
8 providers on reimbursable medical costs and treatment under the PPACA and develop recommendations
9 to address issues that are identified.

10 The Department supports passage of SCR18 SD1 and will support convening the task force.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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April 4, 2013

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

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **S.C.R. 18, S.D. 1 – URGING THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING THE PROVISION OF OBESITY PREVENTION-RELATED SERVICES AND COUNSELING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.**

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

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to form a task force to develop recommendations for improving the provision of obesity prevention-related services and counseling in accordance with the implementation of the patient protection and affordable care act.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) would like to provide the following comments on S.C.R. 18, 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.



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The Senate Committee on Ways and Means

To: Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

From: Virginia Pressler, MD, MBA

Re: **SCR 18, SD1 URGING THE FORMATION OF A TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING THE PROVISION OF OBESITY PREVENTION-RELATED SERVICES AND COUNSELING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.**

Comments in Strong Support

My name is Virginia Pressler, MD, MBA, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategic Officer for Hawai'i 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 18, SD1, which urges the formation of a task force to develop recommendations for improving the provision of obesity prevention-related services and counseling in accordance with the implementation of the patient protection and affordable care act.

Obesity is a complex and multifaceted issue requiring the collaboration of stakeholders in government, non-profit, private and health care sectors to create systematic large-scale environmental changes. These stakeholders must be educated about the provisions of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and of the ongoing efforts of the Hawaii Healthcare Project and how these changes affect Hawaii's health care system. Health care providers must also be educated about reimbursable medical costs related to obesity prevention and treatment under the new ACA guidelines so that they may be compensated for the provision of these services and health care providers must be encouraged to provide services and counseling to overweight and obese patients.

This resolution provides a means through which the growing problem of obesity in our community may be addressed. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this matter.



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