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Comments: Senators, Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of HB 1723, HD2, which would alter the discharge process for mental health patients being cared for in Hawaii's hospitals by (1) allowing hospitals to discharge civil commitment patients without a court order once a physician has determined them ready for discharge; and (2) extending discharge authority to attending physicians and changing notice and hearing requirements for discharge petitions relating to patients committed under sections 704-406 and 706-607. It is critical to ensure timely release of patients who are deemed by a qualified physician to be ready for discharge to allow reintegration to family and community. I urge you to support this important measure and move it forward to a vote with the full Legislature.

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