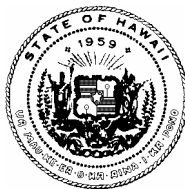


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TO: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 2262, H.D. 2 - RELATING TO REPORTING DEATHS TO STATE AGENCIES**

Hearing: Tuesday, March 25, 2014; 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Department of Health (DOH) to disclose lists of names of persons whose deaths have been recorded by DOH, to state agencies that maintain official lists of persons and are prohibited by federal law from sharing information from the lists.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this Administration bill that will allow the Department of Health (DOH) to share death information with other state agencies, including date of death.

This bill will clarify that the DHS can receive from the DOH, the date of a vital event, not just verification of it. Allowing the DHS to receive the date of death information is necessary to stop capitation payments to the Medicaid health plans for deceased persons.

The DHS provides medical coverage to individuals through managed care health plans that are paid on a capitated basis. These payments continue until the DHS is notified that a recipient is no longer eligible or has died. Without receiving a date of death, the DHS cannot stop or recover payments made following the date of death and can only stop payments prospectively.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.