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Conference Room 211

The Senate Committee on Ways and Means

To: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

From: George Greene
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Re: **Testimony in Support**
HCR 122, HD1, SD1 — Urging the Director of Health to Convene a Task Force to Assess the Scope and Feasibility of Establishing an Emergency Services Patient Advocate Program.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) is a 130-member organization that includes all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, the majority of long term care facilities, all the Medicare-certified home health agencies, all hospice programs, as well as other healthcare organizations including durable medical equipment, air and ground ambulance, blood bank and respiratory therapy. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 21,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HCR 122, HD1, SD1, which would urge the Director of Health to convene a task force to assess the scope and feasibility of establishing an emergency services patient advocate program.

In a time of unprecedented change in healthcare, HAH is committed to working with providers across the continuum of care and other community stakeholders toward a healthcare system that offers the best possible quality of care to the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HCR 122, HD1, SD1.