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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 202, HD1, SD1— Requesting the Convening of a Working Group to Recommend Ways to Reduce Incidents of Sepsis and Sepsis Deaths in the State.

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 more than 21,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HCR 202, HD1, SD1, which would request the Department of Health (DOH) to convene a working group to recommend ways to reduce incidents of sepsis and sepsis deaths in the state.

HAH is prepared to lead a working group in collaboration with DOH and other vital community stakeholders to identify best practices relating to identification and treatment of sepsis in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HCR 202, HD1, SD1.