

# HCR 40

Measure Title: RECOGNIZING AND DESIGNATING THE HAWAII HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE AS THE ONLY FULLY OPERATIONAL, STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE OPERATING IN HAWAII.

Report Title: Hawaii Health Information Exchange

Description:

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPN, WAM

Introducer(s): BELATTI, CARROLL, KOBAYASHI, MORIKAWA, WOODSON, Hashem



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**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE**

**The Hon. Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair**  
**The Hon. Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair**  
**April 15, 2014, 10:00 a.m., Room 016**

**HCR 40: Recognizing and Designating the Hawaii Health Information Exchange as the Only Fully Operational, Statewide Health Information Exchange Operating in Hawaii**

**Testimony in Support**

**Presented by Beth Giesting, Healthcare Transformation Coordinator, Office of the Governor**

Thank you for the opportunity to support HCR 40. The potential for improving quality, cost-effectiveness, transparency, and patient engagement in our health care system is almost endless if we competently use available and emerging health information technology tools. The Hawaii Health Information Exchange currently fills a very important leadership role in carrying out the health IT elements of healthcare transformation, and has potential to do much more as the State's designated nonprofit partner. Besides building technical infrastructure, HHIE supports the adoption and use of HIT tools as the trusted, neutral source for expertise and as convener of health providers to discuss and align HIT initiatives and data governance needs and agreements.

The planned and possible future uses of effective health information exchange are significant:

- Improving care when all providers in the system share key information
- Reducing waste related to needlessly repeated tests or procedures
- Enabling care coordination when admission, discharge, and transfer information flows from hospitals to primary care providers in real time
- Increasing provider efficiency with lab and pharmacy orders
- Helping providers reach quality goals by providing timely clinical performance feedback
- Serving as a conduit of information shared appropriately with extended providers across the continuum of care to improve coordination and case management
- Improving timely public health information about reportable conditions, immunizations, and

- other priority conditions
- Serving as a conduit to support and supplement data warehouses to contribute to our knowledge about the system and continuously improve it
- Helping providers and agencies identify and address prescription drug abuse

As federal funding supporting development of the HHIE's services ends, we in the State expect to enhance our relationships and investments with HHIE. This resolution is an excellent next step to continue building the foundation of a close public-private partnership for health IT.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION**

**HCR40, RECOGNIZING AND DESIGNATING THE HAWAII HEALTH  
INFORMATION EXCHANGE AS THE ONLY FULLY OPERATIONAL,  
STATEWIDE HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE OPERATING IN  
HAWAII**

**Testimony of Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.  
Director of Health**

**April 15, 2014**

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1 **Department's Position:** SUPPORT

2 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A

3 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department of Health (DOH) support HCR40. As demonstrated during  
4 the months long planning process for healthcare transformation guided by the Hawaii Healthcare  
5 Project, health information technology and exchange are key foundations for a more efficient and  
6 effective healthcare and public health system.

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8 The Hawaii Health Information Exchange (HHIE) was identified as the State Designated Entity (SDE)  
9 for health information exchange in 2009 and 2011, pursuant to the Health Information Technology for  
10 Economic and Clinical Health Act of 2009 (Title XIII, Pub. L. 111-5). This formal recognition by the  
11 State of Hawaii, the US Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, and the  
12 US Department of Health and Human Services, intended to focus local efforts, as well as federal  
13 funding, to enhance Hawaii's infrastructure capacity building.

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1 Although the five-year cooperative agreement with the federal government ended in February 2014,  
2 much work remains for the state to establish relationships and propagate standards and technologies to  
3 healthcare stakeholders. The designation of a single coordinating entity, in this case the entity that has  
4 driven health information exchange efforts since 2009, is critical in maintain continuity.

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6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

# HMSA



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April 15, 2014

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

**Re: HCR 40 – Recognizing and designating the Hawaii Health Information Exchange as the only fully operational, statewide Health Information Exchange operating in Hawaii**

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HCR 40 which recognizes and designates the Hawaii Health Information Exchange as the only fully operational, statewide Health Information Exchange operating in Hawaii. HMSA supports this resolution.

HMSA believes the Hawaii Health Information Exchange (HHIE) has been successful in the mobilization of healthcare information across organizations, and preserving the meaning of the information being shared. We further believe that the HHIE has been highly effective in facilitating access to and retrieval of clinical data to provide safer and more timely, efficient, effective, and equitable patient-centered care.

HMSA supports the designation and recognition of the HHIE as the only fully operational, statewide health information exchange operating in the State of Hawaii; and as a partner with the Hawaii State Legislature and Administration, to continue to advance health care transformation initiatives, including the ongoing electronic exchange of health information.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this Resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark K. Oto".

Mark K. Oto  
Director  
Government Relations