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TO: Senate Committee on Health
Monday, February 10, 2014 at 1:15 A.M., Room 229
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

FROM: Marion Poirier, M.A., R.N.
Member, Hawaii Health Authority

SUBJECT: STRONG SUPPORT OF S.B.2035
Relating to the Hawaii Health Authority

GOOD DAY CHAIR GREEN, VICE CHAIR BAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE
SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE:

My name is Marion Poirier, and I am a member of the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA). I have 30 years of Hawaii experience as a nurse administrator, and my education includes a graduate degree in management/health care administration.

I STRONGLY SUPPORT S.B. 2827 and support the testimony of our HHA Director and other colleagues in this regard. The Hawaii Health Authority's mission is the provision of universal health care for Hawaii's citizens. I should note that universal is not the same as single payer. Universal allows for a wider choice in implementation, including public-private collaborations as well as government run health care delivery.

In my opinion, it is essential that those entrusted to implement the Affordable Care Act have access to the HHA's umbrella strategic planning and development information. Also, please note that the Hawaii Health Authority has statutorily been assigned to provide that plan. It is unwise to proceed otherwise, else we could wind up on a path inconsistent with Hawaii's ultimate goal of universal health care for its citizens.

We have been an all volunteer authority since inception. One hundred thousand dollars of our appropriated monies were diverted to the Governor's Office to our detriment.

We are requesting \$300,000 for FY 2014-2015 in order to employ an executive director and assistant; for operating costs, to include office space, computer and I.T essentials, as well as basic office supplies; and for consultative services, and plan to spend \$100,000 on each of the three categories. Twenty-one other states and several countries have facets that need to be incorporated in our plan, as well as academic research protocols.

The people of Hawaii will be the ultimate beneficiaries of solid participation by the HHA, not to mention the administrative staff that will have access to a wealth of practical applications as they move through their tasks.

On the second subject of the bill, the change from executive director to chair is a technical matter that should be understandable given the HHA structure.

In summary, please look favorably on this allocation request. The perspectives and dimensions of the Hawaii Health Authority will enhance Hawaii's health care delivery system immeasurably.

Thank you very much. I am happy to answer any questions and be of assistance during your deliberations.

Marion Poirier

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From: [Jory Watland](#)
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**SUBJECT: STRONG Support for S.B. 2035
Relating to Hawaii Health Authority**

**GOOD DAY SENATE CHAIR GREEN, VICE CHAIR BAKER AND
MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH:**

My name is Jory Watland, and I am the Director of the Hawaii Health Authority.

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Authority Board of Directors I am requesting your support for S. B. 2035.

Section 1 of the Bill corrects a clerical error that was made on the original Statute.

Section 2 requests an appropriation of \$300,000.00 to support the work of the Hawaii Health Authority.

The Budget for FY 2014-2015:

Executive Director	\$50,000.00
Assistant to ED	\$30,000.00
Operations (to Include office space, supplies, equipment, etc.)	\$70,000.00
Consultant Services	\$80,000.00
Town Meetings	\$50,000.00
Travel	<u>\$20,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$300,000.00

Jory Watland