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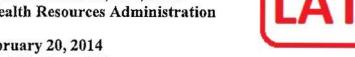
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

SB2045,SD1, RELATING TO THE COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING PILOT PROGRAM

Comments of David Sakamoto, MD, MBA Deputy Director, Health Resources Administration





February 20, 2014 9:00 AM, Room 211

- 1 Department's Position: The Department of Health (DOH) offers comments on SB2045,SD1 and
- 2 defers to the priorities of the Governor's Supplemental Budget request.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: Appropriated out of the general fund, the sum of \$200,000 or so much thereof as
- 4 may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the establishment of the Hawaii Colorectal Cancer
- 5 Screening Awareness Pilot Program to the DOH.
- 6 Purpose and Justification: The DOH recognizes the importance of increasing awareness and
- 7 education of colorectal cancer screening and early detection in cancer control. Colorectal cancer is the
- 8 second leading cause of cancer death in Hawaii. Early detection of colorectal cancer greatly reduces
- 9 costs and increases survival rates. The DOH, through the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program will
- 10 continue to work with partners, including the Department of Human Services on the overall effort to
- support awareness and screening of colorectal cancer.
- We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on SB2045,SD1.