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HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

**Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

The Hon. David Y. Ige, Chair

The Hon. Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

**Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2277, HD1**

**Relating to Hawaii Health Care Transformation**

**Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer**

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The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports Senate Bill 2277 HD1, which establishes the Office of Health Care Transformation in Hawaii and establishes the Health Care Transformation Special Fund.

The HPCA believes that codifying the Office of Health Care Transformation will provide many vital services to the healthcare community of Hawaii. In addition, this measure establishes the necessary framework and delegates lines of authority to accomplish the objectives of health care transformation. These include identifying state needs, developing state health system goals, coordinating health policy, identifying best practices, overseeing payment reform discussions, and developing a statewide plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.