

SB 3012

Measure Title:	RELATING TO MEDICAL RECORDS.
Report Title:	Medical Records; Social Security Act; Aid to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled Program
Description:	Mandates that medical providers provide medical records to a patient, patient's attorney, or authorized representative free of charge if the request is for the purposes of a claim or appeal under any provision of the Social Security Act or for state assistance under the aid to the aged, blind, and disabled program.
Companion:	
Package:	None
Current Referral:	HMS/JDL
Introducer(s):	SHIMABUKURO



Monday – February 10, 2014 – 10:00am
Conference Room 016

The Senate Committee on Human Services

To: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair

The Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

To: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

From: George Greene
President & CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: Testimony in Opposition
SB 3012 — Relating to Medical Records

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) is a 116 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 nearly 20,000 people statewide.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in opposition to SB 3012, which would require healthcare providers to provide medical records free of charge for purposes of claims or appeals related to a proceeding under any provision of the Social Security Act or for state assistance under the aged, blind, and disabled program.

Healthcare providers are committed to providing timely production of patients' medical records. Supplying a patient with this type of information is not just a matter of accessing a file inside a hospital. Because of the sensitivity and complexity of the information, healthcare providers use the assistance of medical records vendors to manage medical records. SB 3012 would require hospitals to produce these records which, due to the third party relationship, could lead to increased administrative and vendor costs which would then have to be passed along to patients. HAH respectfully asks that SB 3012 be deferred at this time to allow HAH and its members to submit amendments to the measure that would better assist healthcare providers and vendors in the production of sensitive patient medical records.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to SB 3012.

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Re: SB 3012

Position: Opposition.

This measure mandates that medical providers provide medical records to a patient, patient's attorney, or authorized representative free of charge if the request is for the purposes of a claim or appeal under any provision of the Social Security Act or for state assistance under the aid to the aged, blind, and disabled program.

The HMA opposes this bill because some medical charts are up to 500 pages and it takes a considerable amount of staff time to retrieve files that may be in storage. There is national recognition that a reasonable fee is a dollar a page. We would ask that the committee consider this and hold this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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