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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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Written Testimony Only

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 1341, S.D. 1 – RELATING TO THE STATE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT INNOVATION WAIVER.

TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Gordon Ito, State Insurance Commissioner, testifying on behalf of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“Department”). The Department supports this bill.

The purpose of this bill is to amend the scope of the State Innovation Waiver Task Force established by Act 158, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, to conform with the requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2009 Section 1332 (waiver for state innovation), and provide the resources to carry out the development of a waiver as mandated by Act 158.

We thank this Committee for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter, and ask for your favorable consideration.



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Friday, February 27, 2015 at 1:00 P.M.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol**

**RE: SENATE BILL 1341 SD1 RELATING TO THE STATE AFFORDABLE CARE
ACT INNOVATION WAIVER**

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kouchi, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** SB 1341 SD1, which provides resources to develop a waiver from certain provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

Hawaii's innovation in health care has led it to be the only state with a mandated health care policy. While the Hawaii Prepaid Health Care Act has provided affordable health coverage to individuals, ACA has been very expensive in time and money for businesses in Hawaii. We believe this bill helps the state in being focused and successful in obtaining a waiver and minimizing the impact of ACA on employers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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