

SB1341

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE STATE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT INNOVATION WAIVER.

Report Title: Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Waiver; Appropriation (\$)

Description: Provides resources to develop a waiver from certain provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Appropriates funds.

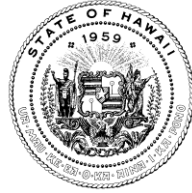
Companion: [HB576](#)

Package: None

Current Referral: CPN, WAM

Introducer(s): BAKER, KEITH-AGARAN, KIDANI

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
1/29/2015	S	Introduced.
2/2/2015	S	Passed First Reading.
2/2/2015	S	Referred to CPN, WAM.
2/3/2015	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 02-11-15 9:30AM in conference room 229.



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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2015

Wednesday, February 11, 2015
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 1341 – RELATING TO THE STATE
AFFORDABLE CARE ACT INNOVATION WAIVER.**

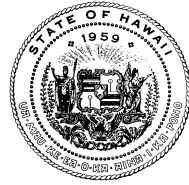
TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

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.

DAVID Y. IGE
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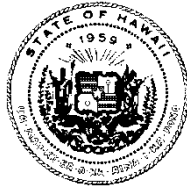
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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1341
RELATING TO THE STATE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT INNOVATION WAIVER**

SENATOR ROSAYLN BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
Hearing Date: February 11, 2015 Room Number: 229

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** Undetermined General Fund appropriation request for the Office of the Governor.
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- 3 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health takes no position on the appropriations request in
- 4 SB1341, deferring to the Governor's Executive Budget Request for fiscal priorities.
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- 6 The department is an active participant of the State Innovation Waiver Task Force created by Act 158,
- 7 Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, and does not believe the amendments offered in SB1341 will constrain or
- 8 restrict the Task Force's ability to submit a meaningful plan.
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- 10 **Offered Amendments:** N/A



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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February 10, 2015

Memorandum

TO: The Honorable Roslyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

FROM: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 1341 - RELATING TO THE STATE AFFORDABLE
CARE ACT INNOVATION WAIVER**

Hearing: Wednesday, February 11, 2015; 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of the bill is to provide resources to develop a waiver from certain provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; appropriates funds.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:

The department of human services (DHS) supports the intent of the measure to the extent passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget. Participation on the Innovation Waiver Task Force provides the DHS with the opportunity to contribute to development of the waiver.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill



HPCA

HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

The Hon. Della Au Belatti, Chair

The Hon. Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 1341
Relating to the State Affordable Care Act Innovation Waiver
Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer
February 11, 2015, 9:30am, Room 229

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports Senate Bill 1341, which provides resources for the creation of a state innovation waiver.

In 2014, the legislature passed Act 158 establishing a state innovation task force that would devise a health care reform plan that would both comply with provisions of the Affordable Care Act and improve the overall functioning of the healthcare system in Hawaii. Senate Bill 1341 seeks to build on that by providing the resources for the formal drafting of this vital plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Wednesday, February 11, 2015
Conference Room #229

House Committee on Health

To: Sen. Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

From: George Greene
President & CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: Testimony in Support
SB1341 — Relating to the State Affordable Care Act (ACA) Innovation Waiver

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) is a 160 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 over 20,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of SB1341, which provides resources to develop a waiver from certain provisions of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The ACA waiver is an important tool that allows states to amend provisions of the ACA to better support unique circumstances that exist in their healthcare market.

With the passage of Act 158 (SLH 2014), the Healthcare Association of Hawaii was an active participant in the deliberations of the State ACA Innovation Waiver Task Force, and concurs with the findings and recommendations outlined in the report submitted to the legislature. While this task force is not set to be dissolved until 2017, it is clear that resources are sorely needed by the Office of the Governor to meet all the specified requirements and recommendations for the waiver proposal for consideration by the legislature.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB1341.



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

**SB 1341, Relating to the State Affordable Care Act Innovation Waiver
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Hearing—February 11, 2015 at 9:30 AM**

**Dear Chairwoman Baker and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and
Consumer Protection:**

My name is Paula Yoshioka, and I am a Senior Vice President at The Queen's Health Systems (QHS). I would like to express my strong support for SB 1341, relating to the state of Hawaii's *Affordable Care Act* Innovation Waiver Task Force.

The *Affordable Care Act* (ACA) has expanded access to high-quality, affordable health care to millions of Americans. The ACA also includes a number of initiatives allowing states and providers to innovate ways to increase the quality of care while reducing costs. One of those initiatives is the State Innovation Waiver, which will allow states to implement their own health reform approaches to best fit the needs of their residents.

Supporting the State Innovation Waiver Task Force will allow Hawaii to remain at the forefront of health policy innovation, helping to set examples for the rest of the country. I have full confidence that the current task force members are dedicated to ensuring that any waiver submitted will ensure high-quality, affordable care for our residents. I urge you to support our State Innovation Waiver Task Force and to vote favorably on this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.



An Independent Licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association

February 11, 2015

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Re: SB 1341 – Relating to the State Affordable Care Act Innovation Waiver

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on SB 1341, which is intended to provide funding to complete the work of the State Innovation Waiver Task Force. HMSA strongly supports this Bill.

Even before the Affordable Care Act (ACA), the people of Hawaii already benefitted from a successful health insurance model. We had amongst the lowest uninsured populations and lowest health insurance rates in the nation. We had been doing so well because of the State Prepaid Health Care Act (PHCA).

We truly believe in the primary goal of the ACA – to ensure universal health care coverage in a cost-effective way. But, as we look at ways to reach that goal, it is important that we protect the PHCA and build upon it with an efficient ACA system.

The Task Force offers an opportunity for the State to show the federal government how the PHCA already accomplishes much of the ACA's goals. The innovation waiver application drafted by the Task Force can show the nation how Hawaii's already successful PHCA is best able to co-exist with and complement the ACA. Consequently, it is imperative that the Task Force includes participation by and receive sufficient support from all parties in the health care system. And, SB 1341 is an expression of the State's commitment to this effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 1341. Passage of this Bill by the Committee is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 9:30 a.m., Room 229
SB 1341 RELATING TO THE STATE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT INNOVATION WAIVER

TESTIMONY

Joy Marshall Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Taniguchi, and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii supports SB1341 providing resources to prepare a waiver for Hawaii from certain provisions of the Affordable Health Care Act. We support the bill knowing there are currently U.S. Supreme Court challenges to the Affordable Care Act for states which do not have a State-based health care exchange.

We cannot predict how these challenges will unfold, but we would be delighted to hear that this waiver plan will keep us in compliance with the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, and build on the successes of Hawaii's Prepaid Health Care Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII
The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Wednesday, February 11, 2015 at 9:30 A.M.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol**

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

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

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

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing over 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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SB1341

Submitted on: 2/5/2015

Testimony for CPN on Feb 11, 2015 09:30AM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sean Higa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: We shouldn't be supporting more debt and more taxpayer money going down the drain for the failed ACA, instead I recommend a resolution to encourage congress to REPEAL the ACA.

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Submitted on: 2/3/2015

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Robinson	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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