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Report Title:	Hawaii Health Insurance Exchange; Hawaii Health Connector; Repeal
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Wednesday, February 3, 2016
9:00 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 2383 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH CONNECTOR.

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 submits the following comments.

The purpose of this bill is to repeal chapter 435H (“Hawaii Health Insurance Exchange”), Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”), and conform and amend subsection (d) of section 432F-2, HRS, to delete reference to chapter 435H, HRS.

With the proposed repeal of section 432H-11, HRS, (network adequacy) and the evolving network adequacy requirements as they apply to Affordable Care Act (“ACA”) qualified health plan qualifications, we request that subsection (d) of Section 432F-2 be amended to read as follows:

“(d) To enable the commissioner to determine the network adequacy for qualified health plans to be listed [~~with the Hawaii health connector under section 435H-11,~~] on the ACA marketplace, the commissioner may request that a managed care plan demonstrate the adequacy of its provider network at the time that it files its health plan benefit document with the commissioner.”

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Amending subsection (d) of section 432F-2, HRS, may be required to ensure that Hawaii retains its ability to determine network adequacy for ACA plans sold on the marketplace.

We thank this Committee for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.



**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and
Health**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 9:00 A.M.
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RE: SENATE BILL 2383 RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH CONNECTOR

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

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** SB 2383, which repeals the Hawaii Health Connector and associated references in the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, 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.

While the Hawaii Health Connector succeeded by insuring many Hawaii residents, it did not work well with Hawaii's unique business healthcare market. Also, individuals may still access healthcare coverage through the federally-supported state-based exchange. We support the repeal as we are concerned with the cost of operating the Connector.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.