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Before:
House Committee on Health & Human Services
The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

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HCR 35 REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS BOTH THE SOCIAL AND FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF PROPOSED MANDATED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE THAT REQUIRES INSURERS, HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL SERVICE PLANS, AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR MEDICAL PROCEDURES TO ELIMINATE OR PROVIDE MAXIMUM FEASIBLE TREATMENT OF PORT-WINE STAINS

Chair, vice chair, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HCR 35 requesting an auditor study regarding coverage for treatment of port-wine stains.

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports this resolution.

We think the information from this study will be very useful to determine the extent to which health insurance is already generally available for port-wine stain treatments, and whether this mandate is necessary if such treatments are already covered by health insurance plans. With this report the legislature can consider how they can best participate in assuring appropriate care is available for patients needing it.

Accordingly, Kaiser supports requesting the legislative auditor to conduct a social and financial impact assessment report pursuant to Sections 23-51 and 23-52 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Thank you for your consideration.