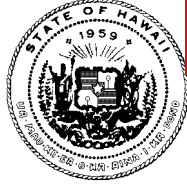


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To: The Honorable Representative Lisa Marten, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

FROM: Cathy Betts, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 2462 – RELATING TO THE PRESCRIPTION ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM.**

Hearing: February 6, 2024, 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol & Video Conference

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) strongly supports this administration measure.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to update section 329-104(c), HRS, to clarify who may access information stored in the electronic prescription accountability system.

The Department strongly supports this measure to allow certain authorized employees of DHS's Med-QUEST Division (MQD) access to the data in the prescription drug accountability program. MQD is required to report to the federal regulators, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, a broad range of information regarding the use of and treatment for various different drugs, particularly opioids (*Drug Utilization Review Annual Report*). Some of that information is only available from the Prescription Accountability System.

Having access also allows MQD to support the Hawaii Prescription Drug Monitoring Program through quality improvement and enforcement actions targeted at increased

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compliance by Medicaid-contracted providers. Therefore, the Department strongly supports this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.