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**Testimony in SUPPORT of H.C.R. 101 / H.R. 108  
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP  
TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE RELEVANT CHAPTERS OF THE HAWAII REVISED STATUTES  
THAT RELATE TO MENTAL HEALTH AND INVOLUNTARY TRANSPORT, EXAMINATION,  
HOSPITALIZATION, AND TREATMENT, INCLUDING ASSISTED COMMUNITY TREATMENT**

SENATOR DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS

Hearing Date, Time and Room Number: Thursday, March 23, 2023, 9:30 a.m., Room 329/VIDEO

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Undetermined.

2 **Department Position:** The Department supports this measure and offers comments.

3 **Department Testimony:** The Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD) provides the following  
4 testimony on behalf of the Department.

5 The Department supports this measure which provides a mechanism for reviewing,  
6 revising, harmonizing, and developing a cohesive set of Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR)  
7 pertaining to involuntary transport, examination, hospitalization, and assisted community  
8 treatment with the goal of improving the mental health of our community.

9 The Department intends to convene a working group, develop recommendations for  
10 statutory revisions, and develop a report for the Legislature.

11 The Department respectfully request that the deadline of July 31, 2023 be extended to  
12 allow for the convening of the work group, scheduling of work group meetings, and drafting of

1 the report. We suggest extending the Department's deadline to October 31, 2023 to encourage  
2 work group members to participate.

3 **Offered Amendments:** None.

4 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.