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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

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House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce
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State Capitol, Conference Room 329 and via Videoconference

On the following measure:
S.B. 2730, S.D. 1, RELATING TO TRANSPARENCY

Chair Nakashima and Members of the Committee:

My name is Gordon Ito, and I am the Insurance Commissioner of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (Department) Insurance Division. The Department offers comments on this bill.

The purposes of this bill are to: (1) authorize the Insurance Commissioner to disclose records, including but not limited to Supplemental Compensation Exhibits, submitted to the Insurance Commissioner that describe the name, title, or compensation of the directors, trustees, officers, or employees of insurers, mutual benefit societies, health maintenance organizations, or dental insurers; and (2) provide that the disclosure of the records shall not constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under section 92F-13, HRS.

The new subsection 431:2-209(h) proposed in the bill provides authority for the Insurance Division to disclose records that include compensation information.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
The Honorable Jackson D. Sayama, Vice Chair
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Re: SB 2730 SD1– RELATING TO TRANSPARENCY

Dear Chair Nakashima, Vice Chair Sayama, and Members of the Committee:

Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on SB 2730 SD1, which authorizes the Insurance Commissioner to disclose records, including but not limited to Supplemental Compensation Exhibits, submitted to the Insurance Commissioner that describe the name, title, or compensation of the directors, trustees, officers, or employees of insurers, mutual benefit societies, health maintenance organizations, or dental insurers while providing that the disclosure of the records shall not constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy under section 92F-13, HRS.

HMSA supports the efforts of this committee to promote transparency within the health insurance industry, as it promotes fairness and accountability. We appreciate the current language of the SD1 as drafted as it takes the recommended amendments provided by the Insurance Commissioner to ensure consistency and equity across all health plans operating in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

Sincerely,

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