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# Testimony in SUPPORT of SB3124 RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH STANDING ORDERS.

## SEN. JOY SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date: February 2, 2024 Room Number: 225

- 1 Fiscal Implications: N/A.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly supports SB3124, which is
- 3 part of the Governor's Administrative Package.
- 4 Section 72-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires in-person issuance before a DOH employee or
- 5 authorized agent. However, social distancing measures from the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted
- 6 face-to-face services and transactions, including the issuance of marriage licenses at the
- 7 Department of Health.
- 8 An emergency proclamation in 2020 authorized the issuance of marriage licenses online and
- 9 DOH found that modern telecommunications technologies provide high quality image and audio
- 10 resolution and fidelity, sufficient security for sharing personal and confidential information, and
- convenience for the the agency and for couples. Therefore, the department supports an
- amendment to authorize the issuance of marriage licenses online, subject to to current
- 13 qualifications and restrictions.
- 14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Angela Melody Young	Testifying for CARES	Support	In Person

Comments:

CARES testifies in strong support.



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Comments:

Oppose