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The Senate Committee on Ways and Means

To: Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

From: Celeste Mausolf, RN, BSN, MBA
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Re: **SCR 155/SR 113, SD1 Urging The Convening Of A Task Force To Establish A Stroke System Of Care In The State**

Comments in Strong Support

My name is Celeste Mausolf and I am the Executive Director of the Cardiovascular Service Line for Hawaii Pacific Health (HPH). HPH is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital on Kauai. HPH is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 49 outpatient clinics and service sites, more than 5,400 employees and 1,300 physicians on staff.

We are writing in **strong support** of SCR 155/SR 113, SD1 which seek the convening of a task force to establish a stroke system of care in the State of Hawaii, including requirements for the measuring, reporting and monitoring of stroke care performance through data collection of a stroke database and registry.

These resolutions represent the collaborative efforts of the American Heart Association, Department of Health, and various health care providers including Pali Momi Medical Center and Straub Clinic & Hospital. They will be useful toward creating an effective system to support the rapid assessment and triage of stroke patients so that patients are treated in a timely manner. Further, this will lead to greater collaboration and coordination among health care providers, and most importantly facilitate better data collection to guide efforts to better patient outcomes.

We ask for your assistance in passing this important measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

