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The Honorable Josh Green, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
and  
The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services and Housing  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Green, Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committees:

SUBJECT: SB 1113 – Relating to Background Checks

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **supports SB 1113**. The purpose of this bill is to expand the authority of the Department of Health to conduct background checks to include criminal history record check, adult abuse perpetrator and child abuse record checks, and certified nurse aide registry record checks for persons seeking employment with the State or its contractors where the work involves direct client care, and applicants and operators of healthcare facilities.

People with DD, as well as children and the elderly population, are considered vulnerable to potential abuse, neglect, and mistreatment by family members, caregivers, and others who have direct access to them. This measure is intended to ensure the reputable and responsible character of owners, operators, direct caregivers and persons with direct access to patients, individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD), or residents in State-licensed health care facilities, certified homes, and of Department of Health employees, contractors, and subcontractors who have direct access to the department's patients, individuals with I/DD, or clients, such as in public health or behavioral health settings.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **in support of SB 1113**.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Waynette K.Y. Cabral in black ink.

Waynette K.Y. Cabral, M.S.W.  
Executive Administrator

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Rosie Rowe  
Chair

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