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Testimony SUPPORTING SB2008, S.D. 1
Relating to Service Area Boards

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CONSUMER PROTECTION AND COMMERCE
Hearing Date: March 14, 2016, 2:00 p.m. Room Number: 325

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** This measure proposes statutory changes relating to quorum
3 requirements for service area boards on mental health and substance abuse, and for the boards to
4 be established within the Department of Health (DOH) for administrative purposes.

5 The DOH supports this measure, which will allow the Service Area Boards on Mental
6 Health and Substance Abuse (SAB) to conduct meetings and meet quorum in compliance with
7 the State's requirements for public meetings (Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes).

8 The DOH agrees with the amendment suggested by the Senate Committee on Commerce,
9 Consumer Protection, and Health in re-defining quorum by inserting a reference to part 1 of
10 Chapter 92, HRS for the Council to be compliant with Sunshine Law. The re-definition of
11 quorum will enable the SABs to deliberate and make decisions on issues affecting each county,
12 based on the number of currently confirmed members and not based on the number of vacancies.

13 We thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

14 **Offered Amendments:** None.