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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

**HCR 148, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE INFORMATION EXCHANGE
TECHNOLOGY**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health**

**March 27, 2009
10:00a.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department supports this measure.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None

3 **Purpose and Justification:** This House Concurrent Resolution urges the Department of Health (DOH),
4 the Department of Human Services (DHS), and the Department of Business, Economic Development,
5 and Tourism (DBEDT) to work jointly in coordinating stakeholders in the health care community and
6 the technology community to ensure that Hawaii is able to rapidly respond to and qualify for grant
7 money offered in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) for health information
8 exchange technology.

9 The Department recognizes the potential economic and health benefits of establishing a health
10 information exchange infrastructure in Hawaii. The Department currently has other public health
11 informatics efforts underway that may align with the development of a Health Information Exchange
12 (HIE) infrastructure in Hawaii. The Department also recognizes the fact that the establishment of a HIE
13 would significantly enhance our ability to conduct public health surveillance, the cornerstone of
14 evidence-based public health practice.

1 The Department supports this resolution and will work with DHS and DBEDT in coordinating
2 and mobilizing stakeholders from the private and public sector so that Hawaii is able and ready to
3 respond to grant opportunities through ARRA for HIE development.

4 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.