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Aloha,

Please see the attached document for the Department of Health's testimony regarding HB889, HD1. HB889, HD1 is scheduled to be heard on Tuesday, 2/15 at 2:00 pm in conference room 325. I

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H.B. 889, H.D. 1, RELATING TO HEALTH

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Acting Director of Health

February 15, 2011, 2:00 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health SUPPORTS HB 889, HD1.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** HB 889, HD1 allows the department to have access to healthcare associated
3 infections (HAI) data and publish reports on HAI rates but does not mandate that the department
4 develop such a program in the absence of funding to support the program.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** This bill seeks to reduce HAI by allowing DOH to access data reported to
6 the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) and to report HAI rates for Hawaii. The department
7 may also develop administrative rules to establish additional surveillance requirements.

8 The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has developed a timeframe, based on
9 the reliability of NHSN, for phasing in reporting of different HAI conditions. NHSN is the national
10 voluntary health care data reporting system created by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to
11 facilitate developing methodology for data standardization and national reporting.

12 Adopting the reporting system proposed in this measure will assure that HAI data reported for
13 Hawaii is consistent with national standards and comparable to data from other states.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Aloha,

Please see attached. Mr. George Greene, President and CEO of HAH, will be the testifier. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mahalo

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
Rep. Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

Conference Room 325
Feb. 15, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Supporting HB 889 HD 1.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, as well as long term care facilities, home care agencies, and hospices. The Healthcare Association supports HB 889 HD 1, which requires hospitals to report certain hospital-acquired infections (HAIs) to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Healthcare Safety Network. The bill also authorizes that information to be made available to the Department of Health, which is required to issue reports of the HAIs to the public.

HAIs are of great concern to all hospitals, which are making many efforts to reduce and prevent them. The federal government is driving the effort to reduce HAIs. For example the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) has funded numerous HAI projects. In addition, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) plans to have hospitals report certain types of HAIs, including central line-associated bloodstream infections (CLABSI) and surgical site infections (SSI).

The reporting and analysis of HAI data involves issues such as confidentiality, infrastructure, and funding. DOH, HAH, and Mountain-Pacific Quality Health are working to coordinate government agencies and providers to maximize the effectiveness of all efforts to control HAIs.

In addition, the Healthcare Association has created a Quality Committee composed of representatives of hospitals, nursing homes, and home care agencies. The committee has adopted various initiatives to reduce and prevent HAIs and is collaborating with DOH, AHRQ, the American Hospital Association (AHA), and Johns Hopkins University Quality and Safety Research Group. The committee is addressing a range of different types of infections and is targeting catheter-associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI) at this time.

DOH, HAH, Mountain-Pacific Quality Health, and HHIC have worked together to develop a comprehensive bill to provide for federal reporting of HAIs and provide for DOH to access the data submitted and prepare an annual public report on HAIs. HB 889 HD 1 reflects the work of these health care partners.

For the foregoing reasons, the Healthcare Association supports HB 889 HD 1.

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Testimony for JUD 2/15/2011 2:00:00 PM HB889

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Hawaii State House of Representatives

Representative Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair

Representative Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair

Tuesday, February 15, 2011 – 2:00pm

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

HB 889 HD1, Relating to Health

Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee

My name is Susan M. Slavish. I am an Infection Preventionist and Legislative Liaison for APIC-Hawaii. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on HB 889 HD1 requiring the reporting of healthcare associated infections. APIC-Hawaii has concerns that this legislation is limiting in that it focuses on only those infections that are associated with multi-drug resistant organisms. We urge you to consider instead HB 406. HB 406 is based on the requirements of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It uses reporting requirements that healthcare facilities will have to meet by federal law and requires healthcare facilities to authorize the department's use of this information. In addition it includes the same protections for the information that are included in the bill before you. It is also important to point out that HB 406 does not duplicate work already being done by the healthcare facilities so it does not create additional costs. Because of these factors, APIC-Hawaii urges the committee to hold this bill and, instead, consider HB 406. Thank you for your consideration.

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