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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 149 / HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 100 – REQUESTING A SUNRISE ANALYSIS OF MANDATORY
INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR CERTAIN SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASE
SCREENINGS.**

TO THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI AND ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, CHAIRS, AND
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES:

My name is Gordon Ito, State Insurance Commissioner, testifying on behalf of
the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“Department”).

Pursuant to Section 23-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, any proposed mandatory
health insurance coverage requires a concurrent resolution requesting the State Auditor
to prepare and submit a report assessing the social and financial impacts of the
proposed mandate. The purpose of these resolutions is to conduct a sunrise analysis of
mandatory insurance coverage for sexually transmitted disease screenings, including
screenings for human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immunodeficiency
syndrome during a female insured’s annual pelvic exam, as set forth in H.B. 1897, H.D.
1, and S.B. 2323, S.D. 2. The Department submits the following comments.

For grandfathered and transitional plans, i.e. plans not falling under the federal
Patient and Affordable Care Act (2010) (“ACA”), these screenings constitute new

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covered state mandated benefits. To the extent that the report proposes mandating new coverage benefits for patients of all genders with ACA qualified health plans, the addition of new expanded mandated coverage may also trigger section 1311(d)(3) of the ACA which requires states to defray the additional cost of any benefits in excess of the essential health benefits of the state's qualified health plan.

We thank the Committees for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.

Testimony of John Kirimitsu
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Before:
House Committee on Health
The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Honorable Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair

House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair
The Honorable Justin H. Woodson, Vice Chair

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Chairs, Vice-Chairs, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SCR 141 requesting a sunrise analysis of mandated coverage for sexually transmitted disease screening.

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii supports this resolution.

We think the information from this study will be very useful to determine the extent of the sexually transmitted disease screening by health care providers as well as the coverage afforded by health plans under the federal Affordable Care Act. With this report the legislature can consider how they can best participate in assuring appropriate care is available for patients needing it.

Accordingly, Kaiser supports requesting the legislative auditor to conduct an impact assessment report pursuant to Sections 23-51 and 23-52 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.