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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB1447
RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS.**

REPRESENTATIVE DAVID A. TARNAS, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Hearing Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Room Number: 325

1 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly supports SB1447, which is
2 part of Governor Green's Administrative Package, to ensure that orders to cease and desist
3 issued by the Director of Health that are administratively appealed remain in effect during the
4 appeals process.

5 The Director of Health is authorized to issue orders to cease and desist to certain state-
6 licensed facilities due to concerns over threats to the health and safety of patients. Clarification
7 is necessary to prevent a facility that has received an order to cease and desist from continuing
8 operations during the administrative appeal process, which may take weeks or months. This
9 process is similarly in place for community care foster family homes and should be applied to all
10 orders to cease and desist issued by the Director including those issued to facilities licensed by
11 the Office of Health Care Assurance.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments:

I represented DOH for 15 years as a Deputy Attorney General, including on several cease and desist orders.

I believe that there are circumstances where a DOH cease and desist order is needed to protect public safety, the public interest, or the environment. Such administrative cease and desist orders should not be automatically stayed by the mere filing of an administrative appeal, as that may harm public safety, the public interest, or the environment.

Please pass this bill!

Mahalo!

Ted Bohlen