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**Testimony COMMENTING on SCR194
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO ENCOURAGE REDUCTIONS
IN THE USE OF DISPOSABLE SURGICAL EQUIPMENT AND ADOPTION OF
SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES IN THE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES
FOLLOWING EXAMPLES SET BY CALIFORNIA AND JAPAN.**

REP. GREGG TAKAYAMA, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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- 1 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports the intent of SCR194 SD1
- 2 and will work with private and public sector healthcare facilities to encourage more sustainable
- 3 surgery practices.
- 4 It should be noted, however, that DOH operates one licensed hospital, the Hawaii State Hospital,
- 5 at which no surgeries are performed and no surgical theaters or supplies exist. Despite the
- 6 absence of any subject-matter expertise, the department's ability to convene may be helpful to
- 7 encourage more sustainable practices in surgery.
- 8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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