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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

TESTIMONY REGARDING SCR 34/SR 15

**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION TO REPORT TO THE
LEGISLATURE ON IMPLEMENTING THE TAX INCENTIVE RECOMMENDATION
OF THE MAUI HEALTH INITIATIVE TASK FORCE TO ENCOURAGE THE
FORMATION OF AN ADEQUATE MEDICAL SERVICES INFRASTRUCTURE TO
CARE FOR THE RESIDENTS OF MAUI.**

*****WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY*****

TESTIFIER: KURT KAWAFUCHI, DIRECTOR OF TAXATION (OR DESIGNEE)

DATE: APRIL 4, 2008

TIME: 10:05AM

ROOM: 211

The Department understands the importance of reporting to the Legislature on the implementation and fiscal implications of the Maui Health Initiative task force's recommendations for adequate medical services infrastructure on Maui.

However, without additional resources specifically provided to assist with this request, the Department is concerned that it may not be able to adequately comply with this request. The Department respectfully requests an appropriation of \$60,000 and the authority to utilize these funds to hire 1.0 full-time equivalent (FTE) economist position.