Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 329

To:

House Committee on Health

Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association

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HB2086 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE DATA

In Support

Chairs & Committee Members:

Hawaii Medical Association supports HB2086 as it promotes exchange of lab data for the ultimate benefit of the patient and the responsible management of the patient by the patient's physicians and other providers such as hospitals. This legislation will help set the foundation for health information exchange throughout Hawaii. We do suggest that the language be modified to Indicate that data should be exchanged for treatment purposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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