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The Honorable Ryan Yamane, Chair
The Honorable Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair
House Committee on Health

Re: HB 2206 – Relating to Health Savings Accounts

Dear Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 2206 which would create a task force to examine the current state of Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) in Hawaii and determine ways to expand their use.

HMSA supports the effort outlined in HB 2206 to research the possibilities HSAs could offer to those seeking coverage in Hawaii. We believe that it is worth examining how HSAs could play an expanded role in our health care system. HMSA currently administers an HSA qualified plan limited to individuals but it has not generated as much interest as originally conceived. We welcome the opportunity to participate in a task force and look forward to working together with other stakeholders on this issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JD", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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