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

Re: HB 2813 – Relating to Gynecology

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

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 2813 which requires providing patients with the option of having a gynecologist or a gynecologist oncologist perform certain surgeries. HMSA has concerns with this measure.

HMSA believes patients should take an active role in their health care and the decision making process, however the patient may not always be the appropriate person to decide what type of provider can or should perform a surgery. While we support providing patients with options for care, we do not think it is necessary to create legislation for this specific purpose, especially legislation so narrowly focused on one particular procedure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

Sincerely,

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