

STATE OF HAWAII HEALTH AUTHORITY

To: House Committee on Finance
Thursday, March 29, 2012, at 10:00 A.M., Rm. 329
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96789

FROM: Marion F. Poirier, M.A., R. N.
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SUBJECT: STRONG SUPPORT OF S.B. 2344, S.D. 2

GOOD DAY CHAIR OSHIRO, VICE CHAIR LEE AND MEMBERS OF
THE HOUSE COMMITTEE FINANCE:

My name is Marion Poirier, and I am testifying as a member of the Hawaii Health Authority. I have 30 years of Hawaii experience as a nurse administrator, and my education includes a graduate degree in management/healthcare administration.

This testimony is in strong support. As Authority members, we are most appreciative of your enacting last year's law to create the Hawaii Health Authority. Our membership was appointed by the Governor based upon recommendations by House and Senate leadership. We look forward to doing our part in creating and maintaining a universal care health system in Hawaii. In addition, we are charged with looking at ways to reduce ever-escalating healthcare costs while maintaining a healthy Hawaii for all citizens.

It requests an appropriation for the Hawaii Health Authority, an unpaid body of volunteers, that needs to have the necessary resources to accomplish our mission.

Thank you for your consideration.

