



SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

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## Supporting the intent of SB 1237: Relating to Long Term Care Facilities

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, as well as long term care facilities, home care agencies, and hospices. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 40,000 people. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the intent of SB 1237, which makes revisions to the nursing facility sustainability program and extends its sunset date to June 30, 2014.

The intent of this bill is admirable. However, it contains several shortcomings that are not included in SB 1111, another bill on the same subject. The Healthcare Association of Hawaii prefers SB 1111.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the intent of SB 1237.