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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

SB1348, RELATING TO HEALTH

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health

February 1, 2013
1:15 PM, Room 229

1 **Department's Position:** COMMENTS

2 **Fiscal Implications:** General Fund appropriation of approximately \$200,000 required for
3 implementation and operations, provided that it does not adversely impact priorities in the Governor's
4 Executive Budget.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of SB1348 is to establish a stroke system of care in the state
6 and to establish requirements for measuring, reporting, and monitoring stroke care performance. While
7 the Department of Health has an interest in seeing comprehensive and high quality stroke care in
8 Hawaii, considerable resources will be required to implement and sustain this program, in addition to
9 considerable time to develop administrative rules and other artifacts of oversight.

10 The Department also expresses some concerns over what liability the State may incur as an
11 ostensible certifier of the quality of medical practice and policy.

12 We look forward to ongoing discussion with our partners to assure the best quality of care for
13 stroke patients in Hawaii.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Conference Room 229

The Senate Committee on Health

To: Senator Josh Green, M.D. Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

From: Huidy Shu, MD, PhD
Medical Director for Neurological Services

Re: SB 1348 RELATING TO HEALTH - Testimony in Strong Support

My name is Huidy Shu, MD, PhD and I am a neurologist and Medical Director for Neurological Services at Pali Momi Medical Center. Pali Momi Medical Center is a nonprofit hospital located in the rapidly growing West O'ahu community and is dedicated to the health and well-being of all Hawai'i residents. Pali Momi was founded in 1989 and is an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health, the state's largest health care provider. With 126 beds and more than 370 physicians on its medical staff, Pali Momi offers a full range of services. It has delivered many medical firsts for our community, including West O'ahu's only interventional cardiac catheterization unit to detect and treat heart disease, a fully integrated minimally invasive surgical suite, CT scan and MRI services, emergency services, a Women's Center, and the state's first Retina Center. Pali Momi is the only medical facility in Hawai'i that utilizes a team triage approach in its Emergency Room, where patients are promptly evaluated by an emergency physician. The American Heart Association has recognized Pali Momi for excellence in the treatment of stroke, as currently one of only 5 hospitals in the state to receive its Gold Award.

Pali Momi Medical Center established the Stroke Committee in 2010 to better align our resources with the goal of improving the care and outcomes of the acute stroke patient. As the physician champion of this committee, I can validate the positive impact of care coordination to patient outcomes. Extending care coordination to the entire State via a system wide approach would be an appropriate "next step" to ensuring efficient quality and evidence based stroke care for the entire community.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony supporting SB 1348 which establishes a stroke system of care in the State of Hawai'i as well as requirements for the measuring, reporting, and monitoring of stroke care performance through data collection of a stroke database.

We are in support of SB 1348. This bill represents the collaborative efforts of the American Heart Association, Department of Health, and various health care providers including Pali Momi Medical Center. This bill will help create an effective system to support the rapid assessment and triage of stroke patients so that they are treated in a timely manner. The creation of this legislation will lead to greater collaboration and coordination amongst health care providers and most importantly, facilitate better data collection to guide efforts to better patient outcomes.

This bill also is written with sensitivity to the Department of Health's budget considerations by leveraging existing data collection and benchmarking activities to develop the much needed data registry. Thank you for your time. We ask that you pass this measure from your committee.

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From: Beau Nakamoto, MD
Neurologist

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My name is Beau Nakamoto, MD, Neurologist with Straub Clinic & Hospital. Straub Clinic & Hospital is a fully integrated nonprofit health care system with a 159-bed hospital in Honolulu, a network of neighborhood clinics, and a visiting specialist program that reaches throughout the state of Hawai'i. Straub is home to the Pacific Region's only multi-disciplinary burn treatment center. It has brought new technologies and innovative medical practices to Hawai'i, such as minimally invasive cardiac surgery and total joint replacement. Straub is an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health, the state's largest health care provider

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