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The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair Senate Committee on Ways and Means Twenty-Seventh Legislature State Capitol State of Hawaii Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SB 358 SD1 - RELATING TO HEALTH

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **SUPPORTS SB 358 SD1.** The bill requires the Department of Health to post on their respective websites reports of all inspections in which a violation was discovered at certain care facilities by January 1, 2015; provided that any report that includes a violation be removed from the website after three years.

The passage of this bill would enable the public to easily access reports of inspections and provide valuable information about the quality of care and conditions of State-licensed facilities and violations of relevant State laws and rules. The reports would be useful to individuals, family members, case managers, and others who work with individuals who are elderly and individuals with disabilities who are considering a move into a State-licensed care facility.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments in support of SB 358 SD1.

Sincerely,

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J. Curtis Tyler III Chair