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Louis Erteschik	Hawaii Disability Rights Center	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: We are strongly opposed to the idea of defining the term "imminently dangerous" to encompass a time frame of 90 days. We are not opposed to the provision of forced medication in the hospital setting. However, 9th Circuit case law which controls in Hawaii requires that it be done only if the individual is "imminently dangerous". We do not believe that 90 days comports with any reasonable definition of "imminent". We submit that any time frame in excess of 30 days would be subject to legal challenge and would be too open ended and impossible to predict.

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