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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2898

Making Emergency Appropriations for the State to Comply w/ the ACA

Submitted by Dustin Stevens, Public Affairs and Policy Director

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The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports Senate Bill 2898, making an emergency appropriation for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) to cover short-term costs required to comply w/ the Affordable Care Act.

Senate Bill 2898 seeks to alleviate costs that were incurred by DLIR and DHS to cover expenses for the maintenance of the Medicaid eligibility system and for the transition of the functions of the Hawaii Health Connector to the State of Hawaii. As these actions were performed in direct response to federal guidance issued by the Affordable Care Act, the HPCA supports this bill, and thanks you for the opportunity to testify.