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**Testimony in OPPOSITION to SB3401
RELATING TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 5, 2016

Room Number: 329

Fiscal Implications: Undetermined additional expenses to certify Continuing Medical Education (CME) curricula and potential new staff.

Department Testimony: The Department of Health respectfully opposes the proposed statutory responsibility to develop healthcare practitioner educational courses. DOH does not regulate or oversee private licensed professionals nor possesses the infrastructure required to establish and maintain a CME program.

SB3401 further lacks any appropriation required to implement such a program and sustain its operations going forward. A minimum complement of 2.5 FTE would be required: Clerk, Program Specialist, and part-time Medical Director to maintain CME accreditation standards

The University of Hawaii John A. Burns Medical School may be a more appropriate entity to manage such a program, and DOH would be more than willing to provide epidemiological support and guidance to a program under the medical school's leadership.

Offered Amendments: N/A