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Comments: I AM NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE HEARING TODAY. I AM SUBMITTING MY SUPPORT TO SB963. I FULLY SUPPORT THE NEED FOR THE INSURANCE COMPANIES TO PAY \$1500 INSTEAD \$500 TO HELP THE HARD OF HEARING PEOPLE AND SOME DEAF PEOPLE, KEEPING UP WITH THE LATEST HEARING AIDS IMPROVEMENT EVERY 3 YEARS. THANK YOU, ED CHEVY

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Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair

Senator Rosalyn Baker Chair
Senator Brian Taniguchi

February 12, 2015 9:30am

Re: SB 963 – Relating to Hearing Aids

Dear Senator Chun Oakland, Senator Baker and members of the joint Committees on Human Services and Housing and Commerce and Consumer Protection,

Aloha State Association of the Deaf support of SB 963 that will increase the amount the insurance company will pay for hearing aids and allow me to get a new hearing aid every three years, if needed. This will support all deaf and hard of hearing people of any age.

The price of digital hearing aids increases each year, so I feel it is necessary to have the insurance company pay more than \$500 per hearing aid. Also with the cost of living increasing each year, it may be necessary to for the Legislative Auditor to conduct periodic studies to see if an increase in insurance payment is needed on a regular basis.

Thank you for your time reading my testimony.

Aloha,

Darlene Ewan