



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Rep. Ryan Yamane, Chair

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Rep. John Mizuno, Chair

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Testimony in support of HCR 36

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including acute care hospitals, two-thirds of the long term care beds in Hawaii, as well as home care and hospice providers. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HCR 36, which requests the Auditor to conduct a financial audit of federal funds designated for health care received by the Department of Human Services.

The Department of Human Services receives hundreds of millions of dollars from the federal government for various purposes. The Legislature has the responsibility of oversight to ensure that the funds are being expended for the purposes for which they were appropriated. In addition, the public should be assured that the funds are being used as intended.

For the foregoing reasons the Healthcare Association supports HCR 36.