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## **Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2203**

### **Relating to Health Care Enterprise Zones**

**Submitted by Beth Giesting, Chief Executive Officer**

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The Hawaii Primary Care Association strongly supports this bill to create Health Enterprise Zones and provide incentives to qualified practices. We recommend two amendments to the bill. First, we propose clarifying that federally qualified health centers will be eligible for these incentives since they are located in federally designated underserved areas. Second, we recommend adjusting the definition of a “qualified practice” to decrease the required amount of qualified receipts from fifty to twenty five percent.

Amendment #1:

“Nothing in this bill shall be construed to exclude federally qualified health centers and their practitioners from eligibility or participation in the incentives offered in health care enterprise zones.”

Amendment #2, Page 2 lines 1 through 6:

"Qualified practice" means a health care practice at which twenty five per cent or more of the total amount received for services at that practice for the taxable year are qualified receipts and fifty per cent or more of the patients whose services are compensated by qualified receipts reside in a designated health care enterprise zone.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this measure.