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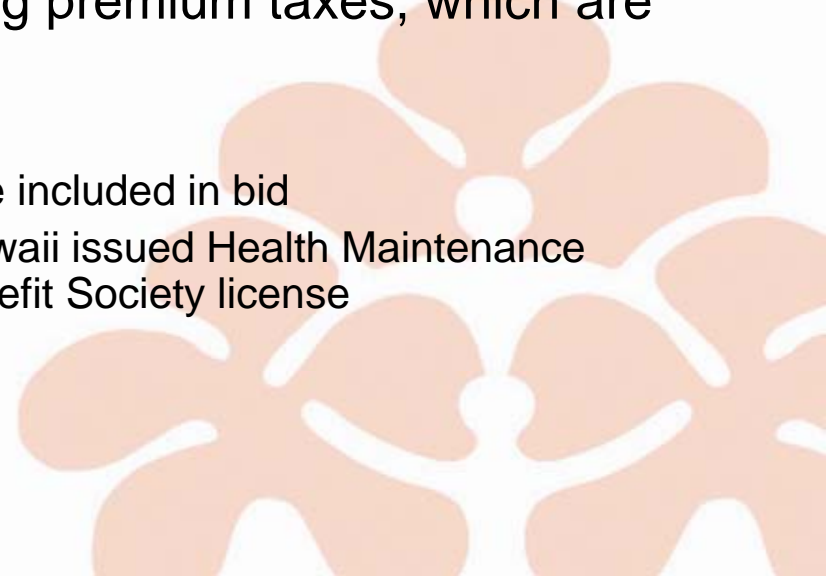
AlohaCare and Community Health Centers as Advocacy Partners





Premium Tax Bill (HB1642)

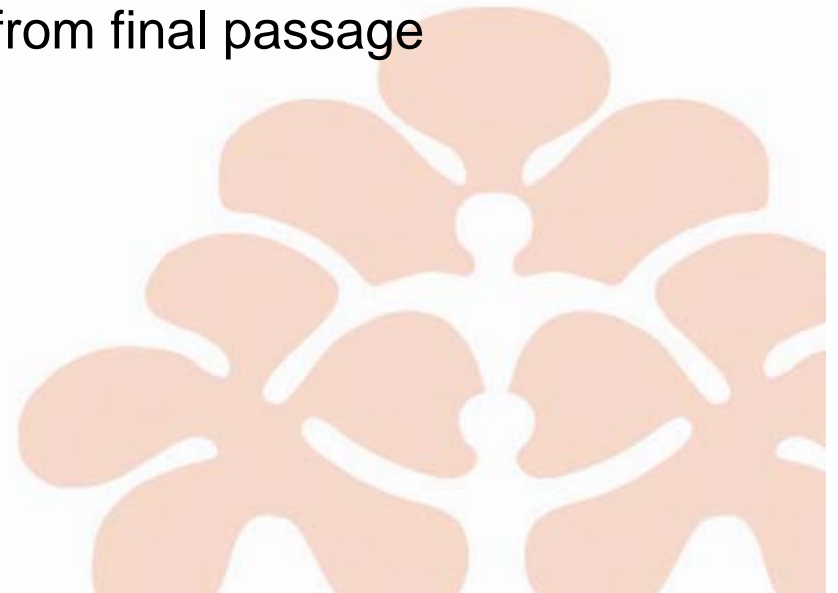
- HB1642 is important to ensure that State contracting is fair and results in health plan services that best serve the Medicaid population
- Necessary to ensure transparency in DHS's bidding process for Medicaid health plan contracts
- Specifically clarify terms for for-profit bidders
- DHS' 2007 request for proposal allowed for-profit health plans to submit bids excluding premium taxes, which are required by law
- HB1642
 - All applicable taxes must be included in bid
 - All bidders must have a Hawaii issued Health Maintenance Organization or Mutual Benefit Society license





2009 Session

- Supported by AlohaCare and HPCA
- Public hearing testimony
- Joint meetings with legislators
(AC, HPCA, AC Board members)
- Opposed by Ohana, EverCare and DHS
- Technical error prevents bill from final passage





Success – 2010 Session

- Joint interim meetings with legislators
- Session meetings with legislators
- Public hearing testimony
- Legislature approves, but Governor vetoes
- More meetings with legislators
- Multiple memoes to Committee Chairs & key legislators
- Legislature votes to override the Governor's veto on last day of session
- HB1642 becomes law





What made the difference?

- CHC Directors personally contacted their district legislators
- Reinforcement contact and memo by HPCA
- Result
 - Hometown relevance
 - No longer a technical issue
- Election year and heightened constituent sensitivity





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Questions and Answers

Mahalo!

