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House Committee on Health

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Testimony in Support of House Bill 978

RELATING TO HEALTH

Submitted by Beth Giesting, Chief Executive Officer

February 8, 2011 9:30 a.m. Agenda, Room 329

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association asks for your support for this measure, which would allow the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to transfer interests in its Kula Clinic to the Community Clinic of Maui dba Malama I Ke Ola (MIKO).

We believe that the expansion of services of MIKO to Kula is a very positive development, as the health center will ensure access to cost-effective primary medical, behavioral health, and dental services for this underserved area. We also believe that this is a very positive example of cooperation and partnership for the good of the community between two essential community providers: the Health Systems Corporation and the Community Health Center, and should be met with enthusiastic legislative support.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this measure.