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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 1452 RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE

Submitted by Beth Giesting, Chief Executive Officer

February 10, 2011 8:30 a.m. Agenda, Room 229

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association asks for your support for this measure, which would require that health insurance pay for tobacco cessation activities. Given the grievous affects on health of tobacco use, we believe it is as important to cover intervention activities as it is to pay for the medical care required for smokers and other tobacco users.

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