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From: East Hawaii Independent Physicians Association- Board of Directors

Subject: Support for SB2542 & HB2238

On behalf of the Board of the East Hawaii Independent Physicians Association (EHI IPA) we thank you for your leadership and support in addressing Hawaii's severe provider crisis. We represent over 50 independent providers serving over 50,000 unique patient lives. The increasing GET and County surcharges are stripping away the small profit margins for private medical practices in our state. This has contributed to our severe doctor shortage compounded by the fact that Hawaii has the lowest percentage of providers accepting Medicare in all 50 states. Hawaii has a larger percentage of providers in private practices in the nation, and it is important that the private practice of Medicine remain sustainable for our 'ohana. Hawaii needs SB2542 and HB2238 to pass into law.

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