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Chair Arakaki, Vice Chair Green and Committee members.

We are opposed to this legislation. This bill duplicates existing monitoring programs. Currently, this role is carried out by each institution’s Institutional Review Boards (IRB) that are registered and governed by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Human Research Protection (DHHS-OHRP) and individual Data Safety Monitoring Boards. These are costly entities that each institution bear and need not be duplicated by the state. In addition, additional registries have the potential to compromise the privacy of research participants.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.