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Regarding: Senate JDL/HTH Committee  
Hearing on: February 8, 2008 @ 9:00 a.m. in room 016

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**Date:** February 14, 2008

**To:** Senate Committee on Health  
The Honorable David Ige, Chair  
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Senate Committee on Judiciary & Labor  
The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
The Honorable Clayton Hee, Vice Chair

**From:** Kelly M. Rosati, JD  
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**Re: Support for SB 2157 Relating to Health**

Honorable Chair and members of the Senate Judiciary and Labor Committee and the Senate Health Committee, I am Kelly Rosati, representing both the Hawaii Family Forum and the Roman Catholic Church in the State of Hawaii. Hawaii Family Forum is a non-profit, pro-family education organization committed to preserving and strengthening families in Hawaii. The Hawaii Catholic Conference is the public policy voice for the Roman Catholic Church in Hawaii, which under the leadership of Bishop Larry Silva, represents over 210,000 Catholics in Hawaii.

I am writing in support of SB 2157, which will improve care for people living with pain in Hawai'i. In 1999 HFF, along with the Hawaii Medical Association, founded Hawaii's Partnership for Appropriate and Compassionate Care, a coalition of medical, disability rights and faith-based groups committed to improved end of life care and to stopping legalized physician assisted suicide and death.

We strongly believe that improved end-of-life care, including improved pain management and palliative care, is essential to effective health care delivery for all Hawaii residents.

This legislation will remove barriers to the provision of quality pain management for those who need it and help to ensure best practice standards in the state. We value your support of palliative and hospice care issues and your serious consideration of this bill.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.