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OPEN LETTER

**To Assemblymember Mary Hayashi by fax
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In its present form this bill invites sham peer review and wrongful use of the peer review process.

The reason is that the current language in AB 655 (Hayashi) does not prevent a hospital from transferring a defective peer review dossier to another hospital under the guise of peer review and under color of law.

Defective peer review information may include inaccurate allegations, defamatory material, and false reports about a physician's conduct or practice. The present wording of AB 655(Hayashi) would allow such material to be transferred from one hospital to another.

AB 655 (Hayashi) should be amended to preclude sham peer review or to be held over as a two-year bill so it can be amended for reconsideration in 2012.

I also request that this letter be included in the legislative file on AB 655 (Hayashi) so that researchers on this topic and related topics can see the nature of the opposition to AB 655 (Hayashi).

Yours truly,



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