

**TESTIMONY OF ROBERT TOYOFUKU ON BEHALF OF THE CONSUMER  
LAWYERS OF HAWAII (CLH) IN SUPPORT OF H.B. NO. 2413**

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**Testimony**

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To: Chairman Josh Green and Members of the House Committee on Health:

My name is Bob Toyofuku and I am presenting this testimony on behalf of the Consumer Lawyers of Hawaii (CLH) in support of H.B. No. 2413.

CLH agrees with and supports the purpose of the bill which attempts to provide incentives for physicians and surgeons who decides to start or expand a medical practice in a medically underserved area in our state. CLH has always advocated for alternatives to provide health care in the underserved areas especially on the neighbor islands and we feel that an economic incentive like a tax credit is the most immediate and effective way to provide this incentive.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.