



TO: REPRESENTATIVE JOSH GREEN, CHAIR  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

REPRESENTATIVE JOHN MIZUNA, VICE CHAIR  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

FROM: CHERYL VASCONCELLOS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
HANA HEALTH

DATE: February 10, 2008

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF H.B. 3413**  
**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HANA HEALTH**  
**Wednesday, February 13, 2008**  
**Conference Room 329**

**I am speaking in support of H.B. Making An Appropriation for Hana Health.**

The mission of Hana Health is to improve the health and wellness of the Moku (district and all of its elements) of Hana particularly among Native Hawaiians and those who are underserved due to financial, cultural and geographic barriers. Hana has been federally designated as a Medically Under-Served Population, a Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area, a Dental Health Professional Shortage Area and a Mental Health Professional Shortage Area. Hana has the dubious distinction of consistently having some of the worst health and socio-economic indicators in the state. The majority of Hana residents, 62%, are Native Hawaiian. The health status of Native Hawaiians is far below that of other U.S. population groups and other population groups in the State of Hawaii. In a number of areas, the evidence is compelling that Native Hawaiians constitute a population group for whom the mortality rate associated with certain diseases

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exceed that for other U.S. populations in alarming proportions.

Hana Health is a hybrid of services because of Hana's relative isolation. Unlike most primary care clinics, Hana Health must also coordinate activities with the ambulance service and provide assistance in stabilizing patients with life threatening illness or traumatic injury. These services are required twenty-four hours a day because the center is the only full service health care provider in the district. The coordination of emergency services and provision of life support care is absolutely essential to the 2,500 residents of Hana and the six hundred thousand tourists who visit annually.

An important part of Hana Health's mission is to promote a healthy lifestyle and reduce the risk factors associated with the development of chronic disease through improved nutrition. To that end, Hana Health provides more than 100 kupuna, 400 school children and almost 150 program participants with healthy meals/snacks, nutrition counseling, and food preparation demonstrations each year. Almost 38,000 healthy meals are prepared and served annually.

Food preparation takes place in a 75 year old, 100 square foot kitchen, located in one section of a house which also accommodates administrative office space and a staff residence. This structure is deteriorating rapidly due to extreme termite damage and weather rot. Daylight is visible through many areas of the floor and several walls.

We have completed all of the required steps to move construction of a new nutrition center forward including the conceptual design phase, State Environmental Assessment obtaining a FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact), Federal Environmental Assessment obtaining a FONSI, Nutrition Training Center Business Plan and construction and engineering documents. We are currently completing the building permit process and expect to have the building permit by May of this year. We have raised and spent more than \$350,000 to get to this point in the process.

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However, the cost of actual construction of the Nutrition Training Center has almost doubled in the past 18 months, from \$1.9 million to \$3.3 million, even after reducing the size of the project by 50%. This is primarily due to the States overheated development sector. To date Hana Health has secured \$910,000 in funding for this project - \$250,000 State Grant In Aid; \$600,000 HUD grant; \$60,000 Administration for Native Americans grant. A County CDBG grant in the amount of \$300,000 is pending. An additional \$1,000,000 in private support has been committed to the project once 66% of project funds have been raised. Both the State Grant In Aid and HUD funding are at risk if we do not break ground on the project by this summer, as these contracts have already been extended by one year. An additional \$500,000 in federal EDA funding is also at risk if the Nutrition Training Center is not built, as EDA funded a companion project.

Built in 1965, the current medical center is more than 40 years old. Originally designed as a small hospital, the layout is not conducive to the current primary health care/urgent care setting. Current programs have outgrown the 4,000 square foot facility and six trailers have been leased and placed on the property to help alleviate the space crunch. Patients and staff are often required to walk through the rain and mud to reach the trailers located behind the clinic. Toilet facilities are inadequate to meet patient and staff needs. There are two rapidly deteriorating sheds that are used to store everything from medical records, to office supplies, to medical equipment and the back up generator. The plumbing is old and in need of constant repair and maintenance. Cesspools need to be replaced with septic tanks in order to comply with existing standards. The electricity is inadequate to meet the needs of modern technology. In the last month alone, we have spent more than \$12,000 for plumbing, air conditioning and equipment repair. It is critical that planning begin for up-grading and expansion of the current medical facility, the only primary/urgent care center in the Hana District.

Currently, no senior housing exists in the District of Hana. Many of Hana's

seniors are living in social isolation, or are removed from the community to facilities on the other side of the island. More than 60% of Hana residents believe that a member of their family will need assisted living, a group home environment, respite care, adult day care and/or home health care within five years, and more than 30% of respondents need these services now (January 2007 Study).

Hana Health is planning for the first phase of independent senior housing (5 units) on the health center campus to include adult day care and respite services. Conceptual drawings have been completed and we are ready to move forward with construction documents. We are requesting the assistance of the State to develop construction and engineering documents for this project, as well as the actual construction phase of the housing units. State support will be used to leverage Section 202 HUD funding.

I have attached a few photos to demonstrate some of the conditions in which we deliver health care. I know you believe the people of Hana deserve better than this.

Thank you very much for your past support. I hope you will consider the infrastructure needs of Hana Health.

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

FROM: SAMUEL KALALAU III  
P.O. Box 882  
Hana, Hawaii 96713

DATE: February 11, 2008

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF H.B. 3413**  
**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HANA HEALTH**

My name is Sam Kalalau and I am speaking in support of H.B. 3413, Making An Appropriation for Hana Health.

I was born and raised in Hana and have lived there most of my life. I have served on the Boards and Committees of most non-profit organizations in Hana. I am currently the Chairman of the Maui County Cultural Resource Committee, and a past member of the Mayors Hana Advisory Committee, Maui County Planning Commission, Maui County Grants Review Commission, the Maui County Board of Variances and Appeals Commission and the Maui/Lanai State Burial Council.

I am in full support of H.B. 3413 which appropriates funds to begin meeting the infrastructure needs of Hana Health, the only provider of quality medical care in the Hana District. Since the privatization of Hana Health, my o'hana, has benefited from an expanded range of medical services, the initiation of numerous preventive health services including fitness and nutrition programs, as well as special programs for our kupuna including my parents. My children and grandchildren also receive their care from Hana Health.

The Hana Health Nutrition Training Center will be a great asset to the Hana community, providing a much needed facility for kupuna and chronic disease

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management programs. The community will benefit from the availability of healthy meals, and the Health Center will benefit from a new source of income.

The Health Center has outgrown its facilities, all of which are at least 40 plus years old. They are operating in trailers and under outdoor tents which is a less than ideal situation. Our kupuna have their meals under a tent even when it is wet and muddy. Bathroom facilities, although available are inconveniently located. Fitness classes are often cancelled because of mud and wind. Tents are continually replaced due to wind damage. These are some of the challenging conditions in which the Health Center has had to operate.

I urge you to help build the facilities we need to support preventive health programs and to keep our kupuna in Hana for the duration of their lives. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Dear, Legislature of Hawaii

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My name is Kazmer Oliveira, born and raised here in Hana. I am a patient of Hana Health and an employee for 2 years. I work in the farm department and learned a lot about agriculture farming and planting of Hawaiian plants. I support the programs. I'm excited to see the development and structure of the kitchen and Senior home, I think it's good Hana needs it, for our kupuna's and for when we get old. Please pass this bill 2503.

Mahalo,

K.O.

Kazmer Oliveira

PO Box 356

Hana Hi 9713

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I will support all programs and services that HCHC will provide for the Kupunas and anything to help the community. Being that we live in such a secluded place services are important and more convient for the Resident if it would be offered here.

Aloha Kauai Kaupe  
P.O. Box 555  
Hana HI 96713

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Deputations members  
State of Hawaii

Dear Deputations members,

I am very fortunate to have been a  
resident of Hana Maui for 51 years.

After an illness of 1 1/2 years I am home  
and recovering meat from the Hana Health  
Unit.

The meat are very healthy and tasty.

but there is a constant need for the  
construction of a commercial type building

for preparing meat for the  
regular the meat installation as a

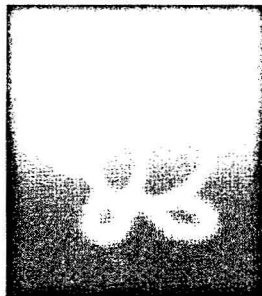
very real need helpfully seen.  
I have having in several fish

meat as many business cannot spend  
on family care. The medical facility is

getting Hana residents and occasional  
X visitors. It is really needs expansion over

and of course regular. I hope the Deputations  
members are aware of our needs and can aid

us in acquiring them. Sincerely, Gola Gade



Gola Gade  
DOB: 187  
Name: No. 96713  
2/7/08

February 7, 2008

Aloha Legislators:

This letter is in support of an upgrade to a commercial kitchen for Hana Health. We are Kupuna who live in Hana and have our lunches there three days a week in which transportation is also provided for us. We appreciate this service and would like to ask your consideration in making this upgrade possible. Thank you for all the work that you do!

Sincerely,

Gerard Liu, Ulu Park and Ethel Fontinella

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FEBRUARY 06, 08  
To: State Legislature  
RE: Support S.B. No. ~~0503~~ 2503

P.O. Box 102  
HANA HI 96713  
344-8902

ALOHA,

I AM A KUPUNA IN HANA THAT PARTAKES IN THE KUPUNA PROGRAM THAT IS OFFERED BY THE HANA HEALTH CENTER BEING A CLIENT TO THE PROGRAM AS WELL AS A PATIENT TO THE CLINIC HAS BEEN VERY CONVENIENT FOR ME. AS A DIABETIC I CONSTANTLY RELY ON THE HEALTH CENTER AND ITS STAFF. I AM WRITING TO SUPPORT THE UPGRADE TO THE HEALTH CENTER, I WILL SUPPORT THEM AS THEY HAVE ALWAYS SUPPORTED ME.

MAHALO NIU LOA,

THOMAS EMMISLEY JR.

*Thomas Emmisley Jr.*

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To: Legislators

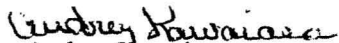
From: Audrey Kawaiaea  
P.O. Box 185  
Hana, HI 96713-0185

RE: S.B. No. <sup>2503</sup>~~0503~~  
Hana Health Clinic Upgrade/Commercial Kitchen

To Whom It May Concern:

Aloha! My name is Audrey. E'olu'olu'oe (please) continue to support our Hana Clinic with the upgrade to their facility. I'm a participant in many of their programs. One in particular that words can't express is their meals program. With kind hearts and friendly smiles the employee's cook and prepare healthy meals and delivers it to our home on a weekly basis. That's "aloha" for you! Let's work together on keeping these programs here in Hana. That's the true spirit of Lokahi!

Mahalo,

  
Audrey Kawaiaea  
Hana Resident

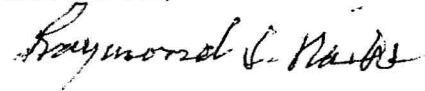
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February 6, 2008

To whom it may concern; - SNB 2503

*I, Raymond Naihe have been on the 5 days a week Kupuna luncheon program prepared by the Hana Health Center. I do believe that the food is being prepared under a tent, and due to bad weather conditions, it would be nice to have a regular kitchen in doors.*

Thank You ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Raymond L. Naihe".

Raymond L. Naihe

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it successful.

All these programs have put a huge impact on our community. Every since Hama Health Clinic has become a ~~private~~ non profit 10 years ago, we have more programs, more health doctors, more prevention programs than we ever had.

Please help us to continue the wonderful efforts of Hama Health, IHUA! Help us go forward ~~and~~ to take control of our health now and for ~~future~~ generations to follow here in Hama.

On behalf of myself and my family, I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Makalo a, my love,  
Patricia Solomon

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DATE - FEB 06, 08  
TO: STATE LEGISLATURE <sup>2503</sup>  
RE: SUPPORT SB NO. ~~0563~~  
ALOHA, LEGISLATURE

I AM A KUPUNA, OF THE HAWAII AREA  
I ACCEPT FOOD FROM THE HEALTH CENTER AND IS  
ALSO A PATIENT, THEY HAVE BEEN A BLESSING TO  
HAVE IN THE COMMUNITY. I WANT THEM TO  
HAVE THE SUPPORT FROM YOU FOLKS TO UPGRADE  
THEIR FACILITIES, SO THAT THEY CAN CONTINUE  
THEIR SERVICES TO THE ELDERLY / KUPUNA IN HAWAII.

MAHALO,

*Edmond T. Glavin*

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TO: HAWAII STATE SENATE

REF. S.B. ~~2503~~ 2503

I SUPPORT FUNDING FOR ITEM (1) - COMMERCIAL  
KITCHEN AND/OR DINING FACILITY

CURRENTLY WE EAT OUTDOORS, UNDER A  
CANOPY WITH NO SIDES. THE BIGGEST  
PROBLEM, IN MY OPINION ARE FLIES -  
UNSANITARY AND UNPLEASANT. IN ADDITION,  
THERE FREQUENTLY ARE WINDY AND/OR  
RAINY DAYS - SOMETIMES MAKING IT  
IMPOSSIBLE TO EAT OR EAT  
COMFORTABLY.

*Jack Rhinehart*  
JACK RHINEHART

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Dear Hawaii Legislators,

February 7, 2008

I am a resident of Hana, born and raised here. My name is Sanoë Cabral. I continue to support Hana Health as I know they are continuing to do great things for our people and our community of all ages. I am a daughter, mother, grandmother, wife, and aunty whom most of my family utilizes the services of Hana Health.

I am in support of the Kupuna Housing so our kupuna can remain in Hana close to family and friends. Hana Health already provides great services for them, such as the Kupuna programs and healthy meals.

I also support the construction of the Nutritional Certified Kitchen to provide healthy meals for our community.

I ask for your continued support of the medical and dental facilities.

Mahalo for all your support and please continue supporting our Health Center. This is the heart of Hana and we depend on there services.

Mahalo,



Sanoë Cabral  
P.O. Box 406  
Hana, Hi 96713

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P.O. Box 174  
Honolulu HI 96713

Feb 07, 2008

S. Bill - 2503

Aloha Makana,

I am a long time resident of Kona, Hawaii, Born & raised here along with my three children and grandchildren, & my family, and along with our community support Kona Health is all of the programs that they provided for us. Please we are in great need to expand our services, with the population rapidly growing we can use more examining room, dental care & etc.

Also our keepers of Kona use the facilities for their benches, Bingo games or just talking, which is held under tents & where water & mud beneath their feet — Oh, how sad!! So please support this Bill 2503 so we can support our isolated community with more services to them which they deserve.

I am in full support of Kona Health Service that they provided to our community  
god Bless  
Alicia Carvalho

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S.B. 2503

February 7, 2008

Aloha,

My name is Lea Kalalan. I am a resident, born and raised, here in Hana, Maui. Being a full time house wife and mother of six children, ages 12-2 yrs old, with one of them being born here at the Hana Health Clinic, and also a full time Pastor at one of our local churches, I see the need for not only myself and my family, but also for my community for better health services.

I am in full support of the Hana Community Health Center. There is much need for an expansion in their facilities to assist with all their rewarding programs. With more funding, I know that they'd be able to better serve our community which in all essence would develop Hana into a healthier and sufficient community.

I am in full support of all their endeavors.

Mahalo no  
Lea Kalalan  
PO Box 703  
Hana HI 96713

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Feb. 7, 2008

To Whom It Concerns:

My name is Carolyn Fuhmann, and I was born and raised in Hana. I've seen the old hospital and the new medical center and I've used the facilities for myself, as well as my children, who were born and raised in Hana. The facilities are falling apart and the people of Hana really need a bigger and new building.

I'm in full support of this bill, because we are so isolated and we need all the medical attention we can get, as well as for the young and the old people. So please support the Ohana in Hana so we can get all the help we need! Don't by pass us and put us aside. We ask for your *kopua* so we can move forward and meet the future with hope for our young people in the Community as well as our *kupuna*. Hana Health have done wonders for our Community.

Please support us and help the Community and the staff at Hana Health. Let our dreams become a reality. God Bless all of you!

Aloha, Carolyn Fuhmann  
(Carolyn Fuhmann)

To: State Legislature

From: Debra Lee Aina  
PO BOX 525  
Hana, HI 96713

Re: S.B. No ~~2503~~ 2503

I am an employee of Hana Health, but I'm writing to you as an individual. S.B. No 0503 needs to be passed, our kupuna's are slowly ~~diminishing~~ diminishing in front of our eyes and they have longed awaited for this bill to be passed. Please, not only for the nutrition center but also for their housing & the upgrade of the clinic center is long overdue. Again, please go forward and do what needs to be done for our kupuna's in Hana.

Mahalo,  
Debra Lee Aina

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SB NO 2503  
Letter to Legislature

I'm writing this letter to support the Hana Health. For 10 years that they have done a wonderful job caring for the people of Hana. I have been a Hana resident for over 40 years. I have seen with changes in that medical DR's staff, if not for Hana Health we won't be where we are today. So thank you for support Hana Health in whatever way you please support Hana Health. That's all we have. P.S. Hana Health have help alot our visitors that pass through the years, that still returning and still visiting our center.

Thank you very  
much for supporting  
Hana Health & Hana Fresh  
and there kitchen for the  
wonderful lunch our Kupuna's  
has through the years

Mahalo,  
Jonathan Tolentino  
PO Box 293  
Hana, HI 96713

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SB 2503

As I do come to the Health Center for  
my health problems and lab work.

I support the Health Center with the  
upcoming project of the Community Center,  
Independent Senior Housing and the Upgrade of the  
Medical Facility.

Philip Aronson  
P.O. Box 244  
Honolulu, HI 96713  
Feb 6, 2008

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that other communities take for granted.

We fight a good fight — some of us don't take the statement, "No, Can" very well — "We can" accomplish good things if we don't give up!

Aloha & Mahalo —

James M. Talbot

PO Box 82

Hana HI 96713

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Feb 6, 08

Hi, My name is L. Park

SB 2503

I Support the Hana Medical Center

I have been here for the past 50 ~~yr~~ years. I had all my kids here and still want to see this medical stay open for all the people of Hana.

I support the programs they have. This is what we want for Hana. The puma meals / diabetes programs we have MEO Services for ~~all~~ the people in Hana and Keama. We have the fitness programs, Dental, and Salad bar in Hana School. Hana Health also have transportation service from their home to the health center and ~~back~~ back. We have a farm project that provide fresh fruits & vegetable in our community. This is what our community needs, to keep us healthy.

LORRAINE PARK

PO Box 865

Hana HI 96713

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I am in support of the programs and upcoming project of the Commercial Kitchen independent senior housing and upgrade of the medical facility. I am a patient here at the Hana Comm. Health Center my family and I enjoy coming here for medical services.

John Kahalehoo Jr.

P.O. Box 704 Hana Maui Hawaii 96713

2/6/2008

SB 2583

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SN 2503

Letter To Legislature

My health care is done here by  
Hana Health. I am in  
support of the programs + upcoming  
project to the commercial Kitchens  
independent senior housing  
+ the up. grade of the Medical  
facility.

Greg Blasi

P.O Box 1052  
Hana Hl. 96713

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Dear, Legislators

I am writing a letter in support of the Hana health center. I receive my medical care there and also attend the kupuna program on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Because of my husbands health condition I appreciate the home delivered dinner meals. I support the building project for the kitchen and our community needs a senior home, so we can continue to live here in Hana. I would like to also see the clinic be expanded and upgraded to provided more services.

Thank you for your support

*Cecelia Kalulea*  
P.O. Box 133  
Hana, HI. 96713  
2/06/08

**SB 2503**

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Dear, Legislators

I am writing a letter in support of the Hana health center. Because of my medical problems and being diabetic I visit the hospital weekly for my care. Meals are delivered to my home Monday-Thursday. Because I have trouble walking I don't attend the program with my wife, but she brings the lunch home for me. I support the development of the kitchen and senior home. I would also like to see the medical center expanded.

Please pass this bill ~~2553~~ 2513

Samuel Kalalau  
Samuel Kalalau Jr  
Cecilia Kalalau  
P.O. Box 133  
Hana, Hi. 96713  
2/28/08

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To the legislature, S.N.B. 2503

My name is Gerard Liu I'm writing to continue the support for the Kupaana program. I like coming to the program I attend every other day when available. The program does need some improvements being under a tent in the cold rain makes me climb into the van because of it. The mud gets my shoes dirty. I don't like it. I just wanna share what we folks go through with the building built it would be much better. Please support the Hana Health center,

Alahala,

Gerard Liu

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To: the Legislature

From: ~~At~~ Andy Oliveira  
PO Box 237  
Hana, HI 96713

SNB: 2503

Hi! My name is Andy Oliveira.  
I've been using this program for  
6 years. It's been a problem when  
there's a lot of rain and wind. We  
eat under a gray tent which  
gets muddy and windy and  
cold. So I feel this commercial  
kitchen is a mandatory.  
Please kokua us kupuna's in  
Hana, please.

Andy Oliveira

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To: The Legislature

From: Ellen Okada

PO Box 206

Hana, Maui HI 96713

Re: S.B. No ~~0503~~<sup>2503</sup>

Come see now, come and see the conditions that we are dealing with. Open tent area to seat under + do our kupuna activities. Its either too hot or too cold, windy conditions, muddy conditions, sitting on hard picnic benches. We invite you to come and see the terrible condition we are dealing with. Please, help us to enjoy what Hana Health is already providing for us + we really appreciate it 100% but we need a more comfortable, covered, and relaxing area to enjoy.

Ellen Okada

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To: Legislature

From: Katherine Park  
Hana, HI 96713

Re: S. B. No. ~~1503~~<sup>2503</sup>

Please pass the bill NO. 0503,  
I use thier services all the  
time and I like it to  
continue ~~van~~ under better  
conditions. Please hurry.

Ulu Park  
(Katherine)

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To: Legislature

From: Joseph (Sonny) Kahakuahi  
PO Box 182  
Hana, HI 96713

S.B. No. ~~2503~~  
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We need a new kitchen now, help us out. We need a better place for us kupuna's to come and have our meals and activities. I am proud and happy that Hana Health have the services for us, but we need a better place (we need a real building), instead of under a tent.

Joseph Kahakuahi

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Feb, 06, 08

To the Legislature - SNB 2503

There is need for Kupuna in Hāna, because of distance, medical needs, and medical physicians, nurses & specialized physicians. Today when there's Kupuna needs for this type of medical care they need to go to the other facilities 3-4 miles out of town. Currently now when there's medical needs the Kupuna's need to be transported 3-4 times a week for dialysis again 54 miles. Members of the family are not available because of working situations. The need for immediate medical attention is needed. This need is not available. Now you live in Hāna the distance is a factor we need help at that time; these are times when emergency needs are made by ambulance, & ~~transportation~~ air ambulance. Continued support for the need to center is much appreciated.

Mahalo,

John K. Williams

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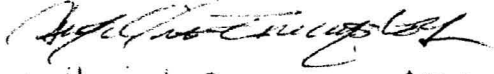
To: Legislature  
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RE: SB. NO. ~~0503~~

Hāna Health clinic upgrade / Commercial Kitchen

Aloha,

My name is Camelia Emmsley and I am an employee with Hāna Health. I work specifically with the Kupuna + their Nutritional program. I started in May '07 and have seen what our Kupuna go through under a tent. Cold, rain, mud, too hot, it gets to a point where it's miserable + ridiculous. We do the best we can, sometimes we will refuse to have them come because of the weather. We really really need to have our facilities upgraded please please support us in that

Mahalo.

  
(Nutritional program Assistant)

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To the Legislature - BNB 2503

From: Violet Motoka  
POBox 57  
Hana, HI 96713

Re: SB. No. <sup>2503</sup>~~2503~~

The weather has been so bad for the last several months in fact from the last Kona Winds we are now sitting under a open Tent and it is cold we need a more proper and warmer place like a nice building to protect us. The grounds are so soggy and you cannot even do exercise.

Mahalo,  
Violet + Masa Motoka  
Violet + Masa Motoka

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To the legislature - SUB - 2503  
From: Elizabeth Chang

I am writing to you folks because of my concern with the health center. I attend the Kupuna program regularly and enjoy coming. Although it is a great program, the environment that the program is in is very uncomfortable. Under a 20 x 20 Tent when the wind and the rain blows right through, rivers of water flow beneath our feet, is not comfortable. When the sun comes to 12:00 noon the heat reflects off the canvas and turns this area into an oven. please support us in building this new facility

Mahalo,  
Elizabeth K. H. Chang

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To: The Legislature  
2503  
Res Bill # ~~2503~~

From: Marina K. Kalonigro  
P.O. Box 92  
Harrisburg, PA 17103

I am a regular participant at the Kuyana Nutrition Program. I was born and raised here including my children, parents, great-grandparents to socialize with the best of the Kuyanas in Tana three times a week has been so rewarding for me. We share stories, exercise games, and for some of us just to visit and enjoy the healthy meals that is served at the Nutrition Kitchen at the Tana Clinic. We gather under the tent and sometimes it is very muggy. The staff would deliver our meals to our homes so we would not have to sit in the cold under the tent.

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Please support Bill #0503. We are in  
need for a new Nutrition Center.

I am also asking your support  
for the Tana Health Clinic Services.

Your Kaka would be greatly appreciated

Best,  
Dorothy Ikinjira



Christine Johnson  
P.O. Box 684  
Hana, Hawaii 96713  
February 7, 2008

To the Legislature Re Hana Health Services

I have experienced many positive "plus's" from Hana Health and it's employees.

I am a Kupauna with many food allergies and still am able to attend the Kupauna luncheon program because the caring people will when able make me a fresh salad with some protein and include brown rice and purple potatoes etc. Everyone is so loving and caring it feels like a wonderful family.

I recently needed help to re-apply for Medicaid and the women behind the desk and Noye helped me with the paper work and faxed it to Waialeale office and then followed through by asking my ins to wait -

I have also been treated with dignity by everyone when I am sick.

Thank you for giving support to Hana Health  
Christine Johnson

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I support the health center and vita program. Bill 2503  
Jean A. Gray 1401 Box 115 HANA 2/7/08

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To The Legislature—

Aloha, I Eddie Pu ask to help our  
Hāna Health Care Center. Please it's important.

Mahalo. 02-07-08

Eddie Pu

P.O. Box 163

Hāna Maui Hi.

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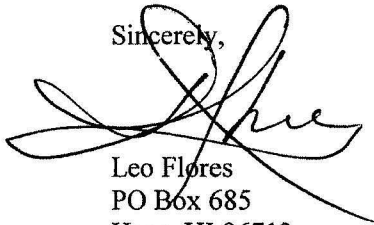
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February 7, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Leo Flores I am 23 years old and I have been employed here at Hana Health for over two years. In my time here I have seen many people, patients and staff alike, pass through and I have come to realize, even more, how valuable and necessary this clinic is to the Hana community. Our current conditions are poor and sometimes not efficient enough to be able to sustain with the current demand. It pains me to think of what might happen to the increasing number of seniors, children, and diabetics of our district if this small medical facility continues to break down and have constant electrical problems. This is one of the most beautiful and pristine places in the world and it is very unfortunate that the people of this wonderful place must endure a two hour road trip, sometimes longer if there is high tourism, to receive medical treatment that we cannot provide due to our lack of proper equipment, staff, and facilities. So in short, I personally want you to know and understand why I strongly support the 2503 Bill. Thanks to this place, I have decided to pursue a career in nursing and hope that in ten years I can come back to Hana and work in a facility fully equipped to provide the needed services for the community. I appreciate your time and your help.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leo Flores', written over a horizontal line.

Leo Flores  
PO Box 685  
Hana, HI 96713  
808-269-0927

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Feb 01 2008

Hawaii State Legislators,

I am writing in support of the Hana Health Center. I recently attended a Health Fair and had my blood pressure and cholesterol check. I was informed to visit my doctor. I am a patient at Hana Health and thankful I ~~can~~<sup>can</sup> get my care here. Both of my parents receive Kupuna meals from the center. I support the building of the kitchen. I also believe Hana needs a Senior Housing development. Hana Health provides us with many programs like fitness, school salad bar, help with medical program, diabetes, lomi lomi and dental care. Support this bill 2503.

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Thank You.

Elizabeth S. Leaker  
Hana HI 96713

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Aloha legislator 2/6/08

Thank you Hana Health for the Salad bar you provide for us on thursdays at Hana school. Me and my friends like it so much that we want it every day. We like to eat vegetables, especially now that we are involved in sports. I worked at Hana Health in the summertime in the farm and it was a really good experience for me. After my pregnancy I had a lot of care from Hana Health. That's where I went to see if I was pregnant. Hana Health also provides supplies for me when my daughter gets sick. I hope you pass the bill and keep Hana healthy.

Shyanne Licker - Agnew  
P.O. BOX 113, Hana

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SB 2503

Iloha,

I'm a resident in Hana.

My children and I come here for our medical and dental appointments.

I'm very satisfied with the doctors, nurses and all the other staff in the Hana Health Clinic. I'm also satisfied with the care that's needed depending on our health sickness.

It would be very grateful to have the clinic extended bigger with alot more space. Having a hitcher for our Kupuna's would also be grateful.

Kathleen Carls  
P.O. Box 342  
Hana, HI 96713  
Feb 6, 2008

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2-6-08

To: Whom it May concern,

I as a person of the  
Hana Community would like to say  
that we need the programs and  
services the Hana Health provides.  
I my self as a parent uses  
a lot of the services provided.  
And My parents need lots of  
the services like the Kapuna Meals.

Makalo,

Beverly A. Victorini-Dymond  
[Beverly A. Victorini-Dymond]

P.O. Box 628  
Hana, HI 96713

SB 2503



2/6/08

to the legislatures

Hi, my name is dylan. I go to hana school. I enjoy the salad bar that the health center provide us with every thursday. my favorite is the carrots and the ranch dressing. can they come more days. I also see Dr. Carter for my medicines. I would like to see the building for the kitchen cause the kapuna's sit under a tent to eat.

I remember eating with them when our class visited the hana health center. At christmas time we get to bring our families to decorate the christmas tree cause my mom works there. I like see the health center get bigger.

From: Dylan Leekes - Agnew

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Thursday  
Feb. 01, 2008

I fully support the nutritionist center  
and the expansion of the health center. I  
have a mother who is 82 yrs. old, attends 3 times  
a week. And they need a better center for  
their recreational needs. All they have is  
a tent. Elderly people always get's very  
cold. Hana always rains + windy.

The Health Center needs the expansion  
its over crowded, with Dentist etc + emergency.



Josephine M. Hoopui  
P.O. Box 201  
Hana, HI, 96713

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SB2503

Dear Legislators, February 6, 2008

Hana Health provided me with the resources I needed when I got hurt. I had a chest injury recently and Hana Health provided me with the medication I needed to get better. I also got to go to the dentist here and it was really good. They gave me good advice on how to care for my teeth and the foods I should be eating to stay healthy. Please pass the bill.

Chauncey Sience  
P.O. BOX 706 Hana

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To Whom IT May Concern-

Our family move here to Hana in 1957 where my mom, Elizabeth Wilhelm, served as Head Nurse until her retirement in 1985. My dad, Sam<sup>asst.</sup> Wilhelm, eventually became a Paramedic here at the Hana Medical Center, and who also retired in 1985. We lived in the cottage that now houses our paramedics.

My sister, Pake Telestano, works here and is involved with the fitness program and the Hana Fresh Farm. My brother in law is an EMT.

Our family, obviously, have been connected to this clinic for over 50 yrs. and are very much a part of a community, dependent, on the very success of this important entity.

The clinic has gone through many changes over the years and I am excited to be a part of new beginnings, a new era, and a new community which can benefit from the proposed appropriated revenues listed in Bill # S.B. NO. 2503. 000060

I totally support this bill and pray that it passes so this community of Hana, can continue ~~with~~ growing, offering our people services

Feb. 06, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a Kupuna of Hana that has been participating in the nutritionist meals prepared by Hana Health Center from Monday to Thursday daily.

I fully support the certified kitchen for the Hana Health Center.

Mekealoha Pumeheua,

Mrs. Louisa Pu

P.O. Box 225

Hana, Hi. 96713

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2/4/08

I Pauline Gallegos am very thankful for the Medical Center here in Hana the care here is very good and personable.

I'm also in support of the fitness program and the fruit & vegetables we can purchase every week.

Pauline Gallegos

PO Box 424

Hana HI 96713

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2/16/08  
Arlene, Legislative,

SB 2503

My name is Lucille Licker (Nee) I am a  
resident of Hana. I support the Commercial  
Kitchen Kupua Senior Housing and other  
construction projects of Hana Health. As  
a community resident I have seen a lot  
of medical / health problems and needs  
of elderly care. These projects will  
provide the needs of our community.  
We can help educate health eating habits  
in our school, home and community.  
The Commercial Kitchen that services  
healthy meals to the elderly can also  
be made available to others. I know that  
our love one can stay right here in  
Hana and live in an independent  
home facility is awesome. Please pass  
this SB 2503. I would also like to  
mention, Hana Health provides a salad  
bar in the school cafe on Thursday.  
My 2 children said why we cannot  
have salad bar every day!

Mahalo for your time  
Lucille Licker  
PO Box 113  
Hana HI 96713

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February 7, 2008

The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature, 2008  
State of Hawaii

RE: S.B. No. 2503

Aloha Kakou,

I write this letter to ask for your support of S.B. No. 2503. I am a lifelong resident of Hana. I have used the services of Hana Health for a lifetime. Prior to the privatization, I was born in the old Hana Hospital which later became Hana Medical Center. It has been a tremendous and very important asset not only to me, but to the community. I rely on the doctor's, nurses, and staff there to help with me and my families health needs. My records are there, it is convenient, and I get the help and assistance when asked for. They are conscientious, professional reliable and personable. I also participate in the weekly aerobic classes that allow me to condition my body and relieve stress. The nutritional meal provided is another convenient service that promotes good nutritional habits.

Although Hana Health continues to provide and reach out to the Hana community (and it has been very positive and successful) we are still in need of other facilities that will help enhance these services long term. We are in need of a commercial kitchen, we want to build kupuna housing and upgrade our medical facility as stated in S.B. No. 2503.

I know that you have other priorities that come before you, but I would like you to think of small rural Hawaiian communities like Hana that really depend on you to accomplish these goals. As you consider this request, please be mindful of the impact of what it would be like to limit or reduce these services and more importantly exclude all of it.

I appreciate your hard work and your support. Mahalo.

Aloha,

Mapuana Kalaniopio-Cook  
Hana Resident

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February 7, 2008

Dear Senators,

I am writing in support of SB 2503. The bill would enhance the services provided by the Hana Health Center to the residents of Hana and the surrounding communities.

As the full- time physician at Hana Health, I have first hand knowledge of the services currently provided and the services still badly needed by the community. Our clinic is the only facility providing urgent and emergent services for the residents and visitors of the Hana district. We would be able to provide new and improved services if SB 2503 passes and we are able to expand the medical facilities as well as provide facilities for the allied health services.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Robin Carter, DO  
PO Box 867  
Hana, HI 96713  
808-248-8645

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2503  
S.B. No. 5503  
State  
Senate  
To

Commercial Kitchen

To whom it may concern, my  
Name is Frank E. Couse and  
I am 86 years old and I have  
lived in Hens for 40 years. I am a  
regular recipient of the lunch and dinner  
meal offered by the Hens Health center.  
I would really like to see the Hens  
Health center build a place where  
the seniors/Kapuna's can eat in a  
more comfortable and justifiable area. ~~Where-~~  
I would be very pleased if the Hens  
Health center were provided with commercial  
kitchen equipment and utilities/appliances  
and more efficient and appropriate  
new building and proper equipment  
is definitely needed for a respectable and  
decent facility for ~~the~~ seniors/elderly people  
like myself. Please help us obtain the  
needs we have.

Thank You Very Much!  
Frank E. Couse  
248-8985

I appreciate the funding you have supported us with in the past, but being a Kupauna myself, I worry about the future long term care of all our elderly here in this remote place. Please find it in your hearts to continue to Kōkua us. The quality of our lives is so dependent on your financial support.

Thank you for your generous support in the past - God bless you!

Larry R. Ogata

Chairman of the Senate Health Committee

Reference: Senate Bill 2503

I am a resident of Hana and I am asking for your support of SB 2503 relating to East Maui's only medical facility, Hana Health. Twenty-five hundred, 2500, residents and six hundred thousand tourists are users and potential users of this facility. Hana Health is, essentially, a primary care clinic but also provides urgent medical care, has a dentist on staff for oral health care, provides for mental and behavioral health care, has pre-package medication but not a full pharmacy, laboratory testing, limited home health for those with transportation problems, nutrition and fitness programs, Hawaiian lomilomi therapy, family caregiver support services, educational programs in healthy living, diabetes management, weight management, and many other services. Because it is the only medical facility in East Maui, the facility avails itself to its residents and visitors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We depend on Hana Health for our well-being. Hana Health depend on you to provide funds to enable Hana Health to take care of East Maui. I, humbly, ask for your support of SB 2503.

Thank you.

Harry Hasegawa  
Resident, Board Member of Hana Health and retired businessman  
Hana Maui.

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Senate Bill # 2503

To Whom it may Concern:

I am a 3rd generation Hana Resident, 66 years old and have been a caregiver to my father, brother and mother since 1999 while my own family resides in California. I have since lost my father and brother and Mom will soon be 94 years old.

As a caregiver in Hana I am well aware of the needs of our community and the major role the Hana Health Center plays in our daily lives. The healthy, nutritious and well balanced meals the Center provides has been a God send. However, the kitchen facilities are very old and out-dated and in dire need of being upgraded. The Kupuna still gather to eat and exercise outside in a tent with dirt floor and at the mercy of flies and mosquitos.

Another concern I have is regarding Kupuna housing where our loved ones can be cared for in a safe, enclosed environment. As much as we love our elderly parents, as caregivers over a long period of time, we constantly battle fatigue and depression ourselves. Having a place of respite while we dash to the "other side" to do grocery shopping without stressing to rush back home knowing our Kupuna are not home alone would be so greatly appreciated.

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I was a good + of them. Many of them I grew up with  
 behind the Home Health Home. I remember the old Home  
 Hospital and then in 1967, the state built the clinic that  
 the Home people village. I strongly support the continuation  
 of the Home Clinic and it would be to our benefit if we  
 could raise money for <sup>medical</sup> further travel needed  
 improvement of building <sup>medical</sup> equipment.  
 Our purposes are self-sufficient that the Reserve Program  
 is still continuing after all these years. It is such an  
 important part of what Home Health is all about. Home  
 Health has taken over care of patients with the  
 best program, the delivery of services which make up all  
 the way from Kansas City to Wichita. They also pick up  
 patients. Take them all the way to Wichita for doctors  
 appointments.

For the younger generations, Home Health has  
 provided services which for the last 17 years  
 we continue to provide even though we are still under  
 a tent outside.

Home Health has an organic farm that puts  
 out the best organic vegetables in the state.  
 Everyone on the farm works very hard to make

H. Bill 2509

Legislature of Kansas

To: Legislators

From: Jill K. Kawaiaea  
P.O. Box 222  
Hana, HI 96713-0222

RE: S.B. No. <sup>2503</sup>~~0503~~  
Hana Health Clinic Upgrade/Commercial Kitchen

To Whom It May Concern:

It's been a constant challenge to get our program to where it is today. The need for your continued support is essential to our existence. Without our program's the Hana Community will once again face a struggling need for proper health care, we need to facilitate and nurture their needs. This upgrade will enable us to do just that.

Thank you for your time,



Jill K. Kawaiaea  
Hana Health Clinic Employee

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To: Legislators

From: Milton Kawaiaea Sr.  
P.O. Box 185  
Hana, HI 96713-0185

RE: S.B. No. <sup>2503</sup>~~0503~~  
Hana Health Clinic Upgrade/Commercial Kitchen

To Whom It May Concern:

Aloha! My name is Milton Kawaiaea. I'm a participant of the programs offered by the Hana Clinic. I can't express how grateful it is to be a part of their meals program. Coming home to a meal that has taken all day to be prepared and have it delivered to my home is most generous gift a person could ask for. I support the Hana Clinic and their efforts to continue with their programs.

Thank you for your time,

*Milton Kawaiaea Sr.*  
Milton Kawaiaea Sr.

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New Text

Re: Senate Legislation  
S.B. No. ~~0503~~ 2503

Hana Medical Clinic

My name is

JoLoyce Kaia  
470 Ulaino road  
Hana, Maui, Hawaii  
96713  
Tel. 808 248 7725

age 74

I have been able to use the kupuna program at Hana Medical Clinic for Monday, Wednesday and Friday blood pressure checks and a healthy lunch. Their organic gardens are so wonderful.

I have a pace maker so this is important to me.

Recently, I was injured in an auto accident and Hana Medical Clinic delivered both my lunch and my dinner. This was a big help to me since I live alone.

I would like to ask your support for

1. A beautiful modern commercial kitchen
2. Future housing for kupuna
3. Update and modernize the current clinic facility. Last year I was transported by ambulance to the Clinic and the EKG machine did not work.

Thank you so much for your consideration and support for Hana residents.

JoLoyce Kaia



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*February 7, 2008*

*To whom it may concern:*

*This letter is written to support the Kupuna Meals on Wheels Program. I am currently receiving this service and rely on it very much as I am a disabled Kupuna. They not only serves nutritious food but it also tastes good. This program is good for us, the elderly who is homebound, and unable to do things for ourselves.*

*Please consider keeping this program here in Hana.*

*Mahalo,*

*Liberata H. Respicio*

*Liberata H. Respicio (La'a)*

*Kupuna*

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February 7, 2008

Re: SB 2503

Dear Senators,

I am writing in support (SB 2503). This legislation would improve the health and wellness of the rural community of Hana, Maui. Hana serves many native Hawaiians and underserved populations who need upgraded and expanded services proposed in SB 2503, especially medical services.

As the Family Nurse Practitioner for Hana Health, preventative care is very important in healthcare. Expanded programs such as nutrition, exercise, and cultural healing, will benefit the general health status of Hana residents.

Thank you for your time and attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christina L. Tom, FNP".

Christina L. Tom, FNP  
Family Nurse Practitioner  
PO Box 966  
Hana, HI 96713  
808-294-4446

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To: State Senate

I am all for S.B. No <sup>2503</sup>~~4503~~  
to be passed. For years we  
have been having our meals  
and activities under an open  
tent. In all weathers, muddy,  
rainy, hot, cold and windy  
conditions, Hana Health has  
done an tremendous job in  
having these services for us  
and we love it. Please pass  
this bill immediately.

Mahale,  
Sina Fournier

Sina Fournier  
Hana, HI 96713

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Feb. 7, 08

May I take a moment to introduce myself. I am a 39 year old Male, with a household of 5, the youngest at 2 years of age.

It is of great importance we receive this long awaited for... Nutritioness Center, and hopefully if possible a larger, improved or a renovation of our existing Hana Community Health Center. (HCHC)

Our primary health provider resides at HCHC and it would be beneficial to my family and I to have access to the use of the Nutritioness Center to better our health concerns along with the improvements of the HCHC.

Thank you for your time.  
Sipes K. Kalalau

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To: Legislators

From: Grace Fernandez  
P.O. Box 222  
Hana, HI 96713-0222

RE: S.B. No. <sup>2503</sup>~~0503~~  
Hana Health Clinic Upgrade/Commercial Kitchen

To Whom It May Concern:

I'm addressing an issue that has been scrutinized with no debate otherwise. The need for an immediate upgrade is essential to the growth of our community. The demand for proper health care programs for our community is magnanimous. Their needs have to be addressed with their livelihood and future in mind.

Thank you for your time,

Grace Fernandez

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Dear, Hawaii State Legislature

February 7<sup>th</sup> 2008

My name is John Kawaiaea, I am a resident of Hana and a board member of Hana Health. Please pass this senate bill no. 2503 that is brought before you today. As a community member of Hana, my medical care is done here at Hana Health. As a board member I believe in the programs that Hana Health has provided for our community. I would like to see this project completed so we can continue to service the people of Hana.

Thank You,

*John Kawaiaea*

John Kawaiaea

Po Box 86

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TO : Legislature - S.N.B. 2503

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I am writing to support the Nutrition program. I've been part of the Kupuna program for 8 yrs. I enjoy the lunches + the dinners that are delivered every evening. The Kupuna program is very good, but sometimes when I come up to the program, it's too windy, too rainy it's very cold. When I try to do my puzzles + eat lunch. There's a lot of mud too, that I slip on, get stuck in, and when it's hot, it's hot, it's like an oven under this 20' x 20' tent which is straight to the ground of mud. The Kitchen facilities need some improvements as well. Within the 8 yrs. I've been coming to this program. I have enjoyed every day because it keeps me active. please support the Health center in building us Kupuna, a Nutrition center,

Mahalo,

*Charlotta Oliveira*

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Feb, 7.08  
Iloilo Hawaii State Legislatures

My name is Leilani - Lecker-Talentino and I am a mother of 10 children who still live in Hana. We come to the Health Center for all our care. My oldest daughter was in the youth employment Summer program. I would like to just thank you for all the years you have support the Health Center in there programs and ask that you continue to support them in the future. I would like to see this Commercial Kitchen and housing project completed so we can all benefit from the upcoming programs that will come. The Clinic does need to be upgraded, and have more patient rooms. Thank you for this bill 2503.

Leilani Lecker-Talentino  
Hana Hawaii 96713

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To our Legislature,

SB 2503

My name is Harry Malaiakini, I am a long time resident here in Hana. I receive Home Delivery Kupuna meals Monday to Friday's, Because of my health condition. Hana Health also provides transportation service to and from my home for my medical care. I support what the Hana health is doing. I also support the upcoming projects of the kitchen and senior homes.

Mahalo,

Harry Malaiakini

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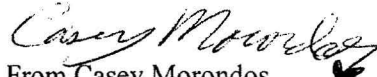

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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Casey Morondos and I'm 14 years old and a freshman at Hana High School. My Mother and I have been in the Diabetes Program and I have to say, I had a fun experience because I learned so much from this program about how important it is to exercise and eat healthy. I also enjoyed the great tasting food and the exercising with Aunty Pake who taught me different moves that target my problem areas. I also learned how to make great tasting food by the presentations with ingredients that are healthier. I still don't like turkey bacon. I learned things that teenagers don't usually think about and how it affects us. The eating habits that we have as teenagers will affect us throughout our lives. So I thank Hana Health, Sharon, Aunty Pake, Kelly and Christine for making me more aware of my health and taking more care of myself.

This a good place for the community and if it were upgraded like better places to work from and safe places for our kupuna and citizens it would be even better.

  
From Casey Morondos 

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To Whom It May Concern:

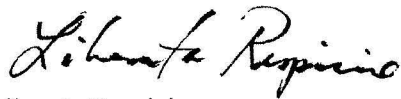
Please continue to help our community of Hana by allotting the funding needed to make improvements to our Hana Health Center. I am a single parent residing in Hana and I have used the facilities and programs offered at the Hana Health for myself as well as my family. They have been a blessing in this little community and I for one would like to see it continue.

Hana Health has helped me with my 14 year old daughter who is on the verge of having Diabetes and we signed up for the diabetic classes that offered information and exercise and a healthy dinner. It has changed our lifestyles and eating habits to a much healthier one. They also provide my mother and other kupuna in the community with healthy meals.

I would like to see improvements to Hana Health and believe that we need this very much. The facilities here are old and some are temporary with tents where we have our exercise classes to more tents by the kitchen area for our diabetes classes and also where our beloved kupuna sit under, on picnic tables for their gatherings! In the wind and the cold and ready to take cover because it always rains here. I see office staff walking around mud puddles into trailers that are covered in moss and mildew and what metal there is you can plainly see it rotting away.

What Hana Health does for this community is an asset here and is much needed. Please help them to continue to provide all these and more wonderful services to the people of Hana .

Thank you,



Liberata Respicio

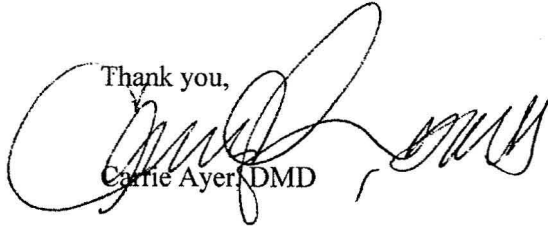
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Dear Legislators,

I am resident of Hana, Hawaii. I am employed through Hana Health and use the facilities at Hana Health. Please help our community by providing funding to upgrade our medical facilities and services to give community members the best comprehensive health care possible in this isolated community. It is a hardship for many Hana residents when they have to make a 1.5 hour drive to the other side of the island for care that we can not provide.

Hana Health does a lot for the community by providing meals to seniors. Expanding the limited kitchen would help the seniors who rely on weekly meals.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carrie Ayer', written over the typed name.

Carrie Ayer, DMD

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February 07, 2008

Dear Senators,

I'm writing to ask for your support and approval, in SB no. 3152, which pertains to the HAWAII Health's operational expenses for the fiscal year 2008-2009 and also funds will also be used towards the following:

- (1) Commercial Kitchen Construction Equipment and installation. (\$ 1,750,000.00)
- (2) Independent senior housing design and construction to include home-based dialysis, adult day care and respite services. (\$ 2,500,000.00)
- (3) Medical facility upgrade and expansion design, documents. (\$ 750,000.00)

Your kindness and generous support, will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,  
John Kahalehue, Sr.  
John Kahalehue, Sr.

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February 4, 2008

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to support the Hana Health Center. Hana Health is where I take my shots like the Depo for birth control, Gardasil to protect against cervical cancer and the flu shot so I don't get sick. Also I get my physical from Hana Health which gives me permission to play sports. I remember when my mom used to go to the fitness programs in the morning and she would bring home a healthy breakfast I would always eat it. Please pass the bill and help Hana get better resources.

Kazia Lecker

SB2503

P.O. BOX 696, Hana

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Dear Hawaii Legislators,

February 7, 2008

I am a resident of Hana, born and raised here. My name is Sanoë Cabral. I continue to support Hana Health as I know they are continuing to do great things for our people and our community of all ages. I am a daughter, mother, grandmother, wife, and aunty whom most of my family utilizes the services of Hana Health.

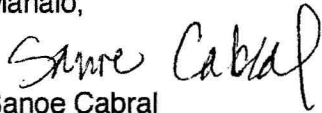
I am in support of the Kupuna Housing so our kupuna can remain in Hana close to family and friends. Hana Health already provides great services for them, such as the Kupuna programs and healthy meals.

I also support the construction of the Nutritional Certified Kitchen to provide healthy meals for our community.

I ask for your continued support of the medical and dental facilities.

Mahalo for all your support and please continue supporting our Health Center. This is the heart of Hana and we depend on there services.

Mahalo,



Sanoë Cabral  
P.O. Box 406  
Hana, Hi 96713

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TO: HAWAII STATE SENATE

REF: S.B. ~~2503~~ 2503

I SUPPORT FUNDING FOR ITEM (1) - COMMERCIAL  
KITCHEN AND/OR DINING FACILITY

CURRENTLY WE EAT OUTDOORS, UNDER A  
CANOPY WITH NO SIDES. THE BIGGEST  
PROBLEM, IN MY OPINION ARE FLIES -  
UNSANITARY AND UNPLEASANT. IN ADDITION,  
THERE FREQUENTLY ARE WINDY AND/OR  
RAINY DAYS - SOMETIMES MAKING IT  
IMPOSSIBLE TO EAT OR EAT  
COMFORTABLY.

JACK RHINEHARI

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To: the Legislature

From: ~~At~~ Andy Oliveira  
PO Box 237  
Hana, HI 96713

SNB: 2503

Hi! My name is Andy Oliveira. I've been using this program for 6 years. It's been a problem when there's a lot of rain and wind. We seat under a gray tent which gets muddy and windy and cold. So I feel this commercial kitchen is a mandatory please kokua us kupuna's in Hana, please.

Andy Oliveira

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To: The Legislature

From: Ellen Okada

PO Box 206

Hana, Maui HI 96713

Re: S.B. No ~~2503~~<sup>2503</sup>

Come see now, come and see the conditions that we are dealing with. Open tent area to seat under + do our kupuna activities. Its either too hot or too cold, windy conditions, muddy conditions, sitting on hard picnic benches, We invite you to come and see the terrible condition we are dealing with. Please, help us to enjoy what Hana Health is already providing for us + we really appreciate it 100% but we need a more comfortable, covered, and relaxing area to enjoy.

Ellen Okada

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To: Legislature

From: Katherine Park  
Hana, HI 96713

Re: S. B. No. ~~1503~~ 2503

Please pass the bill NO. 2503,  
I use thier services all the  
time and I like it to  
continue ~~was~~ under better  
conditions. Please hurry.

Ulu Park  
(Katherine)

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To: Legislature

From: Joseph (Sonny) Kahakuahi  
PO Box 182  
Hana, HI 96713

S.B. No. ~~2503~~  
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We need a new kitchen now, help us out. We need a better place for us kupuna's to come and have our meals and activities. I am proud and happy that Hana Health have the services for us, but we need a better place (we need a real building), instead of under a tent.

Joseph Kahakuahi

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To the Legislature - SNB 2503

Feb, 08

There is need for Nupurna in Haryana,

because of distance, medical needs, and

medical physicians, nurses & specialized physicians.

Today when there is Nupurna needs in this type

of medical care they need to go to the

city facilities 3-4 miles out of town (approximately

year when there is medical needs the Nupurna's

need to be transported 3-4 hours a week for

diagnosis, surgery, 5-6 miles. Members of the

family are not available because of working

situations. The need for immediate medical

attention is needed. This need is not available

to you you live in Haryana the distance is a factor

We need help at that time, have the times when

arranging buses and make by ambulance

arranging air ambulance. (continued support for

the need in Haryana is mostly suppressed.

Medical

for Haryana

Feb. 04. 08

To: Legislature

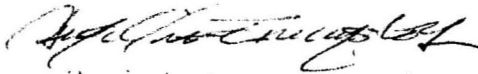
RE: SB. NO. ~~6503~~ <sup>2503</sup>

Hāna Health clinic upgrade / Commercial Kitchen

Aloha,

My name is Camelia Ennisteley and I am an employee with Hāna Health. I work specifically with the Kupuna + their Nutritional program. I started in May '07 and have seen what our Kupuna go through under a tent. Cold, rain, wind, too hot, it gets to a point where it's miserable + ridiculous. We do the best we can, sometimes we will refuse to have them come because of the weather. We really really need to have our facilities upgraded please please support us in that

Mahalo,

  
(Nutritional program Assistant)

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To the Legislature - BNB 2503

From: Violet Motoka  
POBox 57  
Hana, HI 96713

Re: SB. No. <sup>2503</sup>~~2503~~

The weather has been so bad for  
the last several months in fact from the  
last Kona Wind. We are now sitting under  
a open Tent and it is cold. We need a  
More Paper and warmer place like a nice  
building to protect us. The grounds are so  
soggy and you cannot even do exercise.

Mahalo,  
Violet + Masa Motoka  
Violet + Masa Motoka

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To the legislature - SUB - 2503  
From: Elizabeth Chang

I am writing to you folks because of my concern with the health center. I attend the Kupuna program regularly and enjoy coming. Although it is a great program, the environment that the program is in is very uncomfortable. Under a 20 x 20 Tent, when the wind and the rain blows right through, rivers of water flow beneath our feet, is not comfortable. When the sun comes to 12:00 noon the heat reflects off the canvas and turns this area into an oven. Please support us in building this new facility.

Mahalo,

Elizabeth K. A. Chang

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To: The Legislature  
2503  
The Bill # ~~XXXX~~

From: Mirna K. Valenzuela  
P.O. Box 92  
Tara, HI. 96713

I am a regular participant at the Kupaia Nutrition Program. I was born and raised here including my children, parents, great-grandparents. To socialize with the rest of the Kupaia in Tara three times a week has been so rewarding for me. We share stories, exercise games, and for some of us just to visit and enjoy the healthy meals that is served at the Nutrition Kitchen at the Tara Clinic. We gather under the tent and sometimes it is very muggy. The staff would deliver our meals to our homes so we would not have to sit in the cold under the tent.

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Please support Bill #0503. We are in need for a new Nutrition Center.

I am also asking your support for the Hana Health Clinic Services.

Your Kōkua would be greatly appreciated

Hea,  
Dorinda [Signature]

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February 11, 2008

Dear, Legislators

My name is Charmy Vida and I am a resident of Hana, and also an employee of Hana Health. I support the Bill 2503, due to the need of an upgrade and expansion to the clinic. As an employee I feel the medical and dental equipment should be upgraded to more modern technology. With the technology we have at the clinic now, we are not able to do certain procedures. Modern technology, in example digital x-rays could help us improve in doing more and better root canals, and other difficult procedures.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charmy Vida". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Charmy Vida  
PO Box 356  
Hana, HI 96713

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Legislation

To Whom It Concerns:

My name is Carolyn Fuhsmann, and I was born and raised in Hana. I've seen the old hospital and the new medical center and I've used the facilities for myself, as well as my children, who were born and raised in Hana. The facilities are falling apart and the people of Hana really need a bigger and new building.

I'm in full support of this bill, because we are so isolated and we need all the medical attention we can get, as well as for the young and the old people. So please support the Ohana in Hana so we can get all the help we need! Don't by pass us and put us aside. We ask for your kokua so we can move forward and meet the future with hope for our young people in the Community as well as our Kupuna. Hana Health have done wonders for our Community.

Please support us and help the Community and the staff at Hana Health. Let our dreams become a reality. God Bless all of you!

Aloha, Carolyn Fuhsmann  
(Carolyn Fuhsmann)

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Aloha,

My name is Lea Kalatau. I am a resident, born and raised, here in Hana, Maui. Being a full time house wife and mother of six children, ages 12-2 yrs old, with one of them being born here at the Hana Health Clinic, and also a full time Pastor at one of our local churches, I see the need for not only myself and my family, but also for my community for better health services.

I am in full support of the Hana Community Health Center. There is much need for an expansion in their facilities to assist with all their rewarding programs. With more funding, I know that they'd be able to better serve our community and in all essence would develop Hana into a healthier and sufficient community.

I am in full support of all their undertakings.

Makalo no  
 Lea Kalatau  
 P.O. Box 703  
 Hana HI 96713

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# Fax

**To:** Health Testimony **From:** Cheryl Vasconcellos, Executive Director

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**Fax:** 586-6051 **Pages:** 4

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**Phone:** **Date:** 2/11/2008

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**Re:** **CC:**

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HB 3413 Testimony. House Committee on Health. Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m., Room 329.

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**Gabriele Mergel-Stack, PO Box 388, Hana, HI 96713**

February 12, 2008

Re: Senate Bill 2503

Dear Members of the Senate Committee:

My name is Gabriele Mergel-Stack and I have been a resident of Hana, Maui for the past fourteen years. During that time I have had numerous opportunities to participate in the various programs that Hana Health offers, and every time I am amazed again by the high quality of services and products the staff members provide under often dismal conditions.

The food that is prepared for the Kupuna and participants of some of Hana Health's programs, is nutritious and very tasty. It is the only place in Hana where organic, healthy meals are prepared and made available to residents and therefore the need is high, especially considering the high percentage of residents suffering from diabetes, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol. Unfortunately though, the staff is operating out of a kitchen half the size of those in most people's homes and the output capacity is very limited. I therefore urge you to do everything you can to help Hana Health in their effort to build a nutrition center that can accommodate the community's need for healthy food.

I would also like to ask for your support regarding the upgrade of the medical facilities. The doctors at Hana Health are wonderful and seem very skilled, but the best doctors will be limited in what they can do for their patients if the infrastructure they are working with is limited. While this would be a problem anywhere it is an even greater problem in Hana, where the nearest alternative medical facility is two hours away. I am sure an upgraded facility would also help in Hana Health's efforts to retain their medical staff.

Last but not least, I would like to ask for your support with the Kupuna Housing project. It is so desperately needed in Hana! So many of our elders have to be placed in facilities far away from their loved ones and the only place they have ever lived, when they need the support of their families the most.

I thank you for your consideration and your continued support of Hana and the needs of it's residents.

Sincerely,

*G. Mergel-Stack*

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Dear Senator,

RE: S.B. NO 2503

I am writing in support of Hana Health for the upgrade and expansion of the medical facility which is much needed for a community that continues to grow. It would help service more patients. The independent senior housing will benefit our kupuna who are cherished here. The construction and installation of the commercial kitchen will help serve healthy meals to people where they would have a choice of purchasing salad rather than a burger and fries for lunch.

Thank you for your attention on S.B. NO 2503. It would greatly benefit our community.

Mary Hanchett  
PO Box 1053  
Hana, HI 96713

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February 11, 2008

To: The Hawaii State Legislature

Bill 2503

My name is Ramona Moeai and I was born in the Hana Medical Center (Hana Health Center) 36 years ago. I am also a mother of seven children and I currently use the Hana Health Center for all of my family's medical needs. I am writing this letter in support of Hana Health and its on-going programs and services. The community of Hana needs the Health Center because this geographically isolated Center serves the needs of those who live in a series of rural communities that extend from Kanae to Kaupo and we are separated by a two-hour drive from the more populated side of Maui.

On a personal note I use the center's services not only for my medical needs but on a daily basis I also use the Center's Nutrition and Exercise Program. The Program has helped me to take care of my health by providing me with an hour long exercise class and healthy meal a day. I am also in support of the other programs that the center has to offer and would like to see an upgrade and expansion of other programs such as a new Kupuna Nutrition Kitchen and Senior Housing.

As a life-long member of the Hana Health Center I strongly support and emphasize the importance of the Health Center in Hana.

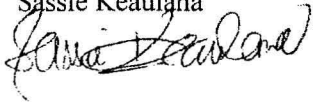
Mahalo,  
  
Ramona Moeai

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PO Box 132  
Hana, Hi 96713  
February 12, 2008  
Aloha,

I am writing today in regards to SB NO 2503. I am in support of this. I am a Hana resident and a regular patient at Hana Health. My family are also patients here. We really need an upgrade to the Medical facility. Also the construction of the commercial kitchen would be very beneficial to the community not only to prepare healthy meals, but also for the community to use. I definitely support Kupuna housing. This is a must for our kupuna. Please support this bill.

Thank you,  
Sassie Keaulana



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PO Box 554  
Hana, Hi 96713  
February 12, 2008

Aloha,

I am writing in regards to **SB NO 2503**. I am in full support. I am a regular patient at Hana Health. The medical facility needs to be expanded and upgraded. Also independent senior housing is a need here in Hana. A lot of Kupuna are forced to live with more than one family in a household. Which makes it very hard on many levels. As for the commercial kitchen this definitely needs to be built. The kitchen that the staff is presently working in is very old and small. They need something with more equipment etc. to work with.

Thank you,

Stanley M Kalalau Sr.

*Stanley M. Kalalau Sr.*

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PO Box 132  
Hana, HI 96713  
February 12, 2008

To Whom It may concern:

I am a student at Hana School. I really like the salad bar that the Hana Health provides. If they have a new kitchen maybe we could have a salad bar everyday. Please support hana health.

Thank you,

Mikiala Kalalau-Keaulana  
Eight grade

*Miki Kalalau-Keaulana*

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To whom it may concern:

Please support SB NO. 2503. I am a regular patient at Hana Health. The medical center needs an upgrade. also Kupuna housing is a major need. as for the commercial kitchen this is a need. Please support this bill.

Mahalo —

Mark M. Keaulana

P.O. Box 132  
Hana, 96713

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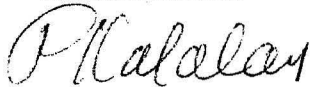
PO Box 554  
Hana, Hi 96713  
February 12, 2008

Aloha,

I am writing in regards to **SB NO 2503**. I am in full support of this bill. The Health center needs to be expanded. We also need Senior housing. Majority of the kupuna are forced to live with extended ohana. This is very hard. The commercial kitchen would also benefit our community and it would also improve the conditions that the staff are working in.

Thank you,

Primrose Kalalau

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Primrose Kalalau".

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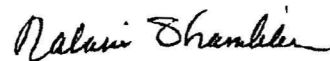
February 12, 2008

State of Hawaii Legislature  
Hawaii State Building  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Aloha,

My name is Nalani Shamblin. Born and raised in the community of Hana, on the island of Maui. I am an active member of this community, to achieve a foundation for the betterment of our children and our Kupuna. Hana Health, the only health care provider in all of east maui, is a vital asset to this community. For the well being of this community, I come before you this day, (Tuesday, February 12, 2008) to ask you to consider approval, to bill #2503. I am in favor of a commercial kitchen, in favor of kupuna housing and in favor of upgrading existing medical facility. It is my responsibility to assure our keiki's and kupuna that they have a place to go in this community, to receive help and services. Please don't forget about us in this remote area of Maui. Mahalo!

A hui hou,



Nalani Shamblin

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Date: February 12, 2008

From: Victor M. Sinenci  
P.O. Box 220

I Victor M. Sinenci supports the Hana Health Center in their upgrade and expansion of the medical center. Our Community in Hana needs the Hana Health Center and an expansion of the facility may provide more services to the Hana Community. I also support the installation of a Commercial Kitchen and having a Independent Senior Center built. Currently, the Health Center provides meals to our Kupuna 4 times a week. Which is great, but with the expansion of the kitchen at the Health Center, they can provide and demonstrate to our Community how to eat and live a healthy life. The Hana Health Center has contributed a lot to our Community and I fully support them.

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