

# HB2581

# HD1

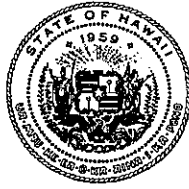
Measure Title:  
RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.

Report Title:  
Home & Community Based Services Care Home & Long-Term Care Home Facilities;  
Repair Loan Guarantee.

Description:  
Creates a home and community based services care home and long-term care home  
facility repair and renovation loan guarantee office to administer a program to guarantee  
loans to owners of homes or facilities to be repaired or renovated. Appropriates funds.  
(HB2581 HD1)

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ntroducer(s):  
CARROLL, BERTRAM, CHANG, MAGAOAY, MARUMOTO, MCKELVEY,  
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Current Referral:  
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**Senate Committee on Health**

**Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing**

**HB 2581, HD 1, RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health**

**March 14, 2008  
1:15 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health cannot support this bill as written. We believe  
2 there are multiple problems with this bill as drafted.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** The bill creates a loan guarantee revolving fund in the state treasury and  
4 appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** Section 1 of this measure amends Chapter 321, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to  
6 have the Department of Health (DOH) review construction plans of "home and community based  
7 services care homes and long-term care home facilities" to determine if these entities' proposed repairs  
8 or alterations meet DOH licensing standards. In section 2, the "Definitions" group together homes and  
9 facilities that are under the jurisdiction of two separate state departments: the Department of Human  
10 Services (DHS) and the Department of Health. DOH licenses (1) Type I and Type II Adult Residential  
11 Care Homes (ARCH); (2) Expanded ARCHs; (3) Assisted Living Facilities; (4) Developmental  
12 Disabilities Domiciliary Homes; and, (5) Nursing homes. DOH does not license Community Care  
13 Foster Family Homes, which are certified by and under the jurisdiction of DHS, or Adult Foster Homes.

1 As to the DOH's review of repair and renovation plans for ARCHs, the department already  
2 performs this function. Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) Title 11, Chapter 100.1-23(q)(1) states:  
3 "Drawings and specifications for all new construction or additions, alterations or repairs to existing  
4 buildings shall be submitted to the department for review prior to construction" Chapter 100.1-23(q)(2)  
5 goes on to say: "**While final authority to approve the construction and fire safety features of such**  
6 **building rests with county agencies and fire marshals**, if construction drawings and specifications are  
7 submitted to the department, the department shall promptly review such submittals and make every  
8 effort **to advise the applicant** of features which appear nonconforming; . . ." Despite the fact that this  
9 review language does not appear in all Office of Health Care Assurance administrative rules, DOH  
10 provides this courtesy review, when requested, to all settings **licensed** by the Department of Health.

11 After review of such plans, and if they meet the criteria of current **licensing standards**, DOH  
12 issues a letter to that effect. **All providers must obtain the appropriate county building permits and**  
13 **comply with current county building, land use, fire codes and ordinances before beginning**  
14 **construction or alterations.**

15 While we understand the intent of this measure, we must oppose it as written.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 14, 2008

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: H.B. 2581, H.D.1, - RELATING TO LONG-TERM CARE  
FACILITIES

Hearing: Friday, March 14, 2008, 1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this bill is to create a home and community based services care home and long-term care home facility repair and renovation loan guarantee office in the Department of Human Services to administer a program to guarantee loans to owners of homes or facilities to be repaired or renovated and appropriate funds.

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) cannot support this bill as written. This bill will create a continuous financial obligation of the State to provide repair and renovation loans as well as create a new revolving fund and the need to provide staffing for the proposed "home and community based services care home and long-term care home facility repair

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and renovation loan guarantee office". Also, this bill, as written, would obligate the Department of Human Services to provide loans to facilities that are deemed eligible by the Department of Health.

In lieu of this bill, we recommend that the language of this bill be amended by replacing its contents with the language of H.B. 3130 which would provide grants, instead of loans, to operators of community care foster family homes to assist with home upgrades.

Under the proposed grant program in H.B. 3130, grants would be offered for one year, for a maximum of \$25,000 per recipient, to assist community care foster family homes (CCFFHs) to make home upgrades that will increase the capacity for cost-effective home and community-based services for elderly and/or disabled Medicaid clients. This bill will incentivize providers to serve more Medicaid clients.

This is one in a series of initiatives that DHS has initiated to facilitate the placement of Medicaid recipients who are either "wait-listed" in hospitals for nursing home level of care placements, or are residing in nursing homes and desirous of returning to the community.

Our first initiative, the "Going Home" program, has moved over 830 "wait-listed" clients from acute hospital settings statewide to alternative residential care in CCFFHs and Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes. This program saves \$78,475 per

year, per client. Currently, there are 149 clients in the "Going Home" program.

Our second initiative was to increase recruitment of Community Care Foster Family Homes (CCFFH). Since September 2005, there has been a 35% increase in the number of CCFFHs. There are currently 795 certified CCFFHs. Thus capacity for this service continues to increase.

Our third initiative was to recommend to the Legislature that CCFFHs be offered the same opportunity at the discretion of the Department to provide care to a third nursing home level of care client, as the Department of Health can do with its Expanded Adult Residential Care Homes. Effective July 1, 2007, the section 346-331, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), governing CCFFHs was amended by the Legislature to allow an increase for a third Medicaid client to reside in CCFFHs at the discretion of the department. This amendment was a major step forward in further expanding long-term care capacity which provides more placement choices and saves State revenues in Medicaid.

The proposed grant program in H.B. 3130 will build on these other initiatives. It will assist with the capital investment required to make home upgrades to accommodate up to three Medicaid clients in the home. Home upgrades costing from an estimated \$5,000 to \$25,000 per home may be needed to accommodate up to three clients in the home.

The grant program will incentivize operators of CCFFHs, who run small family owned and operated businesses, to use all three

slots in their homes to serve Medicaid clients. It provides an economical means for the operators to continue to provide services to these clients as they become more frail and not displace clients, who feel they are part of the operator's family, as the client requires more assistance.

DHS has already hired a consultant who will evaluate up to 120 CCFFHs for these home upgrades at no cost to the operator. The consultant will provide up to 120 CCFFH operators with estimates and the information that they could provide to building contractors to obtain bids to do the construction. The consultant will also develop samples of typical home upgrade requirements and costs, based on the evaluation of the up to 120 CCFFHs. This should assist other operators to estimate the cost for them to make these upgrades.

This grant of up to \$25,000 per CCFFH recipient has some requirements.

- It provides the CCFFH operator an eighteen month "grace" period during which they must either begin providing the sixty months of care for a second and/or third Medicaid client, or return the full amount of the grant. In essence, this is an interest free loan that encourages all operators to consider making these home upgrades which should reduce the displacement of clients as they experience the need for more intensive care.

- For those CCFFH operators who do provide care for a second or third Medicaid client for a total of sixty months, the grant obligation is completed.
- For CCFFH operators who provide a portion of the sixty months of care within five years, they would only need to repay the grant in proportion to amount of service they did not provide. So, for example, if they provide forty months of care, they could keep two-thirds of the grant and repay the one-third for the months of care they originally agreed to provide but are no longer able to provide.

The Department has requested \$1,600,000 in its budget for State fiscal year 2008-2009. This money will be offset with State fund savings of \$78,475/year/client for Medicaid clients deinstitutionalized from hospitals to home and community-based services. This is one more strategy that DHS is using to reduce Medicaid client who are in the hospital as "waitlisted" patients.

The Department appreciates the CCFFH operators and the significant role they play in providing care for our most vulnerable elderly. They are key partners in addressing the "waitlist" issue for hospitalized Medicaid patients.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



# HB2881

# HD2

Measure Title:  
RELATING TO PERINATAL CARE.

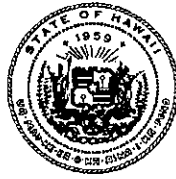
Report Title:  
Health; Women; Perinatal Care (\$)

Description:  
Makes the perinatal clinic first established by Act 248, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006,  
permanent. Appropriates funds. (HB2881 HD2)

Introducer(s):  
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
  
Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: H.B. 2881 H.D. 2 – RELATING TO PERINATAL CARE  
Hearing: Friday, March 14, 2008 1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to continue operations and services for the perinatal clinic currently in the University of Hawaii John Burns School of Medicine and appropriates unspecified State general funds.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this bill and respectfully requests that its passage does not replace nor adversely impact the priorities in the Executive Supplemental Budget.

We support sustaining perinatal clinic and case management services to women on Oahu with a history of substance abuse. Last year, the Department was agreeable to being appropriated the funds to contract with the University Clinical Educational and Research Associates program at the University of Hawaii, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health to continue the pilot perinatal clinic and the provision of case management

services because the Department would have been able to enhance any State funds with matching Federal funds. The Department recommends that we continue this collaboration with the University of Hawaii or any other appropriate public or private agency for which DHS can draw down allowable matching Federal funds.

We would also recommend that a report be provided to the Legislature by the Perinatal Clinic describing the services being provided, to whom the services are being provided, and the effectiveness of the services before the pilot status of the Clinic is removed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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## **Legislative Testimony**

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**Written Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Health and  
Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing  
March 14, 2008 at 1:15 p.m.**

by

Virginia S. Hinshaw, Chancellor  
and  
Dr. Gary K. Ostrander  
Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Education  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

### **HB2881 HD2 - Relating to Perinatal Care**

Chair Ige, Chair Chun Oakland, and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. Unfortunately, the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa can only support the intent of the bill at this time because of our pressing priorities, such as our tremendous need for repairs and maintenance and health and safety issues, which are critical to our ability to perform our core mission for the State of Hawai'i. We are grateful to the Legislature's attention to these needs. We recognize that you have many priorities and issues to weigh for the state, so the following information on this program is provided to assist you in your decision-making process.

This program is currently underway with the involvement of the John A. Burns (JABSOM) faculty and staff. It addresses an important need in the state and preliminary assessment of our activities suggests we are having a positive impact.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, we appreciate all interest in the University, and want to emphasize that we will be able to perform better in all arenas and best serve the state with support of the current campus priorities approved by the Board of Regents.



Date: March 14, 2008  
Committee: Health  
Bill: HB 2881, HD2; RELATING TO PERINATAL CARE

Honorable Chairperson Ige and Members of the Committee On Health

My name is Jackie Berry, Executive Director of Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies Coalition of Hawaii. HMHB IS IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 2881, HD2, WHICH PROPOSES TO CONTINUE SUPPORT OF THE PERINATAL SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT CLINIC ON OAH'U (PATH Clinic). This perinatal clinic provides comprehensive prenatal, delivery, postpartum care, and social services to pregnant women with a history of substance use.

The clinic opened in April, 2007 and has served over 50 women, most pregnant or immediately postpartum. The goal of the comprehensive care and services provided by the clinic is to improve outcomes for both mother and infant. There is general agreement that supportive and respectful care that addresses the perinatal, substance use, mental health, and pediatric aspects of at-risk pregnancies is optimal to get substance using women in for needed services.

The Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs state "the threat of criminal prosecution prevents many women from seeking prenatal care and early intervention for their alcohol or drug dependence, .....dissuades women from providing accurate and essential information to health care providers. The consequence is increased risk to the health and development of their children and themselves."

We urge your support for the passage of this bill.

Mahalo for your consideration of this issue and our testimony.



March 13, 2008

To: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Health

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

From: Tricia Wright, MD, Assistant Professor  
Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology & Women's Health  
University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine

Re: In strong support HB2881 RELATING TO PERINATAL CARE.  
Makes the perinatal clinic first established by Act 248, Session Laws of  
Hawaii 2006, permanent.\*

I am writing to urge you to continue support of the PATH clinic. As you are aware the clinic was established from funding by ACT 248 in 2006 and the funding continued by ACT 147 in 2007. The PATH clinic opened in April, 2007 and since that time, we have served over 60 women, most pregnant or immediately post-partum. We have had 16 women deliver healthy infants so far, all but one was clean at the time of delivery. The one woman who was using at the time of delivery has since gone into residential treatment with her infant, and has remained clean since that time. We have multiple testimonies from the women that we've helped begin a new life.

Since opening, we have continued to add services. We now have an addictions fellow seeing the women for assessments and treatment of co-occurring psychiatric disorders. We are in the process of adding a full-time therapeutic child care provider who has been working with the women, teaching parenting skills. We have obtained two small grants from the Women's Fund of Hawaii, supporting the building of self-esteem through therapeutic craft projects and from the March of Dimes of Hawaii supporting our motivational incentive program.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to find a pediatrician willing to be a primary care provider for the infants, but we are still looking.

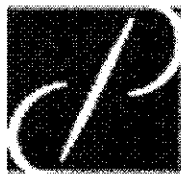


The clinic is currently billing Medicaid and other third party payers for our services when appropriate, which has offset some of the costs, however the clinic still requires approximately \$300,000 per year to cover the costs of the social worker, nurse manager, child care provider and medical assistant. Last year the money went through the department of human services and then to UCERA, as the current amendment states.

Mahalo nui loa,

Tricia Wright, MD

\* Not an official position of the University of Hawaii



the  
**Drug Policy  
Forum**  
of hawaii

March 14, 2008

To: Committee on Health  
Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

From: Jeanne Ohta, Executive Director

Re: HB 2881 HD2 Relating to Perinatal Care  
Hearing: March 14, 2008, 1:15 p.m., Room 016

Position: Strong Support

The Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii supports this measure which makes the perinatal clinic program permanent and requests program funding. The perinatal clinic provides prenatal care and other services for pregnant, substance-using women.

Without the clinic, services that provide appropriate health care to substance using pregnant women to ensure the birth of a healthy baby are either extremely limited or unavailable.

The clinic's programs provide both substance abuse treatment, prenatal care, and follow up services in a supportive environment rather than a punitive one. One of the barriers to women seeking perinatal care is fear of prosecution. This type of program recognizes the importance of a public health approach to the issue of pregnant drug-using women.

The clinic would be cost-effective as it would help prevent low-birth weight babies and premature births. It would also encourage mothers to become the nurturing mothers that their children need.

In the short time it has been operating, the clinic has already had positive results.

Please pass this bill and recommend full funding for the clinic. It is a good investment for the state and would in the long run save the state money. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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## testimony

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**From:** Renee Schuetter [rschuetter@ucera.org]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 11, 2008 4:30 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Health and Human Services Committee - In strong support of HB 2881

Rep. Maile Shimabukuro, Chair

Rep. Karl Rhoads, Vice-Chair

Committee on Health and Human Services

Nancy Nakihei

Date of Hearing: March 12, 2008

Support of H.B. 2881

My name is Nancy Nakihei. I am a patient of the PATH Clinic. I fully support the PATH Clinic continuing their special services. The medical treatments from the OB/GYN and psychological area are vital and delicate in their professions. They take a thorough understanding evaluation of you. They are sensitive to your needs regardless of medical coverage.

Not only do they provide basic prenatal care, this clinic covers a variety of drug education classes, parenting workshops, healthy relationships, and also has a day out of the week to do activities such as sewing, hands-on care with children and free discussions with one of the healthcare professionals.

The clinic is unique in its own way. First, it is located in a house which is very warming for the women and children. Secondly, they have a generous incentive program for active participation in groups and other areas in the clinic. They will also provide cab rides to and from the clinic, if you don't have any transportation. It is wonderful, knowing that you're in for a comfortable ride especially during pregnancy. The PATH Clinic is providing things beyond its mission statement and calling; such as its social work, for instance if you don't have any housing they will work with you immediately to find a solution temporarily, until something more permanent turns out, which is more than I can say about other services that just gives you the wait and run arounds. A lot of women like me were lost in the system and didn't have any reliable answers or referrals to be directed to. Luckily for the PATH Clinic's outstanding social work they will make the time for you to get whatever help or concern it is that you need and make forward progress. Lastly, I would like to compliment their family-based environment. The staff here is very welcoming and supportive throughout all your needs. They are non-judgmental and confidential with any information you share, which makes it really less-discouraging. Being open and honest knowing that you are coming from a challenging background or presently being challenged and able to come to a place like this and have some peace are very encouraging and reassuring on your conscience. Sometimes they have family-like gatherings on the holidays and they provide food, fun, and games for the women and children and it's just a great feeling for people who don't have any family there for them.

I hope to see the PATH Clinic in the future still operating on its remarkable purpose. One day I seriously wanted to end my life because I didn't know what to do, who to turn to, and how to do, until I looked up when I was riding city bus and read the PATH Clinic's advertisement. They took care of me and other women and their families. This clinic needs

to stay open for the sake of people like us in these trialing times of our lives; individually and specifically in REAL RESULTS for programs to help us become a productive member of society. I urge the committee to pass H.B.2881 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Nancy Nakihei



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# *The Salvation Army*

*Family Treatment Services*

Senate Committee on Health  
Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

## **H.B. 2881 -- Relating to Perinatal Care**

Good morning Chairs Ige and Chun-Oakland., and Co-Chairs Fukunaga and Ihara I am Linda Rich, Executive Director of The Salvation Army Family Treatment Services which operates the Women's Way residential alcohol and drug treatment program for pregnant and parenting women and their children.

### **I would like to testify regarding the benefits of passing HB 2881..**

Substance abusing and chemically dependant women who become pregnant often avoid prenatal care because of shame and fear. This may result in serious health consequences for themselves and their children. A clinic providing specialized, comprehensive care has the potential to reduce the incidence of a number of complications of pregnancy including low birth weight, stillbirths, miscarriages, infant mortality, prematurity and developmental disorders associated with maternal alcohol and drug use. Additionally, the woman's health may already be compromised by the affects of chronic drug or alcohol use leading to serious threats to her well being during pregnancy and labor and delivery. The PATH Clinic, Perinatal Addiction Treatment of Hawaii, has been providing effective comprehensive services to reduce the medical risk for addicted women in pregnancy, increasing positive birth outcomes.

In addition to providing prenatal care, this clinic is designed to address the emotional and behavioral and environmental issues related to the woman's substance use and to assist women to access and utilize both medical and behavioral health treatment. The clinic staff is trained to provide motivational interventions to encourage abstinence from alcohol, tobacco and other drugs. They provide outreach and transportation, critical components in reaching this population and keeping them engaged in treatment. The clinic has had success in helping women maintain abstinence and in referring those in need of more intensive treatment into appropriate programs. Their holistic approach to care is based on best practices and is supported by research related to this model of care The PATH Clinic is a vital component of the State's response to the methamphetamine epidemic that is devastating families and increasing the State's costs related to Child Welfare and incarceration.

Family Treatment Services, which operates the Women's Way alcohol and drug treatment program for pregnant and parenting women and their children, has supported the development of this clinic. We believe that this clinic meets a community need for specialized OB-GYN care for women at risk due to substance

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abuse. Pregnant substance using women often want to deliver a healthy infant but are unable to stop their drug use and, out of fear, do not seek prenatal care leading to the complications already listed. In other communities, clinics such as this have increased the numbers of substance using women who have stopped or significantly reduced their drug use in pregnancy by providing a safe, respectful medical environment in which addiction can be addressed in a direct but compassionate manner as a health issue. Family Treatment Services intends to continue to coordinate closely with the clinic, refer women to it, and accept referrals from the clinic when residential treatment is needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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# HB2366

Measure Title:  
RELATING TO THE ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY.

Report Title:  
Organ Donor Registry (\$)

Description:  
Establishes a statewide organ donor registry.

Package:  
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Introducer(s):  
MIZUNO, AWANA, GREEN, MAGAOAY, RHOADS

Current Referral:  
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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

**HB2366, RELATING TO THE ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health**

**March 14, 2008, 1:15PM**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health is concerned that HB2366, which is intended to  
2 establish a statewide organ donor registry, may adversely affect the priorities of the Executive  
3 Supplemental budget.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriation of an unspecified amount

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department recognizes the importance of increasing the number of  
6 individuals registered as organ and tissue donors, thereby increasing the number of actual donors, and  
7 reducing the number of individuals on the transplant list. Currently, the only entry to enrollment as an  
8 organ donor in Hawaii is through the Department of Motor Vehicles driver's licensing program and  
9 many registrants do not realize that they must re-register each time they renew their driver's license.  
10 These and other barriers to organ donor registration can be alleviated by establishing a statewide organ  
11 donor registry that augments the current method through the Department of Motor Vehicles. The  
12 Department of Health, on behalf of the Organ Donor Registry Consortium which includes the Organ  
13 Donor Center of Hawaii, the City and County of Honolulu Division of Motor Vehicles, Licensing and  
14 Permits and the Hawaii Lion's Eye Bank, has submitted an application to the Health Resources  
15 Administration (HRSA) to improve Hawaii's current organ donor registry system. Thank you for the  
16 opportunity to testify.



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**THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

Friday, March 14, 2008  
1:15 PM Room 016, State Capitol

**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB22366**

By

**Stephen A. Kula, Ph.D., NHA  
Executive Director, Organ Donor Center of Hawaii**

My name is Dr. Steve Kula; I am the Executive Director of the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii, (ODCH). I submit my testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of **HB2366**. We believe that this Bill would save lives and provide needed assistance to the citizens of our State who wish to be donors and help someone in need of an organ transplant. Currently in the State of Hawaii more people are added to the organ transplant waitlist than are able to be transplanted off of it. In the past few years we have been declining in the number of donors and thus the number of organs and transplantations. Consequently more patients are dying while on the waitlist or being removed because they are too sick to be transplanted.

We believe that our community should be a society where people see organ donation as a social responsibility. In such a society, donating organs would be accepted as a normal part of dying, and in cases where a person died without recording a specific choice about donating his or her organs, the surviving family members would be comfortable giving permission. To achieve this there must be some mechanism for everyone to access information and be given the opportunity to give an informed consent to donate their organs so that others might live.

Organ donor designation on Hawaii driver's licenses has shown to have significant impact in predisposing potential donor families to consent for donation, where 94% of families consented to donation when their loved one had indicated so on his or her Hawaii driver's license as compared to an overall consent rate of less than 50%. If this bill is enacted we would be able to offer everyone, not just those who are able to drive, the ability to choose to be or not to be an organ donor.

The appropriated amount does not need to be very much if anything at all. The Department of Health currently has a grant application into the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, (HRSA) for the sum of \$150,000.00 but will not know the outcome of that application until sometime prior to the start date of August 1, 2008. ODCH is also working on private funding and in-kind services to help supplement funds for public education and development. Other affected agencies, i.e. National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii, have also agreed to do their specific parts of the registry project with in-kind services as well. We ask that you accept the attached amendment to reflect this arrangement.

Please allow us to establish a statewide organ donor registry by passing this important piece of legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

#### AMENDMENT

SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$            or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the Hawaii Organ Procurement Organization for the establishment of a statewide organ donor registry, provided that no funds shall be released pursuant to this Act if funds are received from federal funds, other private funds, or a combination thereof.

The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of health for the purposes of this Act.





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March 13, 2008

**Before  
Honorable David Ige, Chair  
Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Health**

Public Hearing – 1:15PM Friday – March 14, 2008 - Conference Room 016

**RE: Testimony in strong support of HB 2366 – Relating to Organ Donor Registry**  
Establishes a statewide organ donor registry

**The Honorable David Ige, Chair  
Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair  
and members of the committee:**

**I applaud the introduction of HB 2366 – Relating to Organ Donor Registry and I am submitting testimony in full support of the passage of this measure.**

My name is Tony L. Sagayadoro, Program Coordinator of the Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP), a minority outreach program of the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii. MOTTEP is also a founding member of the Hawaii Coalition on Organ Donation.

Since the passage of Act 88 in year 1999, which provided the Clinical Staff of Organ Donor Center of Hawaii 24 hour access to Hawaii Driver's License Information to know whether Organ Donor designation was indicated on the driver's license, more lives have been saved. Organ Donor designation on Hawaii Driver's license have shown significant impact on families knowing their loved one's wishes, 94% of families approached consented to donation knowing that their loved had indicated their wishes to be an organ donor on their driver's license compared to an overall consent rate of less than 50%.

The sad part the number of patients waiting for organ transplant continue to increase at a very alarming rate, there are more patients waiting and the number continue to increase everyday. Any of these patients can be anyone of us, our neighbor, families, friends or anyone that we know.

On the positive note through the collaboration and partnership of different agencies involved in the promotion of organ and tissue donation and the formation of the Hawaii Coalition on Donation (HCOD) has produced encouraging results. During the past seven years, the number of drivers who signed up as organ donor had increased. And having a Statewide Organ Donor Registry will encourage not only those who have driver's license but to every individual to have the opportunity to have their wishes documented by signing up through the donor registry.

January 21, 2008

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On behalf of the Advisory Board Member of MOTTEP, we fully support the passage of HB 2366 to encourage more people to serve as organ donors by registering to the Statewide Organ Donor Registry to help increase available organs and tissue for transplantation to save the lives of patients in need of organ transplants.

Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP) educational efforts are now making a difference. The increase in Filipino donors in the past so many years is a validation that public education works and more lives are saved due to this effort. More Filipino families now have been choosing to donate than those who declined. This is very significant that Filipinos are now one of the population groups having a "positive" consent rate compared to the early stage of the program.

We fully believe in HB 2366 will produce positive results like other states that had enacted the establishment of a Statewide Organ Donor Registry.

**We therefore urge that you give HB 2366 your favorable consideration.**

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Tony L. Sagayadoro  
Program Coordinator  
(808) 368-8753  
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***"Thousands of candles can be lighted from a single candle,  
and the life of the candle will not be shortened.  
Happiness never decreases by being shared."***

Buddha, Indian philosopher & religious leader



March 11, 2008

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Conference Room 016  
Honolulu, HI 96813

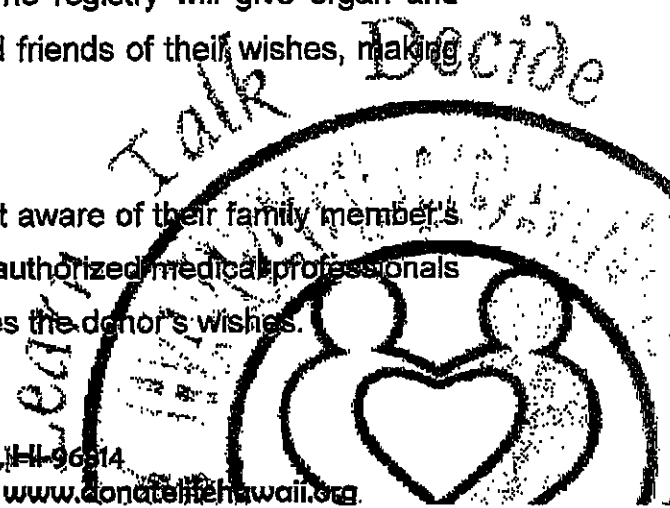
RE: H.B. No. 2366 – Relating to the Organ Donor Registry

Dear Chairman Ige, Vice Chair Fukunaga and members of the Senate Committee on Health:

I am Glen Hayashida, CEO, National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii (NKFH) and member of the Hawaii Coalition on Donation. It is my privilege to support HB 2366.

An established Donor Registry will give the people of Hawaii the opportunity to sign-up to be donors and have access to their information online as well as through the Organ Donor Center of Hawaii. The registry will give organ and tissue donors the ability to notify their family and friends of their wishes, making their decision to donate a matter of record.

Often family members of potential donors are not aware of their family member's wish to donate. A registry will allow donors and authorized medical professionals to obtain a document of consent that clearly states the donor's wishes.

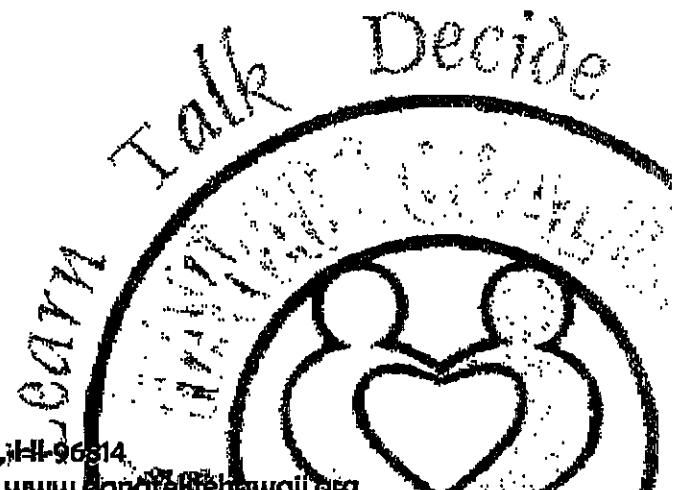




National research shows that although 98% of Americans support donation, only 30% knows the essential steps to take to become a donor. Others allow misconceptions, fears, and misinformation to prevent them from making a decision.

This Donor Registry will make it easier for the public to sign up to become an organ and tissue donor. It will also aid in making an organ donor's wishes more clearly known to their family members and loved ones.

Thank you for your consideration.





## **TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 2366**

### **Senate Committee on Health**

**Hon. David Ige, Chair & Hon. Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair**

**Hon. Members of the Senate Committee on Health**

March 14, 2008, 1:15 p.m.

Hawai'i State Capitol Conference Room 016

Relating to Organ Donor Registry.

Establishes a statewide organ donor registry.

To: Hon. David Ige, Chair; Hon. Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair; Hon.  
Members of the Senate Committee on Health

From: Amy Agbayani, Ph.D.  
Vice Chair, National Federation of Filipino American Associations (NaFFAA) Region XII

My name is Amy Agbayani. I serve as Vice Chair of the National Federation of Filipino American Associations Region XII, which represents the interests of Filipinos in Hawai'i, Guam, and the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands. NaFFAA Region XII is an affiliate of the National NaFFAA. Washington policy-makers, private industry and national advocacy groups recognize NaFFAA as the Voice of Filipinos and Filipino Americans throughout the United States. We are a non-partisan, non-profit national affiliation of more than five hundred Filipino-American institutions and umbrella organizations that span twelve regions throughout the continental United States and U.S. Pacific territories.

Thank you for the opportunity to convey the high regard and confidence of the Filipino community in supporting HB 2366, to establish a statewide organ donor registry. As longtime advocates to address the disparities that persist for organ donors and recipients alike, Filipinos in Hawai'i have played a vital role in community outreach and education, thereby significantly increasing the numbers of registered potential and actual organ donors from our community. In just a few years, under the competent leadership of Mr. Tony Sagayadoro and countless community collaborations, Filipinos have become a nationally recognized educational and behavioral change model for other states to replicate for organ donor registration outcomes. Consequently, the need to create and maintain a statewide organ donor registry has become the next imperative step to this lifesaving health initiative.

Thank you for considering the years of capacity building contributed in kind by Hawai'i's phenomenal volunteers, in order to get to this point of needing an organ donor registry. We thank you for considering to do your part to enact HB 2366. Your support will ensure continued progress to save lives, as well as a continued commitment of community partnerships to give back for the well being of all of Hawai'i's people.

Sincerely,

Amy Agbayani, Ph.D., Vice Chair, NaFFAA Region XII



Tessie Oculito, RN, President

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## **TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 2366**

Senate Health Committee  
Sen. David Ige, Chair  
Sen. Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair  
Senate Health Committee Members

Date: Friday, March 14, 2008

Time: 1:15PM

Place: Hawai'i State Capitol Conference Room 016

### **HB 2366 - Relating to Organ Donor Registry**

Establishes a statewide organ donor registry

To:

Sen. David Ige, Chair; Sen. Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair; & Senate Health Committee Members

My name is Tessie Oculito. I am speaking as president of the Philippine Nurses Association-Hawaii, which has a membership of over 70 registered nurses. As a national affiliate of the Philippine Nurses Association of America, our shared mission is to uphold and foster the positive image and welfare of our constituent members; to promote professional excellence and contribute to significant outcomes to healthcare and society.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 2366, which establishes a statewide organ donor registry. For years, our members have diligently, and in good faith, volunteered to provide organ donor education to the Filipino community. Filipinos have gone from having among the nation's lowest potential organ donor registration rates to among the highest. As a result, we have significantly increased actual donor rates. Now is the time to support this measure that will create a statewide organ donor registry for greater efficiency in health care delivery and community education to meet the critical shortage and delicate challenge of respectfully matching potential donors with patients, often under the most tragic and shocking circumstances for the donor families and loved ones.

Thank you for contemplating the benefits of creating a statewide organ donor registry. Your support to vote yes on HB 2366 can make a difference to turn adversity into a gift of life.

Sincerely,

Tessie Oculito, RN  
President, Philippine Nurses Association – Hawaii



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## TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 2366

March 14, 2008 | 1:15PM | Wednesday | Conference Room 016

Relating to Organ Donor Registry

Establishes a statewide organ donor registry

Senate Committee on Health

Honorable David Ige, Chair

Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair

Honorable Senate Health Committee Members

Dear Honorable David Ige, Chair; Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair, and distinguished Members of the Senate Health Committee:

My name is Bea Ramos Razon, president and founder of Nursing Advocates and Mentors Inc. With more than 75 members and supporters, NAMI was established to address the nursing global shortage and its impact in Hawai'i, by providing training and mentoring to foreign medical nurses, in order to pass the U.S. nursing board exams.

**I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 2366, which establishes a statewide organ donor registry.** This bill would:

- encourage and register more people to serve as an organ donor
- help to increase the supply of the critically needed organs for transplant
- save the lives of critically ill patients who need organ transplant
- address the critical shortage of organs for transplantation, as similar legislation has been enacted or is pending in other states.

Your deliberation to support passage of HB 2366 is most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Beatrice Ramos-Razon, RN, FACDONA

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## **TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 2366**

**Seante Committee on Health**

**Honorable David Ige, Chair**

**Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair**

**Honorable Senate Health Committee Members**

When: Friday, March 14, 2008 1:15PM

Where: Conference Room 016

Re: **Organ Donor Registry**. Establishes a statewide organ donor registry.

To:

Honorable David Ige, Chair

Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair

Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Health

From:

Charlene Cuaresma, MPH

President, Filipino Coalition For Solidarity

My name is Charlene Cuaresma. As president of the Filipino Coalition for Solidarity, I am submitting testimony in strong support of this bill. Since its inception in 1990, the Coalition has represented more than 50 Filipino community leaders whose aim is to work for social justice issues to empower Filipinos to make socially responsible contributions to Hawai'i and our global neighbors through education, advocacy, and social action.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 2366, which establishes a statewide organ donor registry. This bill is needed to build the capacity to collect, analyze, track, and evaluate services, policies, and progress in the lifesaving business and mission of providing the gift of life to hundreds of Hawai'i residents who are in need of organ transplants, as well as those who are potential organ donors. A statewide organ donor registry also enables good stewardship of limited resources to meet fiduciary responsibilities to the public.

Thank you for your hard work in determining the merits and benefits of HB 2366. Your help in its passage can save many lives who will contribute to giving back to our community in many untold, but invaluable ways.

Respectfully,

Charlene Cuaresma

President, Filipino Coalition for Solidarity



# Filipino American Citizens League

Jake Manegdeg, President  
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## TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 2366

### Senate Committee on Health

Hon. David Ige, Chair & Hon. Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair

Hon. Members of the Senate Committee on Health

When: March 14, 2008, 1:15PM.  
Where: Hawai'i State Capitol Conference Room 016  
To: Honorable David Ige, Chair and Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair  
Honorable Members of the Senate Health Committee  
From: Jake Manegdeg, President, Filipino American Citizens League  
What: Relating to Organ Donor Registry. Establishes a statewide organ donor registry.

My name is Jake Manegdeg. As president of the Filipino American Citizens League, I am proud to submit our full support of HB 2366. The Filipino American Citizens League was formed over ten years ago to contribute to the advancement of civil rights and social justice for minority groups, underserved populations, and vulnerable communities through education, advocacy, and social action.

Our members are grateful for this opportunity to advocate for a statewide organ donor registry. Public health measures to prevent deaths through education, research, and training have made great strides in informing stakeholders at the grassroots level, as well as in the public and private sectors, about the lifesaving benefits of health promotion and life style changes. Despite this, the need for organ donation continues to increase globally, nationally, as well as in Hawaii. HB 2366 will aid in generating much needed coordination in planning and program development tools in order to better serve and provide accountability to the patients, general public, health care providers, and health care-related systems.

Thank you for weighing the pros and cons of establishing a statewide organ donor registry.

We urge you to please pass HB 2366.

Very Sincerely,

Jake Manegdeg  
President  
Filipino American Citizens League



# AIM HI

## AIM Healthcare Institute

Before  
Honorable David Ige, Chair  
Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Health

Public Hearing – 1:15PM Friday, March 14, 2008 - Conference Room 016

March 13, 2008

**RE: Testimony in strong support of HB 2366 – Relating to Organ Donor Registry**  
Establishes a statewide organ donor registry

**The Honorable David Ige, Chair; Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair and members of the committee:**

My name is Nancy Atmospera-Walch and an avid supporter of The Organ Donor Center of Hawaii. In fact, I believe in their mission so much, I offered to Co-Chair their 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Gala Dinner and Dance Fundraising Event which was held on December 1, 2007.

As a nurse who worked initially in the Neuro Trauma Orthopedic Unit at The Queen's Medical Center, I saw both sides of the patient. One extreme, is the young patient who was in an accident but could not be saved due to multiple injuries but would have been an excellent DONOR, if before the accident he/she would have been aware of Organ Donor program and decided to be an Organ Donor. The other extreme, is the patient who has been waiting for organ to match his/her needs. If the Organ Donor program is more prominent and the community is aware of it through education, I am quite sure that we would have more people in the state of Hawaii agreeing to be a Donor. Personally, I know three wonderful people who have been the recipient of organs and without those organs these friends would not be here today. So, how could we improve or increase the numbers of donors? There are several ways but having a statewide organ donor registry would certainly be a great strategy.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 2366 which establishes a statewide organ donor registry

I fully support the passage of HB 2366 for the following reasons:

- To encourage and register more people to serve as an organ donor
- To help increase the supply of the critically needed organs for transplant
- To save the lives of critically ill patients who needs organ transplant
- Most states have already passed similar legislation to address the critical shortage of organs for transplantation and other states have pending legislation which had shown positive changes

**We urge that you give HB 2366 your favorable consideration.**

Thank you.

Warmest Aloha,

*Nancy Atmospera-Walch*

Nancy Atmospera-Walch, RN, MPH, NHA, CHES, CCHN



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## **Testimony in Support of HB 2366**

March 14, 2008

1:15PM, Friday

Hawai'i State Capitol Conference Room 016

Senate Health Committee

Representative David Ige, Chair

Representative Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair

Senate Health Committee Members

### **HB 2366 - Relating to Organ Donor Registry**

Establishes a statewide organ donor registry

Dear Chair David Ige, Vice-Chair Carol Fukunaga, and Members of the Senate Health Committee,

I am Bryan Andaya, president of the United Filipino Council of Hawaii (the Council). Founded in 1959 to help Filipinos in Hawaii play a larger role in the State of Hawaii, the mission of the Council is to promote a sense of unity, friendship, camaraderie and mutual assistance among Filipinos in Hawaii while promoting and perpetuating the Filipino heritage and culture. Today, the Council consists of six Island Councils with jurisdiction over 100+ Filipino organizations and a combined membership of about 10,000 from every major island in the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 2366, which establishes a statewide organ donor registry. A registry will benefit Hawai'i's people by addressing the critical shortage of organs for transplantation. This measure would facilitate improvements in health planning, education, and evaluation of support needed not only for patients, but also for health care providers and institutions.

We appreciate your consideration of the benefits of this life saving legislation to justify passage of HB 2366.

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan P. Andaya  
UFCH President



# Case Management Professionals, Inc.

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**TO:** Senate Committee on Health  
Honorable David Ige, Chair  
Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair  
Members of the Committee

**FROM:** Agnes Reyes, RN

**RE: Testimony in Full Support of HB 2366**  
RELATING TO ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY  
Establishes a statewide organ donor registry

My name is Agnes Reyes, a registered nurse, a case manager, a volunteer member of the MOTTEP Advisory Board, and a friend or a healthcare professional who know individuals who might be in need of tissue and organ donation in the future.

**I fully support the HB 2366 which will establish a Statewide Organ Donor Registry.** This bill will not only promote organ donation but also facilitate and streamline organ donation registration and education, centralization, accuracy and availability of information, timely accessibility of data for reporting and quality improvement thus “Promoting Saving Lives.” Life is precious and there is no better gift to others than the “Gift of Life”.

Please allow full consideration of this bill as an instrument of saving lives.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Agnes Reyes

March 13, 2008

**Before  
Honorable David Ige, Chair  
Honorable Fukunaga, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Health**

Public Hearing – 1:15PM Friday, March 14, 2008 - Conference Room 016

**RE: Testimony in strong support of HB 2366– Relating to Organ Donor Registry**  
Establishes a statewide organ donor registry

**The Honorable David Ige, Chair  
Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair  
and members of the Senate Health Committee:**

My name is Clementina Ceria-Ulep, a faculty at the University of Hawaii School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Department of Nursing. As a staff nurse in the past and present call-in nursing supervisor at one of our local hospitals, I have seen the positive impact of organ transplantation. I have taken care of patients with kidney transplants who receive another chance and the happiness, gratitude and deep appreciation this brings to them and their family for the precious gift of life. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 2366 which establishes a statewide organ donor registry

**I fully support the passage of HB 2366 for the following reasons:**

- encourage and register more people to serve as an organ donor
- helps increase the supply of the critically needed organs for transplant
- saves the lives of critically ill patients who needs organ transplant
- Most states have already passed similar legislation to address the critical shortage of organs for transplantation and other states have pending legislation.

**We urge that you give HB 2366 your favorable consideration.**

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Clementina D. Ceria-Ulep*

**Lynne V. Gutierrez**  
1523 Lehia Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96818

THE SENATE  
The Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
Regular Session 2008  
Senate Committee on Health

1:15P.M. - Friday, March 14, 2008  
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

RE: Testimony in support of HB 2366– Relating to Organ Donor Registry

The Honorable David Ige, Chair  
Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair  
and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 2366.  
My name is Lynne V. Gutierrez, I am the immediate past president of Oahu  
Filipino Community Council; a special education teacher and a current  
member of the Bayanihan/Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education  
Advisory Board.

I am appealing for your full support of HB 2366 for the following reason:

- To encourage and register more people to serve as an organ donor
- To help increase the supply of the critically needed organs for transplant
- To save the lives of critically ill patients who needs organ transplant

Thousand of these people can be helped if more of us are to become organ donor, each of us has the power to do this. Patients are dying in great numbers while waiting. These people could be anybody, it could be anyone of us, our family, friends, neighbors or anyone you know.

I therefore urge that you pass HB 2366.

Lynne V. Gutierrez

# HB2888

## HD2

Measure Title:  
RELATING TO MEDICAL SERVICES.

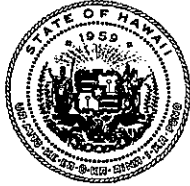
Report Title:  
Medical Services (\$)

Description:  
Appropriates unspecified amounts for: (1) 24-hour ambulance service for Haiku, Maui and Molokai; (2) mobile medical van for South Kona, Kau, and upper Puna, Hawaii; (3) Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center; (4) outpatient urgent and extended emergency care in West Maui; emergency power systems for Queen's Medical Center; family practice residency program at Kona Community Hospital. Effective date July 1, 2020. (HB2888 HD2)

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### Senate Committee on Health

### HB 2888 HD2, RELATING TO MEDICAL SERVICES

Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health

March 14, 2008, 1:15 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department respectfully opposes this measure due to its potential adverse  
2 impact on the Administration's priorities as established in the Executive Supplemental Budget. In  
3 addition, previous DOH testimony on the provisions of Parts I and II of this measure has documented  
4 EMS services for both regions of Maui County that are comparable to other rural communities  
5 statewide.

6 **Fiscal Implications:** Provides an unspecified level of funding for FY2009.

7 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department appreciates the desire of communities to reduce the  
8 waiting times for advanced life support ambulance arrival after a 911 call, which in rural communities  
9 such as Haiku and Molokai, may seem excessive.

10 The Department's Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Systems Branch recently  
11 implemented the Hawaii Emergency Medical Services Information System (HEMSIS) that allows  
12 examination of data that is fairly current. Records were analyzed to assess response times for advanced  
13 life support ambulances to the Haiku region and the island of Molokai in the year 2007. During this  
14 period, for the Haiku area, there were 497 ambulance responses to 911 calls from that area of which 187  
15 were categorized as serious or critical. The median response time from 911 dispatches to ambulance  
16 arrival was 14.4 minutes. The Makawao ambulance unit handled 83% of the calls from that area, with



1 the Kula ambulance unit responding to 12% and a few responses by other units. The Makawao  
2 ambulance unit averages approximately 144 cases per month with approximately one fourth of its calls  
3 from the Haiku area. Should a new unit be added at Haiku, it would experience approximately 38 cases  
4 per month. The Department finds that ambulance response times for serious cases in the Haiku region  
5 meet our target of response within 15 minutes or less for rural areas of the state.

6 As for the island of Molokai, a 24-hour advanced life support ambulance unit already exists as  
7 part of the contract for 911 ambulance services for the County of Maui. The Molokai ambulance unit  
8 transported 521 serious/critical cases averaging 2 cases/day with a median response time of 4.7 minutes,  
9 well below the rural target of less than 15 minutes.

10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



## TESTIMONY OF THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2008

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**ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:**

H.B. NO. 2888, H.D. 2, RELATING TO MEDICAL SERVICES.

**BEFORE THE:**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

**DATE:** Friday, March 14, 2008 **TIME:** 1:15 PM

**LOCATION:** State Capitol, Room 016  
*Deliver to: Committee Clerk, Room 215, 1 Copy*

**TESTIFIER(S):** Mark J. Bennett, Attorney General  
or Andrea J. Armitage, Deputy Attorney General

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Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

The Attorney General provides the following comments:

Part IV, section 8 of this measure seeks to appropriate funds for the expansion and construction of facilities at the "Waianae coast comprehensive health center." The funds are to be expended by the Department of Health (DOH). In order for the DOH to transmit funds to a specific private entity, the appropriation must be made as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

Furthermore, the definition of the term "grant" in section 42F-1, HRS, requires that the Legislature specify the organization to which the grant will be awarded. The bill must state the correct legal name of the entity to which the grant is to be awarded, not the name under which it may be doing business, in order for DOH to appropriately contract with the entity. In this case, our research indicates that the "Waianae coast comprehensive health center" is a former name under which the entity did business, but it is not an incorporated entity capable of entering into contracts in that name. The entity's legal name is Waianae District Comprehensive Health and Hospital Board, Incorporated. The bill should specify that the chapter 42F grant be awarded to the Waianae District Comprehensive Health and Hospital

Board, Incorporated, if the requirements of a grant recipient under chapter 42F are met by this entity.

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2888 HD2  
A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL SERVICES

PRESENTATION TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

BY

MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT G. F. LEE  
ADJUTANT GENERAL  
March 14, 2008

Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

I am Major General Robert G. F. Lee, State Adjutant General. I am testifying on House Bill 2888 HD2. The department supports the intent of this measure, specifically the provision for emergency power systems for Queen's Medical Center, as long as it does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget Request.

Queen's Medical Center is the only trauma center in the state. It services patients from Oahu and the Neighbor Islands. It also service Pacific jurisdictions with patients throughout the region.

Queen's Medical Center emergency generator is currently not sufficient to support a prolonged power outage resulting from a major disaster. During the aftermath of the October 2006 earthquakes, the need for this improvement was evident when services were severely hampered by the prolonged power outage.

In order to upgrade and to make modifications to its electrical power infrastructure, Queen's Medical Center has requested financial assistance to build an emergency generator capacity that would accommodate an estimated peak demand of six thousand kilowatts of electricity.

A grant to the Queen's Medical Center under Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, may be a viable strategy to hasten the installation of additional emergency generators and storage areas.

For these reasons, we support the immediate passage of this measure.  
Chair Ige, thank you for allowing me to submit this written testimony.



Written Testimony

**THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair**

March 14, 2008  
1:15 P.M.  
Conference Room #016  
Hawaii State Capitol

**Comments on HB 2888 HD2 Relating to Medical Services**

Appropriates various amounts for (1) 24-hour ambulance service for Haiku, Maui and Molokai; (2) mobile medical van for South Kona, Kau, and upper Puna, Hawaii; (3) Waianae Coast Comprehensive health Center; (4) outpatient urgent and extended emergency care in West Maui; (5) emergency power systems for Queen's Medical Center; (6) family practice residency program at Kona Community Hospital.

Donald Lewis  
West Hawaii Region Chief Executive Officer

Thank you for this opportunity to offer comments on House Bill 2888 HD1, with regard to two programs relating to Kona Community Hospital.

1) Part III, Sections 5, 6 and 7 - appropriates funds relating to a mobile medical van program to be based at the Kona Community Hospital and to provide basic medical clinical services to the South Kona, Ka'u and upper Puna areas of the County of Hawaii.

Kona Community Hospital is a major acute care hospital and Kohala Hospital is a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) of the West Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation serving approximately 60,000 people on the West side of the island including the southern portion of the island of Hawaii. Ka'u Hospital is a Critical Access Hospital of the East Hawaii Region, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

The mobile medical van program offers a creative solution to address the serious lack of access to appropriate emergency and clinical medical care for residents



and visitors in the South Kona, Ka'u and upper Puna areas of the County of Hawaii. This measure however, appropriates funds for purchase of a mobile van, planning and equipment to provide medical care services and requires program and funding contingencies for an additional two years. We support this measure if an adequate funding stream follows and funding is provided from grants/foundations etc. to pay for the operational cost of the service.

2) Part VII, Sections 13 and 14 – appropriates funds for a Family Practice Residency Program at Kona Community Hospital.

Regarding the Family Practice Residency Program, we appreciate your consideration to establish a family practice residency program to bring healthcare provider support in various hospital inpatient service areas, outpatient or clinic-based services to benefit the Kona and surrounding communities where available physician shortages exist. The significant costs of establishing a Family Practice Residency Program are recognized in this measure and an appropriation to support only one year of a three-year family practice residency program to be based at Kona Community Hospital presents somewhat of a concern.

We ask your consideration and direction to build and enhance the establishment of a Family Practice Residency Program at Hilo Medical Center and to expand this program to cover Kona Community Hospital. Such an approach to strengthen and expand the Hilo program to include Kona Community Hospital would offer the desired benefits of bringing additional healthcare practitioners to serve the West Hawaii community and to optimize limited program resources.

Thank you for your consideration to the needs of the Island of Hawaii.

**Harry Kim**  
Mayor



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Fire Chief

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March 13, 2008

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Committee on Health  
The State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 215  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige,

**RE: HB 2888, HD2, RELATING TO MEDICAL SERVICES**


Thank you for allowing me to provide written testimony in support of HB 2888, HD2. As a pre-hospital care providing agency, the Hawaii Fire Department supports the concept of this bill.

HB 2888, HD 2, would establish a more definitive care response and resources within the rural and remote communities of South Kona, Ka'u, and upper Puna. We are open to the concept of being a partner agency in the project.

Needless to say, this project would have a tremendous benefit and impact on the community by providing much needed definitive care to residents of the rural areas of our island.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

  
**DARRYL OLIVEIRA**  
Fire Chief

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March 14, 2008

The Honorable David Ige, Chair  
The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Health

**Re: HB 2888 HD2 – Relating to Medical Services**

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2888 HD2 which would appropriate funds for a broad range of health care initiatives and services across the State with a focus on the Neighbor Islands.

Recently HMSA awarded a grant, through the HMSA Foundation, to the University of Hawaii aimed at increasing the number of physicians practicing in rural areas of the state. Along with this, we also had the opportunity to monetarily assist a project on the Big Island which brings much needed dental care to Hawaii Island residents.

We applaud the State's efforts to fund other much needed health initiatives with a focus on those offering care in the neediest communities. We respectfully urge the Committee to approve this measure so that both public and private stakeholders in health care in Hawaii contribute to improving our system for all residents.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2888 HD2.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Diesman  
Assistant Vice President  
Government Relations



# THE QUEEN'S MEDICAL CENTER

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Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health

Friday, March 14, 2008; 1:15 p.m.  
Conference Room 016

## Re: HB 2888 HD2 – RELATING TO MEDICAL SERVICES

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Fukunaga, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Mark Yamakawa, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of The Queen's Health Systems, **testifying in strong support of HB 2888 HD2**, which appropriates funds to the State's **only** trauma center to upgrade emergency power systems to ensure sufficient capacity in the event of a major disaster.

The October 2006 Big Island earthquakes and subsequent power outage severely hampered The Queen's Medical Center's (Queen's) ability to provide comprehensive health care and serve as the "heart" of the State's trauma system. Queen's was forced to rely on back-up generator power and the hospital activated its internal disaster plan.

**Patients Discharged:** In the early hours following the earthquakes, the severity of damage and injuries was not immediately clear. Queen's asked physicians to discharge sufficiently healthy patients to open up bed capacity in the event the Medical Center received patients on ventilators from home-care settings (who were affected by the power outage) or possibly had to accommodate neighbor island-transferred patients.

**Elevators Inoperable:** Following the earthquakes, only certain elevators worked intermittently, affecting the delivery of food to patients as well as the ability to move patients to other floors.

**Lack of Air Conditioning, Impact on Diagnostic Equipment and Sterility:** With limited back-up generator power, the Medical Center went without air conditioning. Higher than normal temperatures affected diagnostic equipment, which must remain cool to function correctly. Queen's CT and MRI (vital tools in our ability to diagnose and treat suspected traumas) became unusable, forcing the Medical Center to go on "Trauma Divert" for the first time ever. Emergency medical services had to divert incoming trauma patients to Tripler because Queen's could not function as a trauma center without a reliable CT or MRI. Staff physicians were also concerned about the sterility of the Operating Room due to increased warmth and humidity in the Medical Center.

Queen's has been working on an electrical upgrade project since 2004, and the 2006 earthquakes stressed the urgent need for additional emergency power generation. Anticipated project cost is

\$34.5 million, which includes the cost of four new emergency generators, a building to house the four generators that is capable of withstanding a Category V hurricane, and related infrastructure. Queen's is grateful to the State Legislature for its allocation of \$2 million toward the project in 2006. That funding was utilized for the purchase of two new 20,000-gallon fuel tanks, and contributed, along with Queen's, to the purchase of the four generators. Implementation of the project will provide sufficient on-site emergency electrical generation capacity to back up Queen's for seven continuous days, in the event of a utility power outage.

As the State's trauma center, Queen's appreciates the Legislature's support and acknowledgement that trauma care should be a public health priority, and respectfully requests additional funding to complete the project. Such a public-private partnership will help assure the safety of our community in the event of a disaster.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**Testimony in Support of HB 2888 HD 2: Relating to Medical Services**

Submitted by: Richard P. Bettini, Chief Executive Officer

Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center/Contact: 696-1457

The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center's CIP request will address the Health Center's critical need to expand its medical facilities, which are 30+ years old, in order to support its role as the only safety-net health care provider on the Leeward Coast.

To address the dire need for expanded and new facilities, the Health Center identified two phases of construction projects.

**Phase I:** Build a new 3-story medical building to address immediate needs of overcrowded primary care clinical space. (to be completed Summer 2008)

**Phase II:** **Rebuild and/or renovate the 30+ year old vacated medical clinic space and incorporate and upgrade the Health Center's 30+ year old emergency department space.**

The Health Center's capital improvement project will serve the following overall purpose:

- Upgrade and expand family medicine
- Develop and modernize emergency medical services
- Build teaching and training facilities for Waianae economic development purposes

**In order to complete the capital improvements, the Health Center is requesting \$2,500,000 in funding to complete the Phase II rebuilding and/or renovations of its existing 30+ year old primary care and emergency facilities to accommodate comprehensive healthcare services including emergency medical care.**

In 2007 the Health Center requested a state appropriation of \$3.5 million to complete its current Phase II capital project. The legislature funded \$1 million of this request. The Health Center is seeking the \$2.5 million balance to be funded in 2008. Without the balance of funding, the Health Center will not be able to achieve the long range outcome which is to improve medical care and increase economic development opportunities for the community.

We ask for your support of this important project for our patients and the Leeward Coast community. Thank you.



AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE®

March 14, 2008

Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
State Senate, Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: HB 2888 HD2 – Making an Appropriation for Ambulance Service for  
the Haiku Region of Maui and Moloka'i**

Dear Senator Ige:

American Medical Response respectfully supports HB 2888 HD2, which makes an appropriation for ambulance service for the Haiku Region of Maui and for Moloka'i.

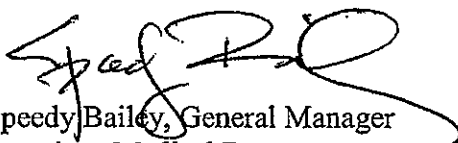
As you know, delicate, critical minutes can make a difference in response times to life- and death emergencies. The addition of a 24 hrs. Advanced Life Support unit in Haiku, Maui, as well as one for Moloka'i, will significantly minimize response time minutes to the residents and visitors for those respective communities. Improved response times to Advanced Life Support care will reduce medical emergency deaths, injury and permanent disability.

In Haiku, the nearest ambulance is 45 minutes away and on Moloka'i the need for another EMS resource serves as a "safety net" for the community when the primary ambulance is:

- On a 911 call
- Taking care of multiple patients
- Transferring critical patients to Air Ambulance
- Geographically distant from the second ambulance patient

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

  
Speedy Bailey, General Manager  
American Medical Response

**testimony**

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**From:** wsschaefer@aol.com  
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**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** testimony in favor of HB2888

March 12, 2008, 2008

**To:** Senate Health Chair David Ige  
**From:** L. Jina Lee Lawler, Executive Director, Molokai Ohana Health Care, Inc.  
**RE:** House Bill 2888

I am testifying in favor of House Bill 2888. I currently work at Molokai Community Health Center and would like to provide a testimony as someone working in health care and living on Molokai. Molokai Community Health Center is the only federally qualified health center in the island of Molokai, predominately serving the most medically vulnerable patients in this rural and isolated island of Molokai.

Molokai currently has 1 ambulance station and a second ambulance station will provide back up and additional support needed in Molokai. From my experience as a health care provider and resident of Molokai a second ambulance station is needed for the following reasons:

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- First, the whole island of Molokai which is about 261 square miles and can take about two hours to drive from one end of the island to another. If there is an emergency call from different locations in the island, it may take up to two hours for a patient to receive emergency medical services.
- Second there are increased emergency health service needs due to increased morbidity, as in most communities, the population in Molokai is aging. This translates fortunately to longer lives (mortalities) and unfortunately to increase residents living with illness and disabilities (mobility). There is an increase in “ice” addiction, which increases both the individual’s health risk and family violence. Per health data, Native Hawaiians are more likely to experience health disparities and 67% of Molokai residents are Native Hawaiian.
- Third, more residents are living further apart (about 39 miles from the east and west side) increasing the incidence of calls coming from different parts of the island.
- Fourth, in reviewing disaster scenarios, we know that the east end will be cut off in case of flood. If an ambulance is not located in the east end in preparation for natural disasters, east end residents will not be able to access emergency medical services.
- Fifth, there is an increase of accidents that may result in multiple injuries. In these cases of multiple injuries, some of the injured will experience delays in transportations as others from the same accident are transported.
- Lastly, the current Emergency Medical Technicians are aging, and there is a need to train new young health care professional.

While the above data can speak on the reasons why a second ambulance is needed, the most important

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reason is for the safety of human life. Last year my land lord who lives on the east end of the island loss consciousness while working in his yard. According his wife they had to wait over an hour to get emergency services. I have heard over and over again from residents in the West End of the island regarding their concern about the need for additional ambulance services. For these reason, I strongly encourage you to support House Bill 2888.

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Written Testimony Only- in favor of HB 2888

Senator David Ige, Chair- Senate Health Committee

Hearing Date- March 14, 2008

Dear Senator Ige and Honored Members of the Senate Health Committee:

For many years the paramedics on Molokai have served our community with only the staff for (1), 24/7 ambulance. We have a 2<sup>nd</sup> ambulance, which we keep stocked for multiple casualty incidents, for times when simultaneous emergencies happen, and for times that a 911 emergency call would tie up the primary ambulance for more than an hour.

There is no paid staffing for that second ambulance. For over 30 years we have served our community by being called back to work from our homes at a moment's notice. Many times there has been only one paramedic available to quickly respond. In those cases we have responded to all types of emergencies with the help of first responders from the Police and Fire Departments. Recently, there is no one available to call back. Right now, during your hearing, there is no one to come and provide back up for a traffic accident with multiple patients, or if 2 (or more) calls come in simultaneously. 2 of our members are ill and may not return. Molokai's lone ambulance is being staffed by 1 resident and one off-island paramedic. Our other 3 island residents are off island . That means we are all alone.



We are thankful for the partnership with the Fire and Police Department, but these fine men and women are not trained as paramedics. Often when we come in to back up, these cases are frequently challenging as we give patient care with only "one pair of trained hands". In the past 5 years, as our population grows, as hospitals discharge patients earlier, as cars become faster, as the ice epidemic rages, and as our patients have become much sicker, these "back up calls", and the severity of these back-ups have increased.

For years we had a staff made up of 6 full time staff and 1 part time staff. Of the full timers, 5 were MICT paramedics who live on Molokai, and there was 1 MICT paramedic who flew in from Oahu to work. Our part time worker was an EMT who lives on Molokai. All of MICT paramedics have over 20 years in the business and our "rookie" EMT had over 10 years of experience. They have served our community honorably and valiantly.

We are getting older now. 2 of our on-island staff are severely ill and may not return. Much of our staffing comes from paramedics from other islands who fly in and out for their shifts and are therefore unavailable to back up the 911 ambulance for emergencies. In reality, we have only 3 MICTs who can sometimes back up the primary crew. Many times there is no one to back up the primary 911 crew.

Those times have led to patient care disasters. Recently a man with a neck injury lay paralyzed for over an hour without a paramedic to help because the 911 ambulance was on the other end of the island and there was no crew to call back. Last week a patient with a surgical abdomen waited for over an hour while the primary crew worked on another call.

On those occasions when we have 2 paramedics working and we know there are injuries from a traffic accident, we often put a paramedic in each ambulance and drive to the scene to be able to accommodate the multiple patients. Unfortunately, we don't often get information about multiple injuries until after we are already responding to the call. And that doesn't solve the problem when multiple calls come in or for when we are asked to respond on calls that will involve long access or transport times. These are often cases where the only 911 ambulance on Molokai is unable to respond to any other emergency patients for 2-hours.

Our ambulance covers the entire island- 35 miles long and 12 miles wide with deep

valleys, steep cliffs and rough terrain. Our roads are narrow, winding, and rough. A recent plane crash had 7 survivors. It took the primary ambulance over 70 minutes to reach the scene and another 40 minutes to reach the first patients. One paramedic was available to respond with a back up ambulance. The initial call came in at about 7:00 P.M. The last patient was finally flown out to Oahu at 5:30 A.M. The duration of that one call was over 10 hours. 10 hour that we were basically unable to respond to any other emergency. (It would have been much longer had the back up not been available.)

This translates into significant delays in treatment and transport. Every one of us has stories...lots of stories of responding to heart attacks, traffic accidents, diabetic emergencies and every other type of emergency by ourselves, from home. There are also many stories of patients who have laid helplessly and needlessly suffered as they waited and waited for 911 help. Imagine calling 911 having no one able to respond for an hour. Sadly, that is what will happen today, and every day that we do not have another unit to back us up.

The amount of simultaneous calls and patient acuity calls a second 911 ambulance on Molokai. We urge you to support HB 2888.

Sincerely,

The Molokai 911 Ambulance Paramedics

Lyle Likua, Tim Musick, Mel Paoa, Scotty Schaefer, Rod Wong

## HTHInPerson

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Written and in person-

Testimony in Favor of HB 2888

Senate Health Committee

Hearing Date- 3-14-08

Chair- Senator David Ige

Aloha Chair Ige, and Honored Members of the Senate Health Committee:

I am testifying in favor of HB 2888. My feelings for a second ambulance station on Molokai are included with the submitted testimony of the Molokai Paramedics.

For almost 30 years I have been honored to assist my community by responding to medical emergencies. I work as a full-time 911 paramedic. On my days off, I work as a 911 paramedic too. There is no pay for being on call. There is no official recognition by the State that we do this. Often, very often I am responding by myself and getting assistance from the Police and/or Fire Department. We don't seek recognition. We just need help.

Almost every vacation I have ever taken on this island has been interrupted by being recalled. Last year, I walked out of a graduation party where I was the main organizer, cook, and caterer to respond to 3 calls at once.

Why do we do this? To help our Ohana. Maybe this will help explain....

Years back, I got tired of being stuck with a radio. I hadn't been diving in years because I had to be available for recall. I called in and told the station I was turning off the pager for a few hours. During that time, the primary ambulance went to the East End of the island. At the same time, my neighbor, next door by Molokai standards, had a heart attack. There was no one to help him and the family was unable to carry him to the car. They waited for over 45 minutes. Then his heart stopped. He died.

I also heartily support an ambulance station for the booming area of Haiku, Maui.

The Haiku area is a poster for the need to coordinate State and County resources. Construction is booming while infrastructure struggles to catch up. New neighborhoods are springing up and increasing the population. What was once a remote and rural area is now filled with all the challenges of suburban life. Adding to these challenge is the fact that this boom town is remotely located away from EMS and other medical services. People need to drive far, (30-40 minutes) to get primary care. So they tend to try and wait out their medical problems. Often, these problems get worse and suddenly, they need immediate access to emergency care. Even in the most optimal scenarios, they have to wait for 15-20 minutes for an ambulance to deliver emergency care.

The combination of lack of primary care and delayed advanced life support care frequently exacerbates the problem and sometimes is deadly.

**The current bill has an inaccuracy. In the current form, the bill states that Molokai does not have a 24/7 ambulance. That is not correct. Molokai indeed does have 24/7 ambulance service.**

**The need is not for a 1<sup>st</sup> ambulance station. The need is for a second ambulance**

**station. Even though the call volume is not excessive, the lone ambulance covers the entire island, including Kalaupapa. It is not unusual for a 911 ambulance call to tie up the crew for 2-3 hours. We often stay at the hospital and help with serious/critical patients since Molokai General Hospital has a small staff and since our MICTs are specialists in critical, life saving skills. These times do not show up in the statistics generated by the State.**

The stats may show that we transfer over 10 patients a month off island with acute coronary events. What the stats don't show is that few of those patients call 911 because they don't want to wait for the long response times. The stats don't show all the times people decide to drive to the hospital when the 911 ambulance is busy.

And the stats don't show how often a back up crew is called in from home. They don't show when we have 3 calls at once or when we have to transport 5 patients from a traffic accident with one ambulance or when we have a fire fighter drive the second ambulance. The stats don't show when an air ambulance patient waits for hours, waiting for definitive treatment, while the 911 rig responds to other emergencies.

This is not the fault of the HEMSIS system. It wasn't designed to show these types of stats. Often, cases such as these are referred to as "outliers". We call them Ohana. We call them patients. We call them neighbors. We call them family.

Like many remote practitioners, we work without a safety net. But we have no other back up in place when there are no off-duty paramedics on island to cover the back up ambulance.

Right now, as we speak, if the only ambulance is involved in another emergency there is no one to organize the medical response for a natural or other type of disaster, such as an airplane incident.

A few weeks ago, the Department of Homeland Security had an unannounced bio-terrorism drill. The scenario cut off the island's only hospital. It also cut the island in half (which is very common when there are big rains). DHS asked us to place ambulances

strategically on each side of the evacuation to be able to treat and transport patients. That day, there was no one on island to call back to staff a second ambulance.

I understand that we are in challenging times in terms of health care dollars. I believe one option is to explore a public/private partnership to deliver service.

In such a case, the State could subsidize the ambulance station while allowing this unit to also provide fee for service transfer capabilities. Quarterly, or at other intervals, the State and the provider could subtract the private fees generated. Guidelines for usage could be created to insure optimal 911 coverage while allowing this unique partnership. As private call volume increases, the State subsidy could decrease.

The other creative option is for the State to fund and strategically locate a single MICT in a rapid response unit as there is on Oahu. But instead of just a quick response SUV, as in Honolulu, that MICT could respond in a van capable of transport. Then we could utilize our first responders or recalled personnel to help with transporting patients to the hospital.

For the price of a City and County Rapid Response Unit we could have a unit with transport capabilities.

Thank you for your time and attention-

Sincerely,

Scotty Schaefer

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**From:** Winthrop Schaefer [scotty@heartofhawaii.com]  
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## Chair David Ige and the Senate Health Committee

When House Bill 2789 was introduced, a petition at 4 locations, was started here in support of a second ambulance for Molokai. In less than 48 hours, (quickly to make the deadline for testimony) 526 names were turned into the House Health Committee. Later that day, petitions with over 150 names were found under a counter at one of our stores. Those petitions were faxed to Chair Green's office. Many, many people have expressed frustration because they did not have a chance to sign. HB 2789 was included into HB 2888 by the House Health Committee. Rather than confuse our residents with multiple petitions, we decided to ask you to include the petition testimony of over 675 people on Molokai in which they expressed their support for a second ambulance on the island. Thank you for your attention---

Scotty Schaefer

Kaunakakai, Molokai

March 12, 2008

Senator David Y. Ige  
Chairperson Senate Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Testimony in support of HB2888

Honorable Chairperson and valued committee members. I support HB 2888 which would provide ALS ambulances for the rural Maui communities of Molokai and Haiku. One of my first shifts after graduating from MICT School in the early 90's was on Molokai. In the middle of the night I was dispatched to the area of Halawa Valley for a yacht that overturned in the Kenwood Cup Race. It was reported that 2 people were dead, 23 were in the water with at least 5 injured. I was the only paramedic on the only ambulance and the very rural hospital would be over an hour away.

This call illustrates some of the profound challenges to providing EMS services in rural communities. Examples are as follows.

1. Timeliness. Large areas that are sparsely populated can result in long response times to the patient and / or long transport times to the medical facility. Timeliness is critically important in a significant number of cases.
2. Tie up times. This is directly related to long responses or transport times. Tie up time results in the lack of availability for the next call which impacts timeliness. In Molokai an ambulance can't just come in from the adjacent community.
3. Stacked calls and Multiple patient calls. An ALS ambulance is only able or set up to take care of 1 or 2 serious patients at a time. This effects timeliness and can effect quality.
4. Lack of hospital resources. Just dropping the patient(s) off at the rural hospital or clinic doesn't solve the problem. Frequently crews help out in the clinic / Hospital. Following that the ambulance may have to transport the patient to the airport to be flown to higher care on Oahu.

Thank you for your time. Please support improved EMS services for Molokai and Haiku. Please don't hesitate to contact me with questions.

Sincerely,

William T. Watkins Jr. (Lin) MICT

William T. Watkins Jr. (Lin)  
20 Mauka Pl., Kula HI 96790 808-385-2296



13 March 2008

Dear Hawaii legislators:

I am writing to express my strong support for H.B. 2888, an act to appropriate funds for 24-hour ambulance coverage in Haiku, Maui.

I am a paramedic and a consultant in public health and emergency services. I have some past experience with strategic planning for prehospital Emergency Medical Services (EMS), including placement of EMS units. There are many reasons why a Haiku ambulance is highly justifiable, including a growing population and a corresponding increase in call volume in Maui. The chief reason why I support a Haiku paramedic unit, however, is its capacity to greatly reduce response times along an under-resourced stretch of Maui's north shore.

Currently, there are only two 911 ambulances on the north shore of Maui: units in Wailuku and Hana, which are 52 miles apart (a drive time of two hours and 40 minutes). There is an ambulance in Makawao, but that unit is often busy in its upcountry primary service area. Even when the Makawao ambulance is available to descend towards the north shore, paramedics have to navigate extremely curvy roads to reach those lower areas. It takes the Makawao ambulance about seven miles (approximately 20 minutes' drive time) to reach lower Haiku or Paia, a frequent source of calls. In contrast, a strategically placed Haiku ambulance would provide rapid response not only to greater Haiku, but also to surrounding communities along Maui's north shore, including: Sprecklesville, Paia, Kuau, Pauwela, Huelu, and Kailua. Perhaps most importantly, a Haiku paramedic unit would be able to split the 52-mile distance described between Wailuku and Hana, with its district potentially reaching the village of Keanae.

Response times to almost all of these areas of Maui's north shore could be reduced by at least 20 minutes if a paramedic ambulance were located in lower Haiku. This amount of time can literally mean the difference between life and death. In major trauma, a "golden hour" is considered the maximum window of time between the incident and when the victim should be in an operating room. In heart attacks and stroke, "time is heart muscle" and "time is brain" respectively: as minutes pass without definitive care, heart and brain function is lost. In cardiac arrest, the American Heart Association describes a "chain of survival": early access to EMS, early CPR, early defibrillation, early advanced care. Without such care, a typical victim has only a few minutes before death is irreversible.

The citizens and visitors of Maui deserve this marked improvement in the availability of EMS resources in their community. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David N. Kingdon, MPH, MICT

## testimony

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Testimony in FAVOR of HB 2888

Senate Health Committee

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To Chair Ige and all the members of the Senate Committee on Health:

Although it may not appear that the Molokai ambulance is very busy in regards to 9-1-1 needs on the island of Molokai, it is more often that the following scenarios occur:

- Multiple 9-1-1 calls for service at the same time on different sides of the island
- Cases taking a long time (either waiting to access patient or transport / response times) to complete while another calls get made to 9-1-1 for an ambulance thereby delaying the second response. Standing by at a brush fire scene or standing by to search & rescue a victim often takes time and potential periods where this unit is 'out-of-service'.
- Primary ambulance crew is dedicated to transfer of an unstable patient from Molokai General to the airport for transfer to Oahu thereby rendering this unit out-of-service for 9-1-1 responses
- Multiple victim scenarios have meant that the ambulance has to make multiple trips from a scene to Molokai General and back to the scene to transport more victims. (There is only 1 ambulance & crew on duty without backup)
- At times critical patients who are waiting to be transferred from Molokai /general to the airport for transfer to Oahu have to wait for hours as the only 9-1-1 ambulance is busy running back-to-back emergency cases. This further impacts the only ER on the island as they are now left to manage the critical patient as well as caring for new emergencies.

What occurs on Molokai to assist with these scenarios are the following:

- Callback of 'off-duty' caregiver who can report back to work even though they are not obligated to. This takes time and if only (1) is available, it still doesn't allow for optimal patient care. Often times off-duty personnel are off-island or unavailable.

- Have primary crew split-up and have firefighters driving ambulances that they are not trained to drive in emergency situations.

With regards to a Haiku ambulance, the entire Maui Upcountry area is getting more populated with subdivisions and Hawaiian homelands. Often times, it is the Kula ambulance who responds into Haiku as the Makawao ambulance is busy. A Haiku ambulance would have much better response times into their own district thereby minimizing responses from other ambulances responding from another district often adding critical response time minutes.

Both of these communities deserve fast emergency medical services responses and I urge you to pass these bills. By passing these bills on, solutions can be compromised so as to get some benefit as opposed to none by having these bills dies before you. Thank you for your time, attention & consideration to my testimony.

Respectfully,

Curt S. Morimoto

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# HB2301

# HD1

Measure Title:  
RELATING TO DENTISTRY.

Report Title:  
Dentistry

Description:  
Prohibits interference in the practice of dentistry by an unlicensed person or entity.  
Prohibits the practice of dentistry in a commercial or mercantile establishment. (HB2301  
HD1

Introducer(s):  
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**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2008

Friday, March 14, 2008  
1:15 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2301, H.D.1, RELATING TO DENTISTRY.**

TO THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Jeffrey Miyazawa, D.D.S., Chair of the Board of Dental Examiners ("Board"). The Board appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of a proposed Senate Draft 1 for H.B. 2301, H.D.1, which we have attached.

The purpose of H.B. No. 2301, H.D.1, is to prohibit interference by an unlicensed person or entity in the practice of dentistry and prohibit the practice of dentistry in a commercial or mercantile establishment. The proposed S.D.1 would delete the prohibition of the practice of dentistry in a commercial or mercantile establishment.

Since the introduction of the bill, the Board has had an opportunity to work with the Hawaii Dental Association and has come to an agreement on a proposed draft. The proposed S.D.1 clarifies that only a licensed dentist can own, direct, and control the practice of dentistry, and prohibits interference in the practice of dentistry from non-dentists.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of the proposed S.D.1 for H.B. No. 2301, H.D.1.

**Report Title:**

*Dentistry*

**Description:**

*Prohibition on ownership and interference in the practice of dentistry by an unlicensed person or entity.*

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2008  
STATE OF HAWAII

**H.B. NO.** 2301, H.D.1  
Proposed  
S.D.1

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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

*RELATING TO DENTISTRY.*

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

SECTION 1. Chapter 448, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

"§448- Prohibition on ownership and interference. (a) No dentist licensed pursuant to this chapter who engages in the practice of dentistry shall permit a person or entity, other than a dentist licensed pursuant to this chapter, to directly or indirectly own, direct, control, or interfere with the licensee's practice of dentistry; provided that this section shall not apply to the State or any county, any legally incorporated eleemosynary dispensary or infirmary, private school, or welfare center.

- (b) A licensed dentist shall not permit a non-dentist to:
- (1) Direct or interfere with the licensee's clinical judgment and competent practice of dentistry;
  - (2) Select a course of treatment for a patient, the procedures or materials to be used as part of such course of treatment, and the manner in which such course of treatment is carried out by the licensee;
  - (3) Exercise control of the patient's records; or
  - (4) Prohibit or limit access to the dental office, facilities, and equipment necessary to provide service to the licensee's patients.

SECTION 2. In codifying the new section added by section 1 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute appropriate section number in designating the new section in this Act.

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

**Kanoe Kamaano**

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
 Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
 Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Friday, March 14, 2008  
 TIME:1:15 PM

Thank you for the opportunity to resubmit this testimony in support of House Bill 2301, rev HD2. This measure seeks to prohibit the interference by an unlicensed person or entity in the practice of dentistry. This measure would not apply to the employment of dentists in Federally Qualified Health Centers or in any non-profit hospital or eleemosynary setting. We are privileged to have had the direction, input, and support of Dr. Jeffrey Miyazawa, Mr. Jimmy Kobashigawa and the Hawaii State Board of Dental Examiners in the crafting of the revised bill which you see before you.

Dentistry has been a profession which relies on trust. If that trust were compromised it would bode poorly for both dentist and patient.

What HB 2301 seeks to address is that the dentist act in the best interest of the patient. To this end an actively practicing dentist should not be subject to any outside pressure. The dentist is there for the mutual benefit of the practice and the patient. The dentist must be able to rely on the best of his (or her) training and intuition. The dentist can't be beholden to an arrangement where financial interest dictates the promotion of a treatment which would profit the practice owner but would be to the detriment of the patient.

A dentist is liable for his (or her) actions as reflected in the ethics of the profession. If another person renders the decision on which dental laboratory is used or when, whether and where to refer to a specialist then this is asking the dentist to be accountable for not only the dentist's own professional decisions but also the business decisions of the, possibly, non-dentist employer.

There is also the matter of the practice location setting. A dental office is a self contained unit. The dentist is responsible for the welfare of his patients and should be able to treat outside of regular practice hours. Should an emergency arise that has to be seen there is an imperative for the office to be available for that patient to be seen. As dentists we are compelled to act in an ethic which allows us to be able to practice to the best of our abilities. To additionally impose external strictures needlessly compromises an atmosphere of trust and dedication to our patients and profession.

Thank you for your consideration of this measure.

Darrell Teruya  
 President, Hawaii Dental Association

The following is a recent news release concerning a mainland dental franchise. It points out the pressure that a corporation can place on a dentist to increase profitability at the expense of the patients' welfare.

## ***Former Dentist Confesses Criminal Behavior at Kids Clinic***



Reported by: Jane Flasch

(February 15, 2008, Rochester, N.Y.) - Last December, 13WHAM showed a disturbing video tape of children strapped in restraints undergoing multiple root canals while their parents were kept out of the room.

Now, the man who once ran the Irondequoit Small Smiles Branch is speaking out for the first time.

He was jailed for fraud. In a follow-up to our 13 WHAM News investigation, he told Jane Flasch that some of the procedures that so traumatized children weren't even necessary.

Rochester's Small Smiles dental office opened with a promise to serve children who don't get regular dental care. Clinic director, Dr. David Gardner, was hauled into a Monroe County court 14 months later.

Gardner pleaded guilty to grand larceny and left Rochester for prison. Now, he wants to come clean about what he says was going on behind closed doors on Ridge Road in Irondequoit.

"Taxpayer dollars are being wasted because they're paying for treatment that's not getting done, treatment that doesn't need to be done, and children aren't being treated like children," Gardner said.

Ashley Sones was a patient during that time. Nine of her teeth were extracted. Another dentist reviewed Ashley's x-rays.

He confirmed that at least two of her teeth could have been saved. But, her file did not contain enough information about the rest.

She never did get partial she was promised; it was denied.

Some very young Small Smiles patients had metal caps, crowns, and root canals. Dentists dispute whether root canals and crowns are the best treatment option for young patients.

**However, Gardner said he was under pressure from the corporation to make \$1 million every year.**

**"The biggest thing you can do is those baby root canals and crowns because it's \$220 that Medicaid does not question. It's just \$220, \$220, \$220," Gardner said.**

The Rochester office would not allow cameras inside.

Gardner said they routinely used another controversial technique to restrain children. On an attached video taken at a Small Smiles in Maryland, you can see a small child strapped to a papoose board which holds his body and arms immobile.

Gardner said papoose boards were encouraged in order to complete four or more root canals at a time. Even though it made kids frightened and stressed.

"Stressed out enough to wet their pants, sweat completely through their clothes, be all wet," Gardner said. He said he was told, "Clean them up as best you can before you give them to mom and dad."

Ashley Sones said both she and her younger brother Wesley were physically held down.

"My heart was racing," she said. "It felt like blood was rushing through my body."

Their mother never even knew. It was Small Smiles policy not to allow parents to be with their children.

"I trusted them," said Ashley's mother Wendy. "That's their job."

Since our reports first aired in December, Small Smiles changed its policies. It now allows parents to be present with their children for procedures.

While it still uses papoose boards, the policy is clearly posted and parents can refuse. As for Gardner, the company characterized him as someone with an ax to grind.

Gardner confessed to billing Medicaid for work he did not do.

*Investigators say Small Smiles cooperated in the investigation against Gardner and repaid nearly half a million dollars.*

Gardner has surrendered his medical license and now sells RVs in Indianapolis.

He says he was pressured into the Small Smiles way of doing business with the understanding that if he were caught, he would be taken care of.

"I've lost my career, I've lost my livelihood," he said.

A member of the Pediatric Dentistry Program at SUNY Buffalo conducted an independent review of the Small Smiles Rochester office last month.

He concluded that restraints, crowns, and other procedures are being used in the proper manner.

Nevertheless, we were not allowed to see a copy of the review documents.

The reviewer spent only half a day at the clinic and did not interview parents. Criminal investigations are underway in several states including New York.

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## testimony

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March 13, 2008

Senate e-mail (not testifying in person)

Dear Senate e-mail (not testifying in person):

Senator David K. Ige, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair

Members of the Senate Committee on Health

Hearing: Friday, March 14, 2008 1:15 PM

Thank you for hearing HB 2301. As a practicing dentist in the Aiea-Pearl City area for 25 years, I am very much in support of legislation protecting our patients by keeping individual dentists responsible for patient treatment and continuing care.

I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2301, proposed revision HD2. As a practicing dentist in the State of Hawaii I am responsible for the welfare of my patients. Please see to it that I, and others like me, can continue the use of my own judgement in the practice of dentistry. This measure also includes a provision enabling me to properly care for an after hours emergency patient in my office at my discretion.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Glenn Okihiro, DDS  
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

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Committee on Health

Senator David Ige, Chair

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Friday, March 14, 2008

1:15 pm

Conference Room 016

I SUPPORT HB 2301 Relating to Dentist. This bill prohibits interference by an unlicensed person or entity in the practice of dentistry. This bill will protect the public from persons unfamiliar with the ethical practice of dentistry and help assure dentist the ability to see their patients after business hours for emergency care, as needed.

Further more, these corporate type clinics will most likely be located in urban areas where the population is highest, not in underserved areas. These clinics often do not accept Medicaid or Quest patients, due to the tremendous time involved with processing Medicaid and Quest claims. Preventative care and education may also be compromised as “drill um, fill um and bill um” type services would be more profitable and therefore preferred in these corporate clinics. Rather than taking the time to improve dental health in Hawaii we may see a further decline in health, unless you take action by passing this bill into law.

I urge you to support HB 2301

Thank you for considering this matter.

Sincerely,

Carl Kobayashi

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Email: [lanaismiles@wave.hicv.net](mailto:lanaismiles@wave.hicv.net)**Senate Bill 2301 Is Important for Dentistry in Hawaii**

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Members of the Senate Committee on Health  
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Please support HB2301 This Bill and your support is vital to our cause, to serve the residents of Hawaii.

Thanks for your support,

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Mark Sumikawa

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With aloha,

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With aloha,

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

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With aloha,

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

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**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Janice Lee  
1606 Makiki Street  
Honolulu, HI 96822-4430

March 13, 2008

Senate e-mail (not testifying in person)

Dear Senate e-mail (not testifying in person):

Senator David K. Ige, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair

Members of the Senate Committee on Health

Hearing: Friday, March 14, 2008 1:15 PM

I am submitting testimony in support of HB 2301, proposed revision HD2.  
As a practicing dentist in the State of Hawaii I am responsible for the welfare of my patients. Please see to it that I, and others like me, can continue the use of my own judgement in the practice of dentistry. This measure also includes a provision enabling me to properly care for an after hours emergency patient in my office at my discretion.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Janice Lee  
8089428070

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## testimony

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**From:** Earl Hasegawa [ehase@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 6:35 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Earl Hasegawa  
135 South Wakea Ave. Suite 103  
Kahului, HI 96732-1385

March 13, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Earl Hasegawa, DDS, MS

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## testimony

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**From:** Richard Tamaru [rtamaru@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 6:55 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Richard Tamaru  
11 Ala Kimo Drive  
Honolulu, HI 96817-5221

March 13, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Richard Tamaru  
(808)595-6010

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## testimony

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**From:** Kevin Ching [mokuluanui@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 3:06 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Kevin Ching  
1441 Kapiolani Blvd. Suite 408  
Honolulu, HI 96814-4400

March 12, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Kevin K.L. Ching DDS  
808-946-0442

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## testimony

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**From:** Craig Mason [cmasondds@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2008 7:47 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Craig Mason  
277 Aikahi Place  
Kailua, HI 96734-1648

March 13, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Dr. Craig A. Mason  
254-2888

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## testimony

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**From:** Arleen Regala [arleenregala@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 3:01 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Arleen Regala  
99-128 aiea hts dr.  
aiea, HI 96701-3925

March 12, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Arleen Regala

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## testimony

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**From:** Melvin Yamada [myamadadds@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 10:15 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Melvin Yamada  
3148 Manoa Road  
Honolulu, HI 96822-1227

March 13, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Melvin T. Yamada, D.D.S.  
8089886889

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## testimony

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**From:** Loren Liebling [loren@hawaiidentalassociation.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 12:24 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Loren Liebling  
1345 S. Beretania St.  
Honolulu, HI 96814-1802

March 12, 2008

Senate e-mail (not testifying in person)

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Loren Liebling  
808-593-7956

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## testimony

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**From:** James Merrett [mauismile.dds@hawaiiantel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 12:24 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

James Merrett  
2159 iliili Rd. #202  
Kihei, HI 96753-6821

March 12, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

James Merrett  
808 280 0493

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## testimony

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**From:** Berwyn Ito [berwynito@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 12:34 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Berwyn Ito  
1600 Kapiolani Blvd. #1400  
Honolulu, HI 96814-3807

March 12, 2008

Senate e-mail (not testifying in person)

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Berwyn Y. Ito, D.D.S.  
808-947-8888

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## testimony

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**From:** Marc Nakamura [nakamuram011@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 12:33 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Marc Nakamura  
2233 Halakau St  
Honolulu, HI 96821-2633

March 12, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Marc Nakamura

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## testimony

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**From:** steven kumasaka [macsak@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 12:36 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

steven kumasaka  
46-030 kamehameha highway  
kaneohe, HI 96744-3714

March 12, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Steven A Kumasaka, DDS

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## testimony

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**From:** George Wessberg [george@wessbergdds.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 12:37 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

George Wessberg  
900 Punahou St  
Honolulu, HI 96826-2500

March 12, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

George Wessberg, DDS

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## testimony

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**From:** Glenn Kaneda [gkanedadds@hawaiiintel.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 12:52 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Glenn Kaneda  
45 Aulike Street, Suite 45  
Kailua, HI 96734-2715

March 12, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Glenn Kaneda  
262-6000

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**testimony**

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**From:** Eugene Yamaguma [eugene@maui.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 12:54 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Eugene Yamaguma  
1885 Main St., Ste. 208  
Wailuku, HI 96793-1827

March 12, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Eugene Yamaguma, DDS, MSD  
242-4774

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## testimony

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**From:** Edmund Cassella [edcassella@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 12:44 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Edmund Cassella  
1441 Kapiolani Blvd Ste #1506  
Honolulu, HI 96814-4407

March 12, 2008

Senate e-mail (not testifying in person)

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Edmund A. Cassella, D.M.D.  
808-955-1506

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## testimony

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**From:** LLOYD UTO [lyuto@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 12:56 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

LLOYD UTO  
850 WEST HIND DRIVE  
HON, HI 96821-1855

March 12, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With warm regards,

Lloyd Y. Uto  
808-372-7164

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## testimony

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**From:** Mark Mark Watanabe [mark@pfdhi.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 12:58 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Mark Mark Watanabe  
4429 Malaai Street #103  
Honolulu, HI 96818-3158

March 12, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Mark Watanabe, DDS  
4221155

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## testimony

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**From:** Marcus Hannah [marcus\_hannah@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 1:04 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Marcus Hannah  
970 North Kalaheo Ave. Suite A305  
Kailua, HI 96734-1870

March 12, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Marcus Hannah  
808-254-5454

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## testimony

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**From:** Clarence Y. L. Chinn [cechinn@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 1:46 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Clarence Y. L. Chinn  
803 Kam Highway, Suite 300  
Pearl City, HI 96782-2638

March 12, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Clarence Y. L. Chinn  
(808)456-2651

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## testimony

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**From:** DMD James M. Sagawa [jmsmdp@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 1:47 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

DMD James M. Sagawa  
PO Box 630092  
Lanai City, HI 96763-0092

March 12, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

James M. Sagawa, DMD  
808-565-7337

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## testimony

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**From:** Wayne Leong [wshleong@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 1:55 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Wayne Leong  
82 Puuhonu Pl Ste 201  
Hilo, HI 96720-2010

March 12, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Wayne S H Leong  
808 935-3552

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## testimony

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**From:** Patrick Hayashi [pchayashi@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 2:05 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Patrick Hayashi  
1144 12th Ave  
Honolulu, HI 96816-3712

March 12, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Patrick Hayashi  
808-7373311

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## testimony

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**From:** Harrison Ishoda [drishida@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 1:20 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Harrison Ishoda  
3174 Waialae Ave.  
Honolulu, HI 96816-1510

March 12, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Harrison M. Ishida DDS  
808-734-7777

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## testimony

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**From:** Ted Kanamori [ttkddsinc@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 1:18 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Ted Kanamori  
3434 Haleakala Hwy  
PUKALANI, HI 96768-8510

March 12, 2008

Senate e-mail (not testifying in person)

Dear Senate e-mail (not testifying in person):

Senator David K. Ige, Chair  
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With aloha,

Ted T. Kanamori DDS  
808 572-0822

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## testimony

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**From:** Steve Wilhite [drsteve@aloha.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 1:15 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Steve Wilhite  
1329 Lusitana St. #405  
Honolulu, HI 96813-2412

March 12, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Steve Wilhite, DDS  
526-2800

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## testimony

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**From:** Steven Kanemoto [ssk@bizwind.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 1:12 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Steven Kanemoto  
934 Punahou Street  
Honolulu, HI 96826-2522

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With aloha,

Steven S. Kanemoto, D.M.D.  
(808) 949-8341

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**From:** Mricris Macapagal [leocriz@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 1:07 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Mricris Macapagal  
615 Piikoi St, Ste 1806  
Honolulu, HI 96814-3142

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With aloha,

Maricris H. Macapagal D.M.D  
596-4434

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## testimony

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**From:** Jennifer Lee [jenchenglee@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 1:22 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Jennifer Lee  
1314 South King St. #725  
Honolulu, HI 96814-1942

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With aloha,

Jennifer C. Lee DDS

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**From:** Keith Kuroiwa [kdrkeithk@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 2:18 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Keith Kuroiwa  
47-648 Alawiki Street  
Kaneohe, HI 96744-4695

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With aloha,

Keith Kuroiwa  
239-8558

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## testimony

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**From:** Candace Wada [cwada@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 2:15 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Candace Wada  
4211 Waiialae Avenue Suite 309  
Honolulu, HI 96816-5316

March 12, 2008

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With aloha,

Candace Wada, D.D.S.  
808-732-9232

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## testimony

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**From:** Neil Furuya [furuyafamily@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 3:19 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Neil Furuya  
615 Piikoi Street, PH2  
Honolulu, HI 96814-3138

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Neil Furuya, D.D.S.  
5939400

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## testimony

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**From:** Michael Miyamoto [mailto:mail@drmikem.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 3:48 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Michael Miyamoto  
1885 Main St., #203  
Wailuku, HI 96793-1827

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Michael Miyamoto  
808-242-7007

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## testimony

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**From:** Brad Ching [bchingendodontics@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 4:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Brad Ching  
615 Piikoi St., Ste #1501  
Honolulu, HI 96814-3142

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Dr. Brad Ching  
808-596-8625

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**From:** DMD Todd G. Carter [tgcarterdmd@mauioralsurgery.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 4:20 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

DMD Todd G. Carter  
1063 lower main st C-221  
wailuku, HI 96793-6006

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Todd G. Carter, DMD  
8082447634

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## testimony

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**From:** Bert Sumikawa [bertsumi@lava.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 4:21 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Bert Sumikawa  
1026 S. King St.  
Honolulu, HI 96814-2114

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Bert Sumikawa  
5938828

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## testimony

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**From:** David Sumikawa [sumi@lava.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 4:39 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

David Sumikawa  
1026 S King St  
Honolulu, HI 96814-2114

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With aloha,

David Sumikawa

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**From:** DMD MARIA M. NGOAP [almarlei@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 9:44 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

DMD MARIA M. NGOAP  
2055 N KING ST. RM 208  
HONOLULU, HI 96819-3462

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With aloha,

MARIA M. NGOAP, DMD  
843-1182

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## testimony

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**From:** Wendy Wakai [wakaiw001@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 9:45 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Wendy Wakai  
1268 Young St #202  
Honolulu, HI 96814-1801

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With aloha,

Wendy Wakai  
808-593-8861

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## testimony

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**From:** Dr.Jennifer Sasada [monster2517@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 9:41 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Dr.Jennifer Sasada  
98-150 Kaonohi Street C-201  
Aiea, HI 96701-5022

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With aloha,

Dr.Jennifer Sasada  
488-3368

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**From:** philip chang [pdwdssc@juno.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 9:08 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

philip chang  
1613 nuuanu ave.  
honolulu, HI 96817-3276

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

philip w.s. chang  
808-533-4606

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## testimony

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**From:** Peter Saker [psaker@hoolalahui.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2008 8:42 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Peter Saker  
4251 Ono Street  
Lihue, HI 96766-9076

March 13, 2008

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With aloha,

Peter R Saker DMD  
808 635 2177

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**From:** Randall Yee [yeedaman@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 12, 2008 9:01 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Randall Yee  
887 Pulehu Rd.  
Kula, HI 96790-8311

March 13, 2008

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With aloha,

Randall Yee  
2426857

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## testimony

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**From:** DDS Lance I. Teramoto [lteramotodds@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2008 8:13 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

DDS Lance I. Teramoto  
4747 Kilauea Ave. #101  
Honolulu, HI 96816-5308

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Lance I. Teramoto, DDS  
737-9882

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## testimony

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**From:** Michelle Kobayashi [kobayashi\_michelle@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2008 8:24 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Michelle Kobayashi  
3103 Pualei Circle Apt 301  
Honolulu, HI 96815-4918

March 13, 2008

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With aloha,

Michelle Kobayashi

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## testimony

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**From:** Chadron Araki [chadronaraki@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2008 11:38 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Chadron Araki  
94-615 Kupuohi St., #206  
Waipahu, HI 96797-5329

March 13, 2008

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Chadron S. Araki, DDS  
8086882888

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## testimony

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**From:** Gary T. Oda [odag002@hawaii.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2008 11:57 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Gary T. Oda  
91-791 Papipi Rd., #1  
Ewa Beach, HI 96706-2456

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With aloha,

Gary T. Oda, D.D.S.  
8086897966

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## testimony

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**From:** Gerald Kim [kidice@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2008 10:30 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Gerald Kim  
1441 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1515  
Honolulu, HI 96814-4407

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With aloha,

Gerald Kim  
808-941-9888

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## testimony

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**From:** Malia Kamisugi [akubelly@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 13, 2008 10:45 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** House Bill 2301 is important for Dentistry in Hawaii

Malia Kamisugi  
1060 Young Street, suite 201  
Honolulu, HI 96814-1609

March 13, 2008

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With aloha,

Malia Kamisugi

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# HB3146

## HD2

Measure Title:

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH FOR THE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

Report Title:

Emergency Appropriation for the Adult Mental Health Division (\$)

Description:

To authorize an emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2007-2008 of \$9,065,000 from general funds to the Department of Health (DOH), for the Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD). (HB3146 HD2)

Package:

Governor

Companion:

SB3068

Introducer(s):

SAY (BR)

Current Referral:

HTH, WAM





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**Senate Committee on Health**

**H.B. 3146, H.D. 2 MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health**

**March 14, 2008, 1:15 p.m.**

- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department strongly supports this Administration-sponsored measure.
- 2 This emergency appropriation funds continuation of services provided by the adult mental health
- 3 division (AMHD).
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** The department respectfully requests the Committee's consideration in restoring
- 5 the full, original amount of \$10 million for this emergency appropriation. The entire \$10 million is
- 6 urgently needed by the Adult Mental Health Division to ensure the continuity of services this division
- 7 provides throughout the State. AMHD has encumbered and/or expended all general funds allotted for
- 8 fiscal year 2007-2008. AMHD is heavily relying on special funds to continue to meet all its obligations.
- 9 While the Department has been working diligently with the Department of Human Services (DHS) to
- 10 expedite an increase in federal revenues, the Department also continues to realize projected increases in
- 11 its expenditures in the area of POS contracts.
- 12 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department strongly supports this emergency appropriation which
- 13 funds continuation of services in the areas of case management, crisis services, treatment services,
- 14 rehabilitation services, and housing.
- 15 AMHD serves a continuously increasing population: for comparison, 4,445 consumers received
- 16 services in fiscal year 2002-2003 versus 14,576 consumers in fiscal year 2006-2007. This represents an

1 over 300% increase in persons served by AMHD over the past five years, and a 19% increase from  
2 fiscal year 2005-2006 to the current 2006-2007 fiscal year.

3 The primary reason for the significant increase in number of persons served is the capacity  
4 expansion of available services throughout the islands. This expansion was triggered by a federal  
5 lawsuit *United States v. State of Hawaii, et al.* Civil Number 91-00137 (DAE KSC) that first involved  
6 the Hawaii State Hospital (1991) and later was expanded to address the needs of consumers in the  
7 community (June 2003). In November 2007, the State successfully exited the settlement agreement  
8 resulting from the suit. This emergency appropriation will allow AMHD to continue providing existing  
9 services to the expanding eligible population and to continue funding of required services developed  
10 during the current fiscal year.

11 In response to the increased numbers of consumers served and the increase in budgetary  
12 requirement, there are a number of initiatives that AMHD has embarked upon to increase revenue and  
13 decrease general fund expenditures:

14 INCREASE REVENUES:

- 15 • Ensure all incoming and existing AMHD consumers obtain health insurance coverage  
16 when available;
- 17 • Ensure Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) providers are in compliance with  
18 requirements which will increase MRO revenue;
- 19 • Increase focus on revenue generation from state-operated clinics; and
- 20 • Seek contracts with all third party payers for AMHD services.

21 DECREASE EXPENDITURES:

- 22 • Review and revise diagnostic eligibility criteria policies and procedures;
- 23 • Develop a diagnosis-based “tiered” array of services;
- 24 • Enforce 60 day payment policy;

- 1           • Implement billing edits to reject claims regarding frequency and duration caps; and
- 2           • Identify administrative expenditures for postponement, reduction or elimination

3           Despite diligent efforts towards budget restraint, there are other factors that contribute to the  
4           shortfall, such as the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Special Fund Ceiling in relation to Medicaid  
5           Rehabilitation Option revenues. The fund generates revenue under a Memorandum of Agreement  
6           (MOA) with the Department of Human Services (DHS) called the Medicaid Rehabilitation Option  
7           (MRO). Under the MRO, AMHD is allowed to bill DHS for certain services paid to POS contractors.  
8           DHS returns federal matching funds to AMHD for these expenditures based on a percentage of the State  
9           dollars expended. The special fund is used to offset AMHD's general fund allotment. The Department  
10          is working diligently with DHS to expedite an increase in federal revenues.

11          Finally, operational deficits at Hawaii State Hospital (HSH) have risen in relation to an  
12          increased, high census. Last fiscal year, HSH had a budget deficit of \$5,000,000. This included funding  
13          forty beds at Kahi Mohala. However, the Kahi Mohala contract has been reduced to thirty-two beds this  
14          year, resulting in a savings of over \$5,000,000. Additionally, HSH management has taken measures to  
15          reduce the overall use of contracted agency staff, resulting in lower deficits. The hospital budget is  
16          based on an expected daily census of 178. However, this year since September the HSH average daily  
17          census has been 191. In total, the budget deficit for the HSH for fiscal year 2008-2009 is projected to be  
18          \$1,104,698.

19          Approval of this funding will allow AMHD to continue to address related social issues of  
20          homelessness, co-occurring substance abuse, emergency mental health services, and access to critical  
21          mental health services including housing, employment opportunities, rehabilitation, treatment, case  
22          management, and those individuals served at HSH. In total, this funding will allow AMHD to assist  
23          people with severe mental illness in Hawaii to fully participate and contribute in the community through  
24          their recovery process.

1            Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure. We respectfully request your  
2    expeditious and favorable consideration of this proposal.

# **HB 3146 (HD2) MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE ADULT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION**

*To authorize an emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2007-2008 of \$10,000,000 from general funds to the Department of Health (DOH), for the Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD).*

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
MARCH 14 1:15 PM CONF. ROOM 016

Sen. David Y. Ige, Chair  
Sen. Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

## **Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition**

GOOD MORNING CHAIR IGE, VICE CHAIR FUKUNAGA AND DISTINGUISHED  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

My name is Alan Johnson. I am the current chair of the Hawaii Substance Abuse Coalition (HSAC), a statewide hui of more than twenty non-profit treatment and prevention agencies.

### **HSAC supports HB 3146:**

The population of residents engaged in mental health services has increased from around 4,000 to 5,000 a few years ago to over 14,000 today. AMHD has implemented significant cost savings practices in recent years to help address this crisis change in census that includes, but not limited to: integrating with substance abuse treatment services using strength-based "recovery methods"; increased case management; implementing more transition programs and group homes; more expansive and effective services at Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC); and more collaborative and integrated practices with community services. Never-the-less, state agencies and community based agencies will continue to collaborate to find ever more improvements in services to provide adequate care at reduced per client costs.

However, the multi-million dollar per year budget that once did cover less than 5,000 clients is not sufficient to treat 14,000 clients. It is the result of improved services that AMHD only requests \$10 million.

We applaud the Legislator's decisive previous actions that have proven to be making a difference in reducing drug and alcohol abuse and addiction. On behalf of HSAC, we appreciate the opportunity to provide information and are available for questions.



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GOOD DAY CHAIR IGE AND CHAIR CHUN OAKLAND AND
MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEES ON HEALTH AND HUMAN
SERVICES AND PUBLIC HOUSING:

In Support

My name is Marion Poirier. I am the Exccutive Director of NAMI
Hawai'i, and I am representing the organization in support of HB 3146,
which makes an authorization for an emergency appropriation for fiscal
year 2007-2008 of \$9,065,000 from general funds to the Department of
Health (DOH), for the Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD). (HB3146,
HD2)

The Adult Mental Health Division has had increased requests for services
of all types, and needs this additional money to serve people with serious
mental illnesses in an appropriate fashion. This bill will provide needed
resources that will benefit both people afflicted with mental illnesses and
the general community.

We respectfully request that you pass this bill out of your Committee, and
thank you for hearing this important measure.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Marion Poirier, M.A., R.N.

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**testimony**

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 3146, HD2**

TO: The Senate Committee on Health, Senator David Ige, Chair  
The Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing,  
Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair

FROM: Ku'ulei A. Kilonia, Chair  
State Council on Mental Health

Hearing Date: Friday, March 14, 2008  
Time: 1:15 p.m.  
Place: Conference Room 016

Dear Chairs Ige, Chun-Oakland and Committee Members,

This testimony is in support of the *intent* of House Bill 3146, HD2, but in opposition to the amount of money requested. The State Council on Mental Health humbly requests a larger amount of funds for the emergency appropriation mentioned in this bill. We ask this because the amount that the Adult Mental Health Department (AMHD) needs in order to erase it's 2007-2008 deficit is \$18,000,000. Currently, only \$9,065,000 is requested.

Receiving a lower amount than what is actually needed could adversely affect the programs and services that took so much time and effort by so many, to meet compliance with the federal lawsuit that successfully ended after so many years.

**Please reconsider the amount of money that is being requested for an emergency appropriation. The amount needs to be \$18,000,000.**

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

Sincerely,

Ku'ulei A. Kilonia  
(sent via email: [kuuleikiliona@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:kuuleikiliona@hawaii.rr.com))

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## testimony

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Lawrence Fujioka  
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March 14, 2008

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Dear Senate e-mail (not testifying in person):

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

Lawrence Fujioka

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With aloha,

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With aloha,

Michael B. Wong, D.D.S.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

With aloha,

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# HB3152

# HD1

Measure Title:

MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND INJURY  
PREVENTION SYSTEM BRANCH

Report Title:

Emergency Appropriation for Emergency Medical Services (\$)

Description:

Makes an emergency appropriation for fiscal year 2007-2008 to pay for costs associated with ambulance service contract collective bargaining increases negotiated by the ambulance services provider for the City and County of Honolulu. (HB3152 HD1)

Package:

Governor

Companion:

SB3074

Introducer(s):

SAY (BR)

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**H.B. 3152 HD1, MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
AND INJURY PREVENTION SYSTEM BRANCH.**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health**

**March 14, 2008, 1:15 p.m.**

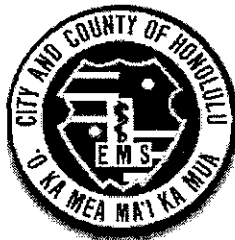
- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department strongly supports this Administration bill.
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** Requesting an emergency appropriation of \$1,807,539 for fiscal year 2007-2008.
- 3 **Purpose and Justification:** The State provides emergency ambulance services for Oahu through
- 4 contractual arrangement with the City and County of Honolulu. The City and County of Honolulu
- 5 Emergency Services Department employs personnel represented by United Public Workers, Unit 1 and
- 6 Unit 10, and Hawaii Government Employees Association Unit 3 and Unit 13 for the collective
- 7 bargaining of salaries and employee benefits. The purpose of this request is to comply with negotiated
- 8 collective bargaining increases in fiscal year 2008 and maintain emergency ambulance services to meet
- 9 the public's need.

10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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March 12, 2008

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Committee on Health  
The Senate  
The Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii

Dear Chair Ige and Members:

RE: **HB 3152 HD1 MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND INJURY PREVENTION SYSTEM BRANCH**

I offer my testimony is in strong **SUPPORT** of HB 3152 HD1, relating to MAKING AN EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AND INJURY PREVENTION SYSTEM BRANCH.

I urge your **approval of HB 3152 HD1**. The EMS professionals of the City and County of Honolulu Emergency Medical Services Division are worthy of the raise.

Thank you for listening.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Dukes, MICT  
Chief of Emergency Medical Services  
Honolulu Emergency Services Department

# HB 1890

# HD 1

Measure Title:

MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

Report Title:

AIDS; HIV; Health Care; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to the department of health for health care and related services to people living with the human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome. Effective 7/1/2020. (HB1890 HD1)

Introducer(s):

BELATTI, CALDWELL, CARROLL, HANOHANO, LEE, MAGAOAY, MANAHAN,  
MIZUNO, B. OSHIRO, M. OSHIRO, SAIKI, SHIMABUKURO, TAKUMI, WAKAI,  
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**Senate Committee on Health**

**H.B. 1890 H.D.1, Making An Appropriation for Health Care Services**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health**

**March 14, 2008, 1:15 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department respectfully opposes this measure because it would  
2 adversely impact priorities as set forth in the Executive Supplemental Budget.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** This bill does not specify the amount of funds to be appropriated, if new funds are  
4 being added to the Department of Health budget or if the funds are being appropriated from the existing  
5 Department of Health Budget.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this bill is to appropriate an unspecified sum to the  
7 Department in FY 2008-2009. The funds are intended to supplement federal funds for HIV/AIDS care  
8 service funds received through the Ryan White (CARE) Act. For Federal Ryan White Act grant cycle  
9 which encompasses April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008, the Hawaii State Department of Health  
10 received \$3.2 million funding through the CARE Act. The extent to which funds may be in jeopardy or  
11 the impact on specific HIV services due to the provisions of the recently reauthorized CARE Act cannot  
12 be estimated at the present time.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

Bill No. **HB 1890**  
Bill title: **MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES**

To: Senate Committee on Health  
Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair

Hearing Date: Friday, March 14, 2008 (1:15 pm)

Hearing Location: Conference Room 016

Testimony from: Dominic Chow, MD, MPH,  
Director, Clint Spencer Clinic  
Associate Professor, Department of Medicine and Pediatrics, University of Hawaii John  
A. Burns School of Medicine

Representing: Clint Spencer Clinic

**SUBMITTED FOR WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

Dear Committee Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Fukunaga and distinguished Members of the Health Committee:

As the Director of the Clint Spencer Clinic, our clinic provides clinical care and education to a large number of Hawaii's HIV infected adult and pediatric population. We treat all individuals infected with HIV the same, regardless if they have insurance or not. Antiretroviral medications have dramatically improved the lives of our patients. However, for these life saving medications to be effective, these medications need to be taken regularly in the day. These medications need to be stored appropriately, often requiring refrigeration. In addition, many of these medications need to be taken with food. These expensive medications and therapy will not mean much if these patients are not able to take them appropriately. It is therefore essential that housing and food be supplemented for these infected individuals to achieve productive and healthy lives. The danger is that without food and housing assistance, many of these infected individuals may have worsening of their disease. The cost savings from removing the current food and housing assistance may be offset by the raising health related costs of worsening disease. There will be no savings and the health of our patients will be worse off.

**I strongly support HB 1890**, which proposes state funding to supplement the federal funds received from the Ryan White CARE Act Reauthorization Bill (HR 6143). This bill would assist in supporting the care of our patients.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify and your thoughtful consideration of this bill which is important to HIV infected individuals living in Hawaii.



# Life Foundation

## WRITTEN TESTIMONY

Senate Committee on Health  
Friday, March 14, 2008  
1:15p.m. in Room 016

FIGHTING AIDS  
IN HAWAII  
AND THE PACIFIC

### HB 1890 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HEALTH HD 1 CARE SERVICES

Chairman Ige and members of the Committee on Health:

Life Foundation, Hawaii's oldest and largest AIDS organization, would like to be recorded **In support** of this timely bill:

Hawaii can be proud of its early and effective response to the AIDS epidemic. The AIDS system here is a model of how the branches of government, working in close collaboration, with the private sector, can successfully confront something as terrifying and stigmatized as AIDS.

As a result, we have a statewide system of HIV counseling/testing, HIV prevention and case management, in addition to programs that provide needed housing and nutritional assistance. We also have a statewide sterile needle exchange program and a university based clinical trials program that was rescued from near oblivion last year by the legislature.

However, we should not honor the good work done and the many people helped by allowing our well-crafted AIDS response system to decline due to lack of resources. AIDS is not over. AIDS caseloads continue to grow and remain high due to the fact that people are not dying in great numbers anymore. At the same time, they are not cured and many are unable to return to work. There will be an end to this – but it is nowhere in sight.

It should be noted that those of us who provide AIDS services have not been content to let the State bear the entire financial burden. We have been able to attract federal funds and we all are involved in unrelenting fundraising efforts. In saying that, I want to reaffirm that the State has a responsibility to fight this disease and assure you that your investment of the people's money in this cause will pay substantial dividends in lives saved and others spared from HIV. Thank you for your consideration.

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**House BILL HB 1890 HD 1 - TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT**

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

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**SENATE BILL HB 1890 HD1 - TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE**

Aloha Senator David Y. Ige, Chair, Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

***My Name is Raymond Alejo, RN***

Please add the need for medical housing for people diagnosed with AIDS and HIV. We have HIV clients in the hospital that are homeless. Hospitals are pressured to discharge patients without adequate housing plan for continued medical care and recovery.

Hospitals often threaten patients that they will charge them \$500-\$1000 dollars a day if the hospital decides to change the patient's status to ICF and DC with out adequate housing plans done for that patient.

Often the patient has no housing resources and will need time to re-cooperate. But with the threat of being charged \$1000.00 a day, the client is forced to leave the hospital or face being in debt without money, to pay for their hospital stay.

This can be often avoided with appropriate DC planning but at times it is not the case. Patients are often too weak at that point to defend themselves against being charged that

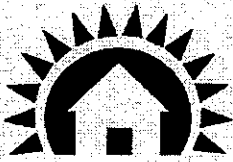
and many have no family to take them.

Please add the need for medical housing for people diagnosed with AIDS and HIV, and fund this important need.

Aloha,

*Raymond Alejo, Nurse Case Manager for Life Foundation*

**House BILL HB 1890 HD1- TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT**



# GREGORY HOUSE PROGRAMS

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## COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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## **RE: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1890, HD1**

Dear Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Fukunaga and Committee Members:

My Name is Jon Berliner, and I serve as executive director of Gregory House Programs, Hawaii's only statewide HIV/AIDS housing program. I strongly support passage of HB 1890, HD 1.

Over the years, particularly from 1995 – 2002, state funding for HIV care services was continually reduced through budget restrictions, while at the same time case loads continued to increase placing more demands on services. Hawaii will see a reduction in Federal Ryan White CARE Act (now called the Ryan White Modernization Act of 2006) funding due to newly established formulas that penalize smaller states with lower incidence rates. However, the need here is still tremendous. Additionally, due to the federal budget for FY '09, just released by the president, funding for housing services under the HUD HOPWA program, for persons with HIV/AIDS, is proposed to be level funded while at the same time three new jurisdictions will be eligible meaning that all other jurisdictions will experience funding reductions -- under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's HOPWA – Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS program. The State of Hawaii will experience, once again, a reduction in funding.

HB 1890, HD1 is of particular importance and has some current urgency because the federal Department of Health & Human Services - HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) issued on February 26, 2008 Policy Notice 99-02 Amendment 1, entitled "The Use of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Funds for Housing Referral Services and Short-term or Emergency Housing Needs, provides grantees with guidance on the use of Title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act (Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program) funds for short-term and emergency housing assistance for persons living with HIV/AIDS that significantly restricts the use of Ryan White funds for housing services, and this amendment will significantly limit and negatively impact housing services for persons with HIV/AIDS here in Hawaii as well as elsewhere.

Maintenance of funding is needed for the areas addressed in HB 1890, HD 1. Without adequate funding for housing, case management, and support services, it will be more challenging for persons / families living with HIV/AIDS to gain access to primary medical care and other support services. The services funded under HB 1890, HD 1 are critical and essential in providing stability in the lives of persons challenged with living with HIV/AIDS. I urge the committee to pass HB 1890, HD 1. Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony.

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## Testimony in Strong Support of HB 1890 HD1.

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\* I will be present to give oral Testimony and to answer any questions I am able to.

*Aloha Senator Ige, Senator Fukunaga, and Committee Members,*

**My name is Joseph Rattner and on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008, I will be diagnosed HIV Positive for 17 years. I consider that date an Anniversary because of the life I was Blessed with despite the new ways of life I had to learn how to lead. Retiring early from my lively hood of Opticianry' and having to give up a lovely home is not what I had in mind, but HIV had different ideas for me.**

**My Disability from a life with HIV came to fruition when I moved to Hawaii from New Jersey 6 years ago. All of a sudden it was hard to obtain my medications, even more difficult to fulfill the Dentistry I so desperately needed, and with the obvious sense that the HIV Community in Hawaii was suffering dramatically, I was a tremendously concerned.**

**In 2004 I was blessed with Founding West Oahu Hope For A Cure Foundation, a newly**

**blossoming AIDS Service Organization (ASO) located in Ewa Beach, serving the Leeward and West Side Communities of Oahu or elsewhere Island or State wide in need of Care or Prevention services. I am presently the organization's President and acting Executive Director.**

**I was wait listed by Gregory House Programs, the only Housing program in Hawaii for people living with HIV/AIDS. When I learned there was a gathering place that not only distributes Healthy food but as well as maintained a Vitamin Program, was music to my ears. Problem is that the Vitamin program has been slowly cut, year by year, as they delete many important Vitamins(now offering 3 basic kinds) with home delivery's reduced to once a month. Worse off, does the program cover the full ADAP formulary of Medications. There is already discussion about removing and/or changing important drugs to an HIVers life. There have been years that I needed to ask you all to pay for medications to keep me alive.**

**Your heard my plight and three years ago SB 1227 was passed unanimously with just enough funding to allow an abnormally expensive medication to be dispensed through ADAP because the drug fell into the Protease Inhibitor category. The Governor signed off on \$50,000 which was to be split into: Half for the ADAP program and half for the HSPAMM program which pays for bi-annual examinations at Leahi Hospital. The only Wellnes Center on all of the Islands for people living with HIV was shut down this year leaving the Community lost in outer space when it came to working out or maintaining a balanced diet with a Nutritionist who was at the Center 75% of the time for exams, tests and advice.**

**Patients now live longer, but many are unable to return to work due to their health and debilitating side effects of the treatments for HIV/AIDS. These patients continue to need housing, nutrition services, and case management as well as life-saving medications, often for many years. While we hope that better treatments will offer a cure, or at least a better recovery, right now, that is not the reality for most people with HIV/AIDS.**

**We have had some very important legislation pending since last year at the Hawaii State legislature for funding of HIV Programs. Many requests were sent to have a hearing, so that this Bill HB 1890 could be considered by the House to then be passed out by the House Finance Committee. HB 1890 was finally scheduled for a hearing shortly before the cross over, passing with AMENDMENTS and sent to the Senate. Mahalo to Rep. Marcus Oshiro and his Staff for believing in the necessity of this Bill. I am most grateful for the House Health Committee hearing this measure and passing it unanimously!**

**The HIV Community had put their hopes in SB 2890. Senate Bill SB 2890, introduced by Senator Will Espero, a similar measure for additional HIV funding was passed UNAMENDED by the Senate Health Committee, but the Bill will not be heard by (WAM) Ways and Means. Senator Baker is working very hard to find additional funding to add to the budget for HIV programs, but all she can do now is promise to try and find some funding.**

**Our hope for additional funding and support from the Hawaii Legislature is tentative at best this year. We had hoped to get extra funding for people living with HIV for Housing, Dental, Food, and other HIV programs. We are currently under funded in general for our AIDS Service Organizations, (ASOs), in Hawaii to operate efficiently. Our ASOs are hard pressed to even meet current demand by HIV positive clients. More clients are expected in next few years as new HIV rapid tests are implemented and the known HIV population here expands.**

**It is imperative that we meet the needs of the HIV Community. Hawaii needs to maintain strong HIV programs for both prevention and care. These programs are essential in keeping people healthy who are living with HIV, and in preventing the spread of the virus. Hawaii will**

pay more in health care costs in the long run if it continues to accept AIDS funding cuts with no additional support. What is needed is the support of the ENTIRE Hawaii Legislature NOW, and ensure the quality of life for people living with HIV/AIDS .

For these and so many other reasons I am strongly supporting HB 1890 HD1!

*Thank you for your present support , and your help in creating a brighter future for people in Hawaii living with HIV or AIDS.*

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TO:  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair,  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair, and  
Committee Members

Hawaii's proposed Fiscal Year 2008 budget from federal and state resources will reduce funding for some of Hawaii's HIV/AIDS programs. According to the Department of Health STD/AIDS Prevention Branch chief, Peter Whiticar, total funding has been declining for several years, and there will be even less money for HIV programs this coming year.

Important housing, food assistance and dental programs are not adequately funded. Hawaii's AIDS service organizations are already straining to provide adequate services for known cases of HIV. Housing programs have enormous waiting lists. The various food programs are inconsistent, nonexistent, or under-funded. Dental programs are inadequate, often leading to more expensive care. These programs are essential in keeping people healthy and in preventing the spread of the virus.

Hawaii's HB 1890 HD1 is meant to supplement the federal funds received from the Ryan White CARE Act Reauthorization Bill (HR 6143). Please provide adequate funding for those leaving with the burden of HIV/AIDS and to prevent further spread of this disease.

Very truly yours,

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**House BILL HB 1890 HD 1  
TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE**

***Aloha Senator David Y. Ige, Chair, Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair, and  
Committee Members,***

**My Name is Scott Orton, and I have been living with AIDS for 8 YEARS.** I co-facilitate the Friday HIV Support Group at Life Foundation on Oahu, and have assisted many living with HIV to cope with the many problems associated with the disease.

**Hawaii's proposed Fiscal Year 2008 budget from federal and state resources will reduce funding** for some of the HIV/AIDS programs here. Total funding has been declining for several years, according to the Department of Health. Peter Whiticar, STD/AIDS Prevention Branch chief, affirmed that there will be even less money for HIV programs this coming year.

**Very important housing, food assistance and dental programs currently do not have enough funding.** All these programs are essential in keeping people healthy who are living with HIV, and in preventing the spread of the virus.

**Are we being penny wise but pound foolish with HIV funding?** Hawaii's HB 1890 HD1 is meant to supplement the federal funds received from the Ryan White CARE Act Reauthorization Bill (HR 6143). This past year, there have been problems in housing, food and dental programs due to lack of funding. So much more could be done, but because of tight budget constraints good programs are now under-funded. Our hope, for a better economic time, won't wait with HIV/AIDS. Waiting on funding will only fuel the spread of HIV, every time that we turn away or put wait lists on important programs.

**HIV numbers are about to skyrocket as all persons with HIV, not just AIDS, under care, will be reported to the State.** Names reporting for HIV will take effect as soon as Gov. Linda Lingle signs on to

the administrative rules change. . It will take several years before we start getting close approximate counts of the number of people living with HIV here in the islands.

**We're also faced with the additional burden of care and support services for the new cases.**

Hawaii's AIDS service organizations are already straining to provide adequate services for known cases of HIV. Housing programs have enormous wait lists. Food programs are inconsistent, non-existent, or under funded. Dental Programs are inadequate, often leading to more expensive care.

**HIV/AIDS isn't over. And it's time to speak up and support this legislation, Testimony in Strong Support,**

Love and Aloha,

Scott Orton, an HIV/AIDS Awareness Advocate

**House BILL HB 1890 HD1- TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT**

Bcc: Dacoconut Wireless Members

Bill No. **HB 1890 HD1**  
Bill title: **Making an Appropriation for Health Care Services**

Committee: Senate COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Chair: Sen. David Ige  
Hearing Date: Friday 14 March 2008  
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Testimony from: Tom Sheeran  
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Representing: People living with HIV/AIDS in Hawaii

Dear Committee Chair Ige,

I previously submitted testimony to the House **strongly in favor of HB 1890, HD1 Making an Appropriation for Health Care Services.** I wish to restate my support and urge passage of this important measure because it will provide funding for vital services needed by people living with HIV/AIDS.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony for the committee.

## testimony

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Louis Kenui Nartatez  
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My name is Louis Kenui Nartatez. Thank you for letting me provide testimony on House Bill HB 1890 HD 1, "A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES,"

I have been HIV+ since 1993, and if it wasn't for the health care and services I receive, I wouldn't be alive today. Thank you to the many organizations that help me. For that I am grateful.

There are many people living with this virus, but it doesn't mean we can't enjoy the blessings of being alive as everyone else. It is hard to survive with so many programs and services being cut. I myself need these services, and can't afford these services out of my own pocket. Thank God, I have a disability income, but with the cost of living my disability income isn't enough.

However, more funding is definitely needed to sustain the programs we have now. The AIDS Service Organizations (ASO's) helped me in gaining my health and my life back. I've been helped with life-saving medications.

I can see clearly now with the eyeglasses I received last year. And now, I have a place to go twice a week for lunch and pick-up groceries. Also, last but not least, where would I be without a place to live? I receive subsidized housing that goes according to my limited disability income.

These are a few of the areas I get help with involving healthcare related support and services, food, dental, mental health, and housing. Please I urge you to pass House Bill HB 1890 HD 1. Once again, thank you for allowing me to give testimony on this measure.

Mahalo,

Louis Kenui Nartatez



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**House BILL HB 1890 HD 1  
TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE**

*Aloha Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair, Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,*

*I am writing to support and to urge your support of HB1890. I am a person living with AIDS, thus making this a very important piece of legislation.*

*February, 2001, "Bill's Place" was created, and I was asked to be the General Manager. Bill's Place is a food distribution organization which allows the clients of The Foodbasket to come by to pick up their weekly supply of groceries, consisting of fresh milk, meat, fish, fresh produce, and some types of canned foods, and dry goods.*

*We are funded by government grants, (Ryan White – Federal), private grants that we have solicited, fundraisers, and private donations. Last year our Ryan White grants were slashed by 80%. Needless to say, this had a very negative effect. Less money to do more with? We have been very innovative, but have run out of ideas.*

*Our cost of goods, are ever increasing. We also have an ever increasing number of clients. With the passage of this bill, we will be able to continue our distribution of the same quality of goods and services to the HIV community..*

**Thank You,  
Ray Abelsen**

**House BILL HB 1890 HD1- TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT**

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**Bill No.**            **HB 1890**  
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**Testimony from:**

**Representing:**

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Dear Committee Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Fukunaga and distinguished Members of the Health Committee:

I am currently conducting an needs assessment on HIV medical care state-wide for the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, in collaboration with the Department of Health. Part of this assessment involves a survey of over 350 HIV-infected people living in our state. About 43% of them were living on a combined household income of less than \$12,000 a year and an additional 30% were living on a combined household income of less that \$25,000 a year. Without programs to help with food and housing, these incomes do not allow them to maintain a stable living situation necessary to adhere to their medication and an adequate diet to maintain their health.

Please support them.

Lisa Marten, Dr.PH  
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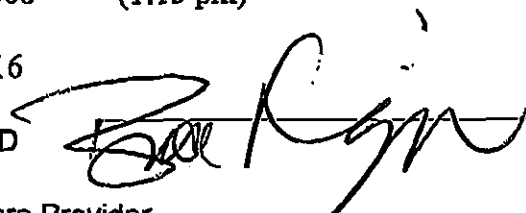
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Testimony from: Bruce Shiramizu, MD



Representing: Community Healthcare Provider

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Dear Committee Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Fukunaga and distinguished Members of the Health Committee:

My name is Bruce Shiramizu and I have been a physician in Hawai'i since 1997. As a pediatrician whose first exposure to children infected with HIV was during my training at the National Institutes of Health, I have witnessed the devastation and treatment successes accompanying the epidemic in this country. For the last 10 years, I have been involved in HIV/AIDS care in Hawaii; and have been fortunate to see the tremendous progress in HIV/AIDS care being provided to patients in Hawaii inflicted with the virus. In my capacity as a physician in the Hawaii, I have had the opportunity to volunteer with ~~service organizations supported by the State of Hawaii such as the Gregory House~~ Programs and the Life Foundation. Through partnerships and collaborations with these organizations dedicated to improving the quality of life for our patients in Hawaii, I am proud that we have such caring and concerned leaders in the community at in the state. I would like to present testimony in favor of HB 1890 (MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES). As a Hawaii resident and physician, I support this bill because it would augment the dwindling financial resources for many of the organizations dedicated to HIV/AIDS healthcare and services in Hawaii. While incredible progress has been achieved in improving the prognosis for HIV-infected patients, the cure for the disease still remains a dream; and thus many residents in Hawaii are still in need of healthcare services. I appreciate the Committee Members' consideration of this very important bill that impacts the whole state, directly and indirectly. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony for the committee.

Bill No. **HB 1890**  
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Senator David Ige, Chair  
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Testimony from: Debra Ogata-Arakaki, R.N.  
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Representing: Nurses caring for people with HIV/AIDS

**SUBMITTED FOR WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY**

Dear Committee Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Fukunaga and distinguished Members of the Health Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support of HB 1890, (MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES).

My name is Debra Ogata-Arakaki. I was born and raised in Hawaii, and have spent the past 21 years working as an HIV research nurse and coordinator. I began my research career in 1986 at the National Institutes of Health, at a time when AIDS was at its infancy. There were no anti-HIV drugs available at that time. A diagnosis of AIDS was a death sentence. It was only through the tireless efforts of many researchers and nurses, dedicated and willing research participants that new drugs to treat HIV and its many infections were developed. Today, a diagnosis of HIV is no longer an ominous sentence and with proper care and treatment, people living with HIV can maintain healthy, productive lives.

I support this bill because it will help to support programs that have done, and can continue to do, valuable work for the people in Hawaii living with HIV. Programs such as HIV counseling and testing, HIV drug assistance programs, housing and food assistance, AIDS surveillance, and dental assistance are already under-funded. Federal funding for many HIV-related programs has decreased sizably over the past few years. Many programs will be unable to provide the level of services they have been able to provide in the past due to the continued cuts in funding. This bill will help to supplement the federal funds received through the Ryan White CARE Act Reauthorization Bill and help to maintain these valuable programs.

The state can chose to financially assist the programs that support the health and welfare of HIV-infected individuals so they may be contributing, productive citizens, or they can turn away and pay for it on the backend, supporting them financially in the hospital once they are ill.

In summary, I would like to restate my strong support for passage of **HB 1890**. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony for the committee.

# HB2165

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Registered Nurses; Licensure

Description:  
Allows a master's degree candidate in a nursing program who has completed the pre-licensure component of the program to apply for a license by examination to practice as a registered nurse.

Companion:  
SB2674

Introducer(s):  
CHANG, BERG, BERTRAM, BROWER, HANOHANO, HAR, ITO, MAGAOAY,  
MORITA, TSUJI, Herkes, Karamatsu, Lee, Nishimoto, Rhoads, Sagum, Wakai,  
Yamashita

Current Referral:  
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**PRESENTATION OF THE  
BOARD OF NURSING**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2008

Friday, March 14, 2008  
1:15 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 2165, RELATING TO NURSING.**

TO THE HONORABLE DAVID Y. IGE, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Kathleen Yokouchi and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Nursing ("Board"). I appreciate the opportunity to present testimony on behalf of the Board in support of House Bill No. 2165.

The purpose of this bill is to amend Act 198, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003, in order to extend the sunset date of the fee assessment on licensed nurses, which provides a means of funding to the University of Hawaii, Hawaii State Center for Nursing ("HSCN").

The Board is in support of House Bill No. 2165 because:

- It believes the data produced by the HSCN is crucial to the State policymakers, the Board, and other stakeholders involved with nursing in developing workforce programs and policies for the future;
- Besides producing a uniform source of nursing related information, the HSCN provides a positive opportunity for various sectors of the community to come together with a common interest in staffing which supports quality of care, patient safety and a positive working environment;
- It will allow the HSCN to continue focus on the complex issues which underlie the nurse shortage including nursing workforce data, recruitment and retention of nurses and faculty, and research on best practices and quality outcomes;

- It will allow continual collaboration as the HSCN has done with its annual Summit on Education and Practice (held in March, 2006 and December, 2007). The Summit brought together nurses from all islands to focus on integration, collaboration, innovation and community partnerships. A total of ninety and 100+ individuals, respectively, represented all sectors of the healthcare community and all islands. Many recommendations have resulted in new initiatives. A residency/internship model is being developed to assist in the transition of new graduate nurses into practice and to increase retention, satisfaction and success. A formalized plan to integrate nursing education with the practice sector is being finalized; and
- It will support the 5-year longitudinal study of new graduate RNs where this study will identify issues in new graduate turnover and best practices in retention.

Therefore, the Board respectfully requests the Committee's approval and passage of this measure and we thank you for this opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 2165.



# **UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM**

## **Legislative Testimony**

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**Testimony Presented Before the Senate  
Committee on Health**  
Friday, March 14, 2008  
1:15 p.m.

by  
Virginia S. Hinshaw, Chancellor

Presented by  
Mary G. Boland, DrPH, RN, FAAN  
Dean and Professor  
School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

### **HB 2165, Relating to Nursing**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2165, Relating to Nursing. The University strongly supports this bill which amends section 457-7(f), Hawai'i Revised Statutes, to provide an additional means to qualify for licensure as a registered nurse by allowing a graduate with a completed portion of a master's entry program in nursing (MEPN) to apply for a license as a registered nurse by examination.

The proposed amendment clarifies that students of a qualified MEPN program are eligible to enter the nursing workforce after successfully completing the designated portion of the curriculum.

There are more than 60 accelerated or fast track programs with entry at the Master's level across the country. The MEPN is designed for adult learners with no prior nursing experience/education, have a baccalaureate degree or higher in another field other than nursing and are leadership bound and seeking a career in advanced practice nursing. The program equips students with entry-level professional nurse competencies as a foundation for advanced practice roles.

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene developed the new MEPN program in response to the nursing shortage and student interest. The program is built upon the curriculum expertise of faculty, institutional experience with accelerated education, and in partnership with the health care community, students, and national experts. State funding was allocated to offer the innovative program in an effort to address workforce need.



The UHM MEPN program received provisional approval by the Hawai'i State Board of Nursing. It consists of an intensive pre-licensure year structured as three continuous semesters transitioning into a specialty nursing pathway. The program does not replace the generic baccalaureate nursing program but provides an additional program pathway to prepare nurse professionals. At the completion of the pre-licensure component, students meet the American Association of Colleges of Nursing designated baccalaureate competencies.

Passage of this measure will assist in addressing the nursing workforce shortage by enabling nurse professionals to enter the workforce in a shorter amount of time and contribute to increasing the pool of advanced practice nurses and potential future faculty.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. I am pleased to answer any questions.

**Testimony Presented Before the Senate Committee on Health  
March 14, 2008  
1:15 p.m.**

**By  
Barbara P. Mathews  
Executive Director  
Hawai'i State Center for Nursing**

**HB 2165, Relating to Nursing**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2165, Relating to Nursing. The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing strongly supports this bill which will provide an additional means to qualify for licensure as a registered nurse by allowing a candidate who has completed the required portion of the Master's Entry Program Into Nursing to be eligible for the licensing examination.

This is an innovative program established by the University of Hawai'i School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene to provide an undergraduate to master's degree pathway in three years. This program is modeled after more than 60 programs throughout the country which have proven to be highly successful in preparing well educated and qualified nurses.

This program was developed in response to community and student interest, and provides an excellent option for adult learners with prior degrees in other fields. Designed as an accelerated or fast track program, it will expedite a career pathway into advanced practice or nursing faculty roles.

An increased supply of nurses prepared at the graduate level is a critical factor in addressing the nursing shortage both in Hawai'i and nationwide. This program will be a welcome addition to educational options available at the local level.

In light of an ongoing nursing shortage in the state and the nation, it is vital that schools of nursing consider innovations to meet the needs of the workforce both now and in the future. This is positive example of such a program that is responsive to the needs of both students and the employers.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Monday, March 17, 2008 – 9:00am  
Conference Room 229

## The Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing

To: The Honorable Russell Kokubun, Chair  
The Honorable David Ige, Vice Chair

## The Senate Committee on Health

To: The Honorable David Ige, Chair  
The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

From: Art Gladstone  
Chief Nurse Executive, Hawaii Pacific Health  
Chief Operating Officer, Straub Clinic & Hospital

## Re: Testimony in Support HB 2134 HD2 - Relating to the Center for Nursing

Dear Honorable Committee Chairs and Members:

My name is Art Gladstone, Chief Nurse Executive for Hawaii Pacific Health (HPH) and Chief Operating Officer for Straub Clinic & Hospital. For more than a century, families in Hawaii and the Pacific Region have relied on the hospitals, clinics, physicians and staff of Hawaii Pacific Health as trusted healthcare providers. Our non-profit integrated healthcare system is the state's largest healthcare provider and is committed to improving the health and well-being of the people of Hawaii and the Pacific Region through its four hospitals -- Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Kapi'olani Medical Center at Pali Momi, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital -- 18 outpatient centers and a team of 1,100 physicians on the islands of Oahu, Kauai and Lanai.

I am writing in **strong support of HB 2134 HD 2**, relating to the Center for Nursing. I strongly support the intent of this bill which would extend the sunset clause from 2009 to 2010. Interruption of program activities and data collection would impact the efforts to alleviate the nursing shortage and to improve the retention of practicing nurses.

The 2003 Legislature established the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing, and placed it at School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Since becoming operational in April, 2005, the work of the Center for Nursing has benefited nurses, policy makers and the wider healthcare community.

In light of an ongoing nursing shortage in the state and the nation, it is vital that the Center for Nursing continue its efforts to support nurses who are generating Hawai'i specific solutions. Nurses working in partnership with others can build a strong nursing workforce for the future. Providing for a five year extension to 2014 will allow this valuable and beneficial work to continue.

**We ask that you pass HB 2134 HD2.** Thank you for the opportunity to testify.





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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Senator David Ige, Chair

Conference Room 016  
March 14, 2008 at 1:15 p.m.

Testimony in support of HB 2165.

I am Coral Andrews, Vice President of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, which represents the entire spectrum of health care, including acute care hospitals, two-thirds of the long term care beds in Hawaii, as well as home care and hospice providers. I regret that I shall not be able to testify in person due to a previous commitment. However, I appreciate this opportunity to submit written testimony in support of HB 2165, which allows those who are enrolled in a master's entry program in nursing who have completed the pre-license portion of the program to take the licensing examination to become a registered nurse.

Currently, these students must complete the master's entry program in nursing in order to qualify to take the licensing examination. This bill will enable them to take the examination when they have completed the pre-licensure portion of the program prior to graduation and allow them to be employed as registered nurses while they are completing the master's program.

For the foregoing reasons, the Healthcare Association of Hawaii supports HB 2165.



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The Twenty Fourth Legislature, State of Hawaii  
Hawaii State Senate

Committee on Health  
Committee on Human Services and Public Housing

Testimony by  
HGEA/AFSCME, Local 152, AFL-CIO  
March 14, 2008

**H.B. 2165 (HSCR 730-08) -  
RELATING TO NURSING**

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME, Local 152, AFL-CIO supports H.B. 2165 (HSCR 730-08). This bill proposes to allow a master's degree candidate in a nursing program who has completed the pre-licensure portion of the program to apply for a license by examination to practice as a registered nurse.

With the current shortage of nurses in Hawaii, this bill will allow advanced nursing students an avenue to apply for licensure by examination. Allowing such an option would assist in reducing the shortage of nurses in Hawaii and would have a positive impact on the community.

We respectfully urge your committees to pass H.B. 2165 (HSCR 730-08). Thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nora A. Nomura  
Deputy Executive Director



Written Testimony of  
**MATTHEW R. WILLIAMS**  
Nursing Student, School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene  
University of Hawaii at Manoa

March 14, 2008

**HB 2165 RELATING TO NURSING**

Thank you Chair Ige, Vice Chair Fukunaga and other distinguished members of the Senate Committee on Health for considering HB 2165.

My name is Matthew Williams and I am a student in the Master's Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN) at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I would like to submit testimony in support of HB 2165. I recommend amending the Hawaii Revised Statutes to provide additional means to qualify for licensure as a registered nurse by allowing a graduate with a completed portion of the program to apply for a license as a registered nurse by exam. The MEPN program is of great benefit to students and the people of Hawaii.

From my personal experience, the decision to apply to the MEPN program was the next logical career step for me. I have a Bachelor's of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Business from The Ohio State University. After graduation I worked as a Personal Banker and as a small business owner. Later, I transitioned to the medical field as a licensed Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) to fulfill a desire to make a hands-on positive contribution to the lives of others. Working as an EMT, I was employed within a variety of environments including working as a member of a volunteer rescue squad, as an Emergency Department Technician, an Intensive Care Unit Technician, for a medical transport team, and as a Test Administrator for drug screening in for the National Collegiate Athletic Association. After events which brought me to Hawaii, I worked for the City and County of Honolulu Department of Emergency Medical Services for approximately two years. While on the job I sustained an injury to my back that is now chronic in nature. Because of this injury I was forced to consider other work because I could no longer meet the physical demands working as an EMT.

The MEPN program is an excellent opportunity to continue to work in health care. The master's degree gives the opportunity to advance one's education forward instead of a lateral move to a second bachelor's degree. Because the program is accelerated it will allow for a quick return to the workforce. In addition, the program offers the opportunity to gain a Master's of Science in Nursing and offers a specialty track to also earn a Master's in Business Administration. This merging of healthcare and business is a unique program that will prepare me for a position in administration. I hope this MSN/MBA program will give me the opportunity to work in a hospital environment both in management and as a clinician.

Passage of this bill provides an additional and expeditious route for future nurses to enter the workforce. This bill directly impacts the current nursing shortage crises that will continue to worsen in light of the increasing geriatric population. This program is an amazing opportunity for nursing students and for the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for considering this important bill and accepting my testimony.

Written Testimony of  
Jesslyn Lau  
Nursing Student, School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

March 14, 2008

**HB 2165 Relating to Nursing**

Thank you Chair Ige, Vice Chair Fukunaga and other distinguished members of the Senate Committee on Health for considering HB 2165.

My name is Jesslyn Lau, and I am a student in the Master's Entry Program in Nursing at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I would like to submit testimony in support of HB 2165 that amends the Hawai'i Revised Statutes to provide an additional means to qualify for licensure as a registered nurse by allowing a graduate with a completed portion of the master's entry program in nursing to apply for a license as a registered nurse by exam.

I received a bachelor of science degree in health/exercise science and a master's degree in public health from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. It has been rewarding to work in health education, work-site wellness promotion, and public health research for the past five years. Recently, I became interested in balancing my work experiences in health promotion and program planning with more of an applied approach. I decided to pursue my graduate nursing studies at UH Mānoa because it will allow me to learn and establish relationships within the community where I plan to practice.

I believe this bill is important because it will allow individuals like me to contribute to the health and wellness of Hawai'i residents, by building on my past experiences in health promotion and disease prevention. Additionally, this bill will assist in addressing the nursing workforce shortage by enabling nurses to enter the field upon completion of their pre-licensure year of study. Lastly, this bill will impact the quality of healthcare in Hawai'i that everyone in this room will receive.

I hope to work and gain experience as a registered nurse while continuing with my graduate studies for a specialty in community and public health. After graduation, I plan to practice as a health care provider and educator in a community health setting.

I look forward to becoming a nurse professional and contributing my knowledge and service to improve the health of our community. Thank you for considering this important bill and accepting my testimony.

Jesslyn Lau

Written Testimony of  
Sondra Steele  
Nursing Student, School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

March 14, 2008

**HB 2165 RELATING TO NURSING**

Thank you Chair Ige, Vice Chair Fukunaga and other distinguished members of the Senate Committee on Health for considering HB 2165.

My name is Sondra Steele, and I am a student in the Master's Entry Program in Nursing at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I would like to submit testimony in support of HB 2165 that amends the Hawai'i Revised Statutes to provide an additional means to qualify for licensure as a registered nurse by allowing a graduate with a completed portion of the a master's entry program in nursing to apply for a license as a registered nurse by exam.

I have a master's degree in international public health. While in Africa, I worked in health promotion, infectious disease control, and HIV/AIDS education. While I was in Zambia, I worked in a small village where we lost an infant from malaria. I quickly realized that my general public health degree was not enough to make a difference in the work I wanted to do.

The Master's Entry Program in Nursing at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa allows me to integrate my public health skills with specific clinical nursing skills. In our program, each student story is different. We are epidemiologists, bankers, scientists, and students who are looking not just for nursing skills but roles of leadership in our community. This bill would enable all of us, and others like us in the future, an expedited way of giving back to our community and to address the nursing shortage.

I look forward to working as an RN while I continue my advanced studies for a specialty in nursing administration. In the future, I plan to give back to the community whether I am working in a hospital or by establishing creative public health programs for the people of Hawai'i.

I look forward to becoming a nurse professional and contributing my knowledge and service to improve the health of our community. Thank you for considering this important bill and accepting my testimony.



Written Testimony of  
JUVAL E. TOMAS  
Nursing Student, School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene  
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

March 14, 2008

**HB 2165 RELATING TO NURSING**

Thank you Chair Ige, Vice Chair Fukunaga and other distinguished members of the Senate Committee on Health for considering HB 2165.

My name is JUVAL E. TOMAS, a resident of the 9<sup>th</sup> district under Senator Les Ihara. I am a student in the Master's Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. I would like to submit testimony in support of HB 2165 that amends the Hawai'i Revised Statutes to provide an additional means to qualify for licensure as a registered nurse by allowing a graduate with a completed portion of the master's entry program in nursing to apply for a license as a registered nurse by exam.

I come from a working class, immigrant family. My parents have worked very hard to help put me through school and they have instilled in me that education is their most important legacy. I completed my Bachelor of Arts, in Psychology, from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. I, then, pursued my Master of Public Health, in Epidemiology, from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine.

After graduate school, I decided to come back to Hawai'i. For almost ten years, I have served with the Hawaii State Department of Health in the field of surveillance and health education to address the needs among the disparate and vulnerable populations - the uninsured and underinsured, the minorities, the young and the old - in Hawai'i. I have worked in promoting health through risk reduction education in tuberculosis, minority health issues, infant and adult vaccine-preventable diseases, HIV/ AIDS, sexually transmitted diseases and diabetes. I want to become a nurse, specifically, a nurse practitioner, to provide "direct" patient care to the populations that I have once served from a community level.

I believe this Bill is important because the MEPN will allow a non-traditional nursing student, like me, to hasten my role as a caregiver and to contribute to the health of Hawai'i's people by building on my past experiences in population medicine. The MEPN will assist in addressing the nursing workforce shortage by enabling nurses to enter the workforce in a shorter amount of time.

I am enthusiastic in working as a nurse while continuing with my master's leading to a specialty in gerontology, the study of human aging. This will cultivate my deeper understanding and application of the nursing process that I will engage in in my future role as an advanced practice nurse. After completing my studies, I plan to collaborate with other health care workers to provide the necessary care for Hawai'i's burgeoning and "graying" population.

I look forward to becoming a nurse professional to be able to share my knowledge and to continue to serve and to acutely address the health needs of our community. Thank you for considering this important bill and accepting my testimony.

# HB12

# HD2

Measure Title:  
RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST CONTAINMENT AND  
AFFORDABLE ACCESS.

Report Title:  
Prescription Drug Cost Containment; Disclosure of Gifts

Description:  
Requires drug manufacturers to disclose economic benefits of \$25 or more provided to persons who prescribe, dispense, or purchase prescription drugs. Provides for subsequent annual disclosures. (HB12 HD2)

Companion:  
SB816

Introducer(s):  
TAKUMI, BELATTI, BERG, LEE, LUKE, MORITA, NISHIMOTO, SAIKI, TAKAI,  
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To: Senate Committee on Health

From: Paul T. Tsukiyama, Director

Date: Friday, March 14, 2008, 1:15 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 016

Re: Testimony on H.B. 12, H.D.2  
Relating to Prescription Drug Cost Containment and Affordable  
Access.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on H.B. 12, H.D. 2. The Office of Information Practices ("OIP") takes no position on the substance of this bill, but makes the following recommendation.

The bill seeks to add a provision at page 2, lines 10-13, which states as follows:

(c) The board of pharmacy and the attorney general shall keep confidential all trade secret information. The disclosure form prescribed by the board of pharmacy shall permit the company to identify any information that is a trade secret.

OIP recommends that the second sentence be deleted. The sentence is unnecessary to allow an agency to allow a private company to identify what it believes to be a trade secret, which is what some agencies routinely do without such a statutory provision. However, the sentence, as written, appears to create a presumption that the company is allowed to determine what will be protected as a "trade secret."

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This is contrary to the agency's responsibilities imposed under chapter 92F, HRS, the Uniform Information Practices Act (Modified), which places the burden on the agency to establish justification for nondisclosure. See Haw. Rev. Stat. § 92F-15 (1993). Thus, under the UIPA, it is the agency that must make the determination that information constitutes a "trade secret" in order to withhold that information. See Haw. Rev. Stat. § 92F-13(4) (1993) (UIPA does not require disclosure of government records which are protected from disclosure pursuant to state or federal law).

Accordingly, to avoid any ambiguity as to the agency's responsibility to make the final determination as to what constitutes a "trade secret," consistent with the UIPA and other confidentiality statutes protecting "trade secrets," OIP recommends that the second sentence of proposed subsection (c) be deleted.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TO: SENATE-SGT-AT- ARMS

MARCH 12, 2008

Fax 586-6659

FROM: Bruce McCullough  
Legislative Committee, PABEA

FOR: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

RE: HB12, HD2 Relating to Prescription Drug Cost Containment &  
Affordable Access

DATE: Friday, March 14, 2008

TIME: 1:15 PM

PLACE: RM. 016 ( I will testify in person)

I am offering testimony on behalf of PABEA, which is a State appointed Board tasked with advising the Executive Office on Aging (EOA). My testimony does not represent the views of the EOA, but of the board.

PABEA is in strong support of this proposed legislation.

This bill is modeled after a Vermont law which was enacted on June 13, 2003.

The bill will deter pharmaceutical representatives from unduly influencing the individuals who are responsible for prescribing, dispensing and purchasing prescription drugs.

The cost containment part of the original bill has been removed. This was a very important part of the bill and we would hope that somehow it could be reinstated to this piece of legislation.

March 13, 2008

TO: Chair David Y. Ige and Members of the Senate Committee on Health

FROM: Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America  
(Norman H. Suzuki)

RE: **HB 12, HD 2** Relating to Prescription Drug Cost Containment and Affordable Access

Hearing Date: 3/14/08 at 1:15 p.m.

My name is Norman Suzuki. I am a representative of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America ("PhRMA").

**WE RESPECTFULLY OPPOSE PASSAGE OF HB 12, HD 2**

**WHAT THE BILL DOES:**

**HB 12, HD 2** requires every manufacturer selling prescription drugs in the State of Hawaii to file an annual disclosure for all items of economic benefit of \$25 or more provided to a physician, hospital, nursing home or other provider of health services. The bill requires each company to select someone to be responsible for the accuracy of the disclosure report. Each violation will be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$10,000.

**LIMITS INFORMATION WHICH BENEFITS PATIENTS:**

When a physician, clinic or hospital or other provider receives charts, graphs, medical literature, physical models, visual aids or any type of information which cost \$25 or more, a disclosure must be made by the manufacturer. These items are intended to benefit the patient as well as the provider who obtains the information. Such disclosure requirements may be too onerous to comply with. At conventions for medical providers, often literature or other handouts are made available. If this bill becomes law, it will result in a loss to patients as well as doctors and hospitals. Calculating what materials may exceed \$25 and having to account and take liability for disclosure may discourage the dissemination of worthwhile information.

**REQUIRES TRADE INFORMATION DISCLOSURE:**

The bill attempts to indicate that trade secret information will be held confidential, but there is no provision to insure confidentiality or place restrictions on the use of the information

collected. Free samples of drugs, which are given to physicians for needy patients, are excluded from this bill. Most of the promotional and advertising costs of pharmaceutical companies represent the value of free samples passed out to physicians or directly to patients through the various company pharmaceutical assistance plans. To place restrictions on the use of literature or other aids which may accompany the samples appears counterproductive.

**IMPACT ON INNOVATION:**

Marketing efforts increase competition among pharmaceutical companies by promoting access to information and the choices available in the marketplace. Pharmaceutical companies compete to discover and develop life-saving and life-enhancing new products. Government interference in the marketplace by requirements of disclosure and the attendant major liability for non-disclosure reduces the incentive of pharmaceutical companies to engage in research or development which lead to valuable medicines that may become available in the future. Many smaller companies which may rely on direct marketing to physicians or other providers may not be able to comply or compete.

**FEDERAL AND PhRMA GUIDELINES ARE ALREADY IN PLACE:**

Pharmaceutical manufacturers are subject to criminal anti-kickback statutes and other criminal and civil provisions, enforced by the U.S. Department of Justice, that govern their relationships with healthcare providers, including the *Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act*, the *Federal Anti-Kickback Statute*, *Prescription Drug Marketing Act*, the *Federal Trade Commission Act*, and the *False Claims Act*. Furthermore, the Federal Health and Human Services Office of Inspection General (OIG) maintains detailed guidance for pharmaceutical companies designed to deter violations of these federal laws. These marketing guidelines prohibit *quid pro quos* between drug makers and healthcare professionals. Furthermore, the pharmaceutical industry has issued its own voluntary guidelines, *The PhRMA Code for Interactions with Healthcare Professionals* (the "PhRMA Code"), related to communications with healthcare practitioners.

**ADDITIONAL COST AND EXPENSE MAY INCREASE PRICES.**

Requiring an additional layer of reporting and monitoring, given the presence of both the PhRMA Code and OIG guidance, and existing legal sanctions for unlawful behavior will result in additional compliance costs to the industry. Such compliance will result in increased cost of the product and is counterproductive to the goal of reducing drug costs to consumers. Such legislation that would require substantial oversight would also increase the financial and administrative resource burdens of the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT (WITH SUGGESTED AMENDMENT) ON H.B. 12**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

**MARCH 14 AT 1:15**

The Healthcare Distribution Management Association (HDMA) represents the nation's primary, full-service healthcare distributors and are responsible for ensuring that billions of units of medication are safely delivered to 144,000 retail pharmacies, hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and other provider sites in the most efficient manner possible. In light of the fact that three major healthcare distributors operate significant facilities in the state of Hawaii, we would like to comment on H.B. 12.

HDMA supports the ultimate goal of H.B. 12, that would require drug manufacturers to disclose to the board of pharmacy any economic benefits of \$25 or greater to persons who prescribe or purchase prescription drugs. This legislation would ensure that those individuals who are responsible for the prescribing or purchase of prescription drugs do so based on the best interests of the patient rather than as a result of undue influence by pharmaceutical manufacturers.

The current language of H.B. 12 clearly exempts wholesale distributors from the definition of "pharmaceutical marketers" in recognition of the fact that wholesale distributors carry products from all manufacturers and have no vested interest in promoting the products of one manufacturer over another. We respectfully ask that the same exemption language also be included under the definition of "pharmaceutical manufacturing company

The sponsor of H.B. 12, Representative Takumi, is in agreement that wholesale distributors are NOT the intended target of this legislation and is in support of the addition of the following language under the definition of "pharmaceutical manufacturing company"

**"THE TERM DOES NOT INCLUDE A WHOLESALE DRUG DISTRIBUTOR OR THE DISTRIBUTOR'S REPRESENTATIVE WHO PROMOTES OR OTHERWISE MARKETS THE SERVICES OF THE WHOLESALE DRUG DISTRIBUTOR IN CONNECTION WITH A PRESCRIPTION DRUG."**

If you have any questions or concerns about the information in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (301) 885-0231 or at [spilch@hdmanet.org](mailto:spilch@hdmanet.org)

Sincerely,

Susan Pilch  
Associate Director, State Government Affairs



The Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008

THE SENATE  
Committee on Health  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 016  
Friday, March 14, 2008; 1:15 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 12, HD2  
RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUG COST CONTAINMENT  
AND AFFORDABLE ACCESS**

The ILWU Local 142 supports H.B. 12, HD2, which requires drug manufacturers to disclose economic benefits of \$25 or more provided to persons who prescribe, dispense, or purchase prescription drugs.

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State Capitol, Conference Room 016  
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March 13, 2008

Hon. Roy Takumi  
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## RE: OPPOSE - HB 12, Marketing Disclosure Legislation

Dear Rep. Takumi,

On behalf of Genentech, Inc., I am writing to respectfully oppose your HB 12, which would require the disclosure of certain marketing activity.

Certainly transparency is important. However, this bill does not accomplish its intended purpose. It will not reduce drug costs, and if anything, may increase costs as companies struggle to comply.

Doctors do not prescribe drugs in response to drug company marketing activities. In today's world of managed care, doctors do not have the final word on decisions to prescribe or administer drugs, especially for patients with life-threatening, seriously debilitating, or chronic conditions. Rather, health plans lay out the drug coverage rules under which doctors seek prior authorization for the use of the most costly drugs. Disclosing "gifts" to doctors will not change that system.

HB 12 ignores the scientific expertise of our sales force. Our sales force, a large proportion of whom are Doctors of Pharmacy and oncology nurses, have extensive educational backgrounds in biological sciences. They provide valuable assistance to doctors working to understand who the right patients are -- and who the wrong patients are -- for the medications being contemplated to treat serious and complicated diseases like cancer.

Hawaii is currently competing with other states and countries to build a biotech and life sciences industry that could help invigorate the economies of the islands. As you know, the State of Hawaii has committed funding over many years to invest in the businesses and infrastructure to encourage the growth in the high technology industries, such as biotech and the life sciences. Unfortunately, HB 12 would mark Hawaii as hostile to the very industry you hope to attract.

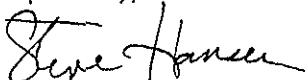
Requiring pharmaceutical disclosure of marketing information would represent unwarranted interference that could decrease competition. It is important to note that no other industry in Hawaii is required to disclose marketing efforts. This bill would unnecessarily add to compliance costs while duplicating voluntary guidelines already established by the industry. It may also potentially violate federal trade secret laws because confidential marketing information would have to be disclosed. Certainly this issue is not best addressed at the state level. As you can imagine, complying with 50 different marketing disclosure laws in 50 different ways would require an inordinate amount of time and resources on the part of life sciences companies like Genentech.

Hawaii's economic future is grounded in attracting and retaining jobs in high technology fields, like biotechnology. With increasing national and international competition, we urge you and your colleagues to reconsider this legislation that would discourage private investment in Hawaii's biotech and life sciences industry.

Considered the founder of the biotechnology industry, Genentech has been delivering on the promise of biotechnology for 30 years, using human genetic information to discover, develop, manufacture and commercialize biotherapeutics that address significant unmet medical needs. Genentech is dedicated to ensuring no patient is denied one of our medications because of their economic circumstances. We are also committed to disclosing clinical trial data and other key information about our FDA approved products to ensure that doctors have all the information they need in order to make the best decisions for their patients.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you for your consideration in this regard.

Respectfully,



Steve Hansen  
State Government Affairs

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
Senator Ron Menor  
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