

# SCR 201

Measure Title:

REQUESTING THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION TO  
ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING A MASTER PLAN  
FOR LONG-TERM CARE FOR LEAHI HOSPITAL.

Report Title:

Leahi Hospital; Long-Term Care; Health; Task Force

Companion:

SR115

Introducer(s):

IHARA, CHUN OAKLAND, Baker, Fukunaga, Kim, Nishihara, Sakamoto, Tsutsui

Current Referral:

HSP/HTH



**OAHU REGION  
HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION**

**The Senate**

**Committee on Health**

**Senator David Y. Ige, Chair**

**Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair**

**and**

**Committee on Human Services and Public Housing**

**Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair**

**Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair**

March 24, 2008, 1:30 PM

Conference Room #016, Hawaii State Capitol

**Testimony Supporting  
SCR 201 Establish a Task Force to Assist  
in Developing a Master Plan for Leahi Hospital**

Vincent Lee, FACHE

Oahu Regional Chief Executive Officer

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SCR 201 requiring the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Oahu Regional Board to convene a task force to develop a long-term care master plan for Leahi Hospital.

Leahi Hospital has begun the process of developing a master plan to address the State's long-term public policy goals. Leahi is committed to continue the process that will offer opportunities to create innovative and effective models of long-term care service, including residential care.

Leahi Hospital agrees, in concept, that a collaborative planning process with representation from Leahi Hospital and joined by others with relevant backgrounds in important related areas will provide expertise and support to the process. These individuals should be included as a critical part of any master planning process.

From a practical standpoint, I want to emphasize that adequate appropriation is critically important and necessary for professional assistance and staff support in this endeavor. Due to

the lengthy process to secure sufficient funding and to complete such a comprehensive master plan, we believe it will require at least until 2012 to complete.

This measure is in concert with Leahi Hospital's direction in developing a long-term care strategic plan and is supported by the HHSC Oahu Region administration. Thank you.

Deliver to:

Senator David Ige, Chair  
Committee on Health  
Room 215, State Capitol

Hearing:

HTH Committee  
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**TO :** SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES AND PUBLIC HOUSING  
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

**FROM:** Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.,  
Member, Oahu Regional Board, Hawaii Health Systems Corps

**SUBJECT:** SCR 201 Relating to Leahi Hospital Master Plan

**HEARING:** 1:30 PM, Monday, March 24, 2008  
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**PURPOSE:** Request the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Oahu Regional Board to convene a task force to develop a long-term care master plan for Leahi hospital. Specifies the process of appointing the members.

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We are grateful for this resolution to support the planning effort for Leahi Hospital, which we believe has great potential for increasing services to address the full continuum of care for the elderly. I wish to offer three suggestions as possible amendments to this bill:

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- An adequate strategic planning process requires some funds in order to secure the required expertise.

Thank you for reading my testimony.

## testimony

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### SUPPORT

This testimony is submitted for Kokua Council whose mission includes advocating for the health of the elderly and those vulnerable populations who cannot advocate for themselves and for Hawaii Alliance of Retired Americans (HARA) representing 17,000 members.

We are well aware of the growing elderly population needing long term care services, the shortages of beds in LTC facilities, the backlog of LTC patients in acute care hospitals, and the waiting lists for home and community based services.

Leahi Hospital Campus offers the optimum place to help relieve these problems. They have the space to provide new facilities and are adjacent to other facilities that will provide training, interns, and workers.

The taskforce has begun a most valuable service in developing a plan to make better use of the campus and should be allowed to continue their very important work.

We ask that you will support this resolution.

Laura G. Manis, Legislative Chair, Kokua Council Member Legislative Committee HARA tel. 597-8838

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# SCR 79

Measure Title:

REQUESTING TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING AND TREATMENT FOR  
RESIDENTS OF PUBLIC HOUSING AND EMERGENCY TRANSITIONAL  
SHELTER HOUSING.

Report Title:

TB Screening & Treatment; Public Housing

Companion:

SR44

Introducer(s):

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Current Referral:

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**To: Sen. D. Ige, Chair Committee on Health  
Sen. C. Fukunaga, Vice-Chair Committee on Health  
Sen. S. Chun Oakland, Chair Committee on Human Service & Public Housing  
Sen. L. Ihara Jr., Vice-Chair Committee on Human Service & Public Housing**

**Fr: Kanani Kaaiawahia Bulawan,  
Retired Service Provider, Kanaka Maoli, Kupuna and a Private Citizen**

**Re: Hearing Date: March 24, 2008  
Time of Hearing: 1:30pm  
Place of Hearing: Rm 016**

**SUPPORT THE INTENT OF SCR79 / SR 44  
TB Screening and Treatment for tenants in Public Housing and Shelters**

Aloha Chairs, Vice-Chairs and members of the join committees:

I'm Kanani Kaaiawahia Bulawan, retired executive director for a service provider, a Kanaka Maoli, a Kupuna and a very concerned private citizen of Hawaii. I am also a staff member of Rep. Karen Awana. However, my views, opinions and statements are of my own personal experience and preference. I'm testifying in **Support to the intent of SCR 79 and SR44** requesting TB Screening and Treatment for tenants in Public Housing and Emergency Transitional Shelter Housing.

It is with experience that I offer to support the intent of this resolution but would offer changes to the areas of Emergency Transitional Shelter Housing. As we all know homeless individuals are the hardest to serve while they are unsheltered. Moving around often does not work with the ability to track and conduct adequate follow ups that would be necessary for the complete screening of TB in addition to the treatment of the affected. It is most common for individuals once entered into the shelter program be assessed for health concerns that include the ability to get a complete physical examination and screenings. The shelter that I once worked for allowed the individuals to enter the shelter with the concept of housing first. Then within 2 weeks the individuals would have completed the health assessment as well as had applied for any services that would be considered "Mainstream". Currently the shelters all have partnerships with medical facilities and providers that will assure TB screening and treatment is provided. If this measure speaks only of the Compacts of Free Association population, there should be other ways to consider the initial assessments of these individuals rather than making it a requirement for all individuals to meet prior to entrance to an emergency transitional shelter program. This requirement will affect more than just this group of people that have entered our state but will also affect the most vulnerable and hard to serve, the homeless population. This measure would tied up and delay the process for individuals to enter and access shelter services because of the

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requirement to have a TB screening completed prior to admission into the shelter. Again most of these individuals by virtue of homelessness will need to be stable before they can engage with services and meet requirements. To allow this measure to pass as submitted would not serve the general population but would make additional challenges only. Again if this is for a targeted group than let's keep it focused for that group and find other alternatives to assuring they meet these types of health requirements prior to entering the general population.

Thank you for allowing me this time to submit my testimony and **request your favor to support the intent of this measure; however, find a better alternative if this is designed for a targeted group.** For more information I can be contacted at 696-1654.

Mahalo,

# SCR 190

Measure Title:

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE POTENTIAL FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT TO THE STATE AND THE STATE'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OF PROVIDING CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE AT ALL FIVE STAGES.

Report Title:

Chronic Kidney Disease

Companion:

SR109

Introducer(s):

CHUN OAKLAND, ENGLISH, Espero, Fukunaga, Ige, Ihara, Kim, Menor, Nishihara, Sakamoto, Taniguchi, Tokuda

Current Referral:

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**testimony**

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ON THE POTENTIAL FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT TO THE STATE AND  
THE STATE'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OF PROVIDING CARE FOR PATIENTS  
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Testimony by the Legislative Reference Bureau  
Ken H. Takayama, Acting Director  
or Charlotte Carter-Yamauchi, Assistant Director for Research

Presented to the Senate Committee on Health

Monday, March 24, 2008, 1:30 p.m.  
Conference Room 016

Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on S.C.R. No. 190 and S.R. No. 109. The Bureau takes no position for or against the measures but submits the following comments.

The resolutions direct the Legislative Reference Bureau (Bureau) to conduct a study on the potential financial impact to the State and the State's health care system of providing care

for patients with chronic kidney disease at all five stages.

As always, if the Legislature wants us to do this study, we will do so to the best of our abilities.

The primary thrust of this study appears to be focused upon the cost to the health care system, which we will attempt to develop through the sources of data that are listed in the resolution and others that may be identified.

We note, however, that a determination of the economic impact on the State requires certain technical expertise in economic analysis that we do not possess. For this reason, we both recommend and request that the resolution be amended to additionally request the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to conduct the economic analysis needed to determine the economic impact on the State. These are the same amendments adopted by the House Committee on Health, and would maintain consistency between both vehicles.

Finally, the Bureau stands ready to assist the Committee with any committee report or draft that the Committee may require.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify.