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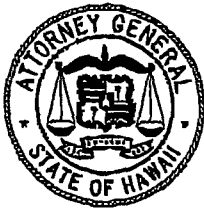
Measure Title:
RELATING TO HANA HEALTH.

Report Title:
Hana Health; Appropriation (\$)

Description:
Appropriates funds to Hana Health to further develop its capacity to meet the on-going needs of the community.

Introducer(s):
ENGLISH, BAKER, CHUN OAKLAND, HOOSER, MENOR, TOKUDA, TSUTSUI,
Gabbard, Hee, Hemmings, Ige, Ihara, Inouye, Kim, Kokubun, Nishihara

Current Referral:
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**TESTIMONY OF THE STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2008**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 2503, RELATING TO HANA HEALTH.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH.

DATE: Friday, February 8, 2008 **TIME:** 1:15 PM

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

TESTIFIER(S): Mark J. Bennett, Attorney General
or Blair Goto, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

The Attorney General provides the following comments and recommendations concerning this measure.

This bill would appropriate \$5,000,000 from general revenues for fiscal year 2008-2009 for various listed improvements at Hana Health. The department of health is identified as the expending agency.

If the intent of this bill is for Hana Health to receive the \$5,000,000 from the Department of Health for the listed improvements (and assuming that Hana Health meets the requirements for grant recipients in section 42F-103, Hawaii Revised Statutes), the most straightforward method of carrying out this intent is by way of a grant made pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes. To amend this bill to make a chapter 42F grant, the bill would need to have: (1) findings added to section 1 of the bill as to Hana Health and the public purpose served by making the grant and (2) wording expressly making a grant added to section 2 of the bill.

For example, on page 8 of the bill at the start of line 3, the following sentences could be added to section 1: "Hana Health is a Hawaii nonprofit corporation. This appropriation would help assure the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors to the Hana community and would, therefore, serve a public purpose." Although the public purpose may be inferred from the detailed description of Hana

Health's functions and the population it serves, it would be best to make the public purpose explicit so that there are no questions in that regard. The phrase "as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes," could be added on page 8 of the bill near the end of line 8 to section 2 of the bill. The first sentence of section 2 would then read, in part: "There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$5,000,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 as a grant *chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes*, for the following at Hana Health:" New material is shown in italics.

Absent these amendments, it is unclear how the Department of Health could contract with Hana Health for the listed improvements by any means without a competitive procurement including issuing a chapter 103D request for proposals and awarding a contract to the agency submitting the most responsive proposal.

We respectfully request that, if this measure is to be passed, the recommended amendments be made by this Committee.

Chairman of the Senate Health Committee

Reference: Senate Bill 2503

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

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



TO: SENATOR DAVID IGE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

SENATOR CAROL FUKUNAGE, VICE CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

FROM: CHERYL VASCONCELLOS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HANA HEALTH

DATE: February 7, 2008

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF S.B. 2503
RELATING TO HANA HEALTH
Friday, February 8, 2008, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016

I am speaking in support of S.B. 2503 Relating To Hana Health. The mission of Hana Health is to improve the health and wellness of the Moku (district and all of it's elements) of Hana particularly among Native Hawaiians and those who are underserved due to financial, cultural and geographic barriers. Hana has been federally designated as a Medically Under-Served Population, a Primary Care Health Professional Shortage Area, a Dental Health Professional Shortage Area and a Mental Health Professional Shortage Area. Hana has the dubious distinction of consistently having some of the worst health and socio-economic indicators in the state. The majority of Hana residents, 62%, are Native Hawaiian. The health status of Native Hawaiians is far below that of other U.S. population groups and other population groups in the State of Hawaii. In a number of areas, the evidence is compelling that Native Hawaiians constitute a population group for whom the mortality rate associated with certain diseases

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

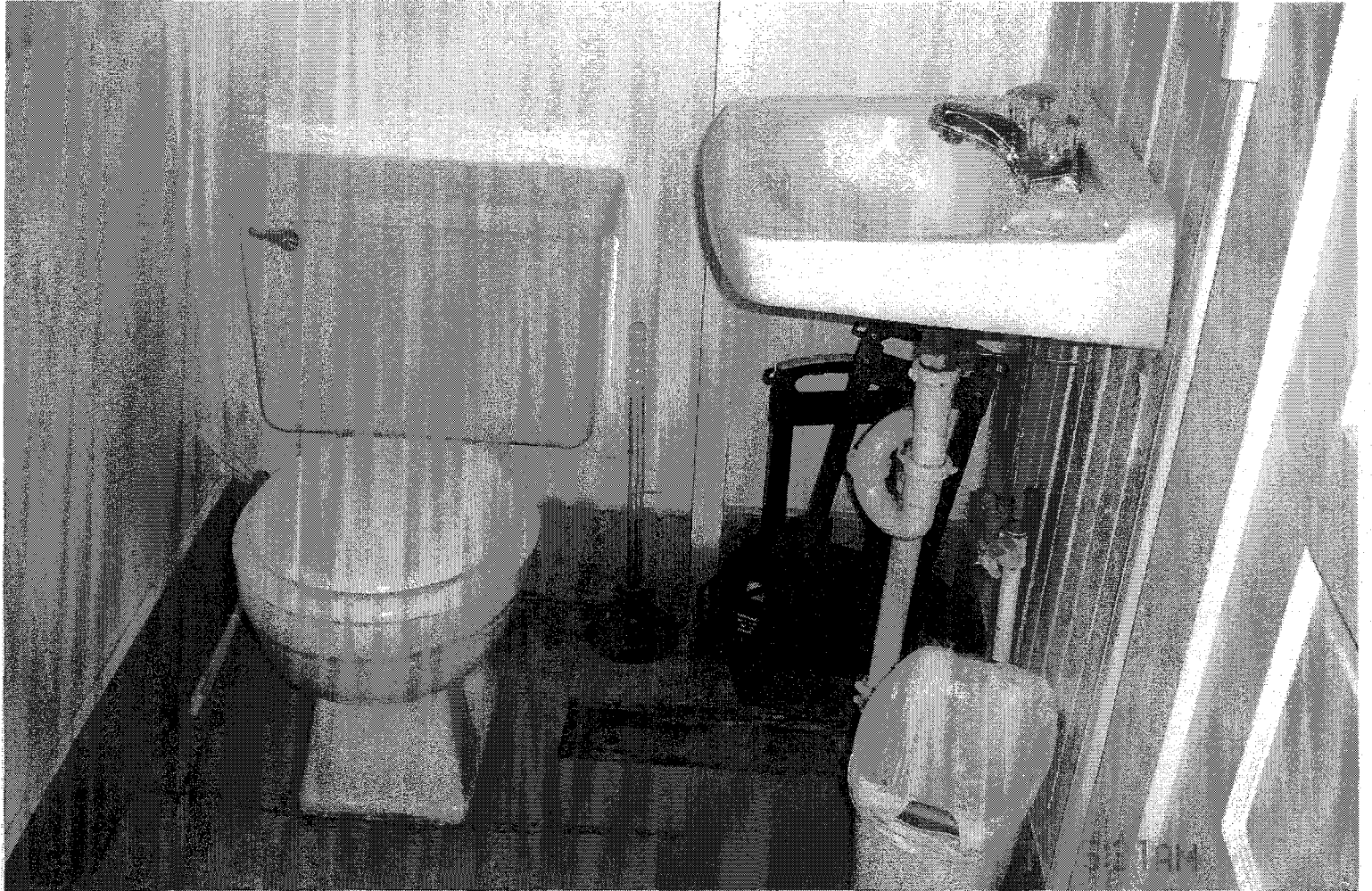
I have attached a few photos to demonstrate some of the conditions in which we deliver health care. I know you believe the people of Hana deserve better than this.

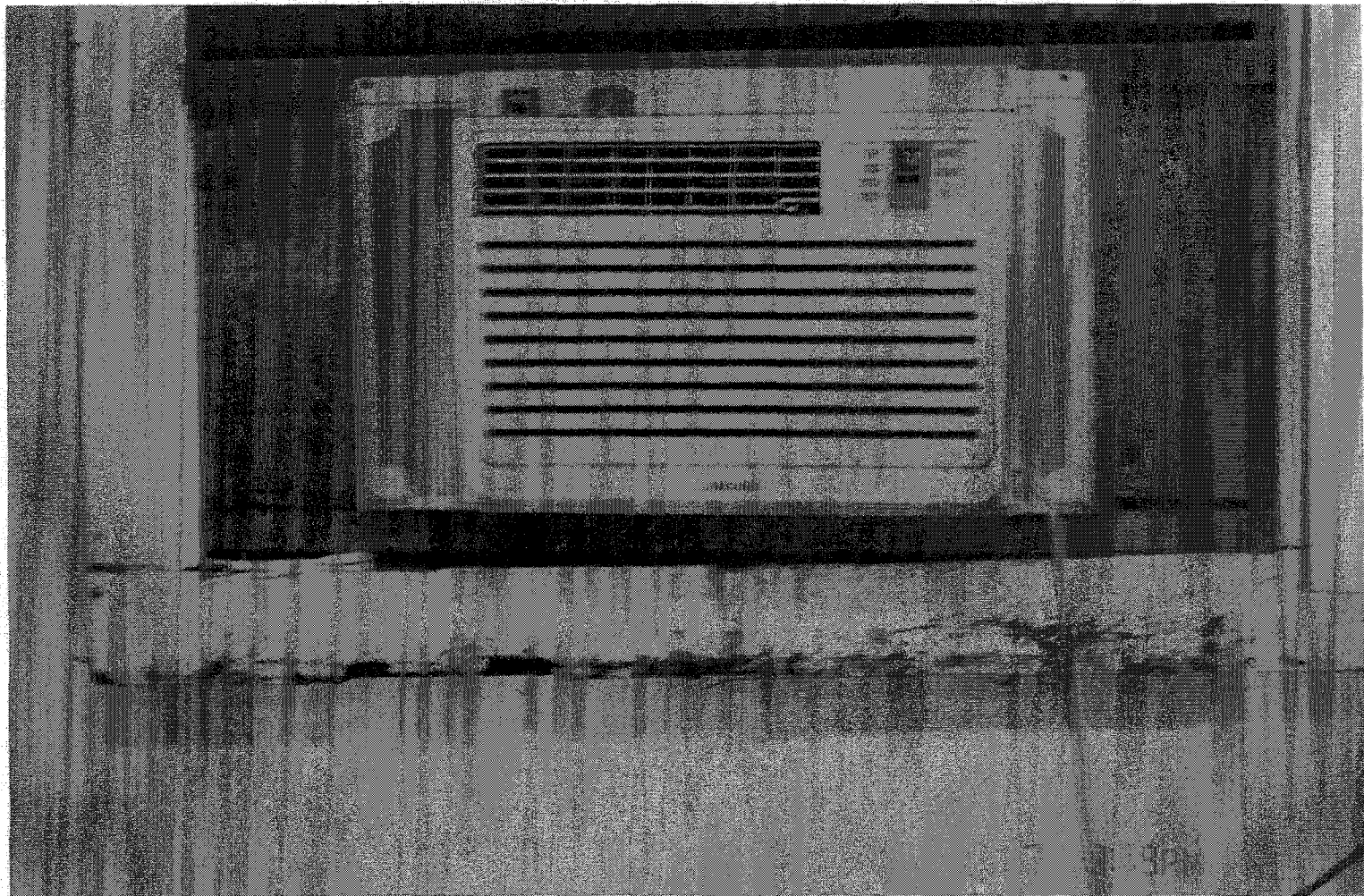
Thank you very much for your past support. I hope you will consider the infrastructure needs of Hana Health.











Dear, Legislators

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

Please pass this bill ~~2553~~ 2503

Samuel Kalalau
Samuel Kalalau Jr
Curtis Kalalau
P.O. Box 133
Hana, Hi, 96713
2/6/08

TO: MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
FROM: SAMUEL KALALAU III
DATE: February 7, 2008

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF S.B. 2503
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR HANA HEALTH

My name is Sam Kalalau and I am speaking in support of S.B. 2503, RELATING TO HANA HEALTH.

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

I am in full support of S.B. 2503 which appropriates funds to begin meeting the infrastructure needs of Hana Health, the only provider of quality medical care in the Hana District. Since the privatization of Hana Health, my o'hana, has benefited from an expanded range of medical services, the initiation of numerous preventive health services including fitness and nutrition programs, as well as special programs for our kupuna including my parents. My children and grandchildren also receive their care from Hana Health.

The Hana Health Nutrition Training Center will be a great asset to the Hana community, providing a much needed facility for kupuna and chronic disease management programs. The community will benefit from the availability of healthy meals, and the Health Center will benefit from a new source of income.

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

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

Feb 07 2008

Hawaii State Legislators,

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

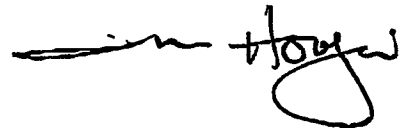
Thank You,

Elizabeth S. Lecker
Hana HI 96713

Thursday
Feb. 07, 2008

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

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



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

February 7, 2008

Re: SB 2503

Dear Senators,

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

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

Thank you for your time and attention to this issue.

Sincerely,



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

ct

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

To the Legislature Re Hana Health Services

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

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

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

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

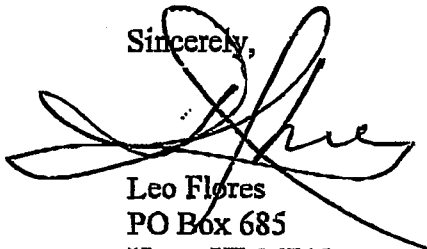
Thank you for giving support to Hana Health
Christine Johnson

February 7, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

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

Sincerely,



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

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

To The Legislature—

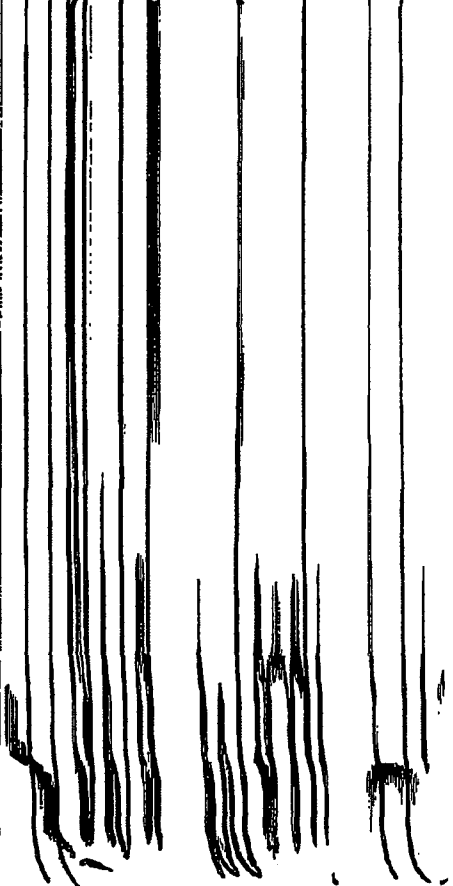
Aloha, I Eddie Pu ask to help our
Hana Health Care Center. Please it's important.

Mahalo. 02-07-08

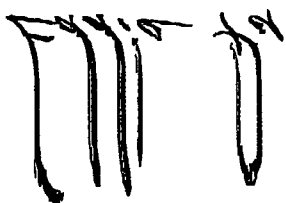
Eddie Pu

P.O. Box 163

Hana Maui Hi.



P.O. Box 163



Mahalo.

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Eddie Pa

P.O. Box 163

Hana Maui Hi.

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to the legislatures

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

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

From: Dylan Leekes - Agnew

Hana

February 6, 2008

Dear Legislators,

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

Kayla Jucker

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P.O. BOX 696, Hana

Aloha legislator 2/6/08

SB 7503
Thank you Hana Health for the salad bar you provide for us on thursdays at Hana School. Me and my friends like it so much that we want it every day. We like to eat vegetables, especially now that we are involved in sports. I worked at Hana Health in the summertime in the farm and it was a really good experience for me. After my pregnancy I had a lot of care from Hana Health. That's where I went to see if I was pregnant. Hana Health also provides supplies for me when my daughter gets sick. I hope you pass the bill and keep Hana healthy.

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

SB 2503

Aloha,

I'm a resident in Hana.
My children and I come here for
our medical and dental appointments.
I'm very satisfied with the doctors,
nurses and all the other staff in
the Hana Health Clinic. I'm also
satisfied with the care that's needed
depending on our health sickness.

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

Kathleen Carlos

P.O. Box 342

Hana, HI 96713

Feb 6, 2008

2-6-08

To: Whom it May concern,

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

Makalo,

Beverly A. Victorine-Dymont
Beverly A. Victorine-Dymont

Po Box 628
Hana, HI 96713

SB 2503

Dear, Legislators

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

Thank you for your support

Cecilia Kalalau

P.O. Box 133

Hana, Hi. 96713

2/06/08

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Letter to Legislature

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

Greg Blasi

P.O. Box 1052
Hana HI 96713

2-6-08.

February 7, 2008

Dear Senators,

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

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

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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

Dear Hawaii Legislators,

February 7, 2008

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

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

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

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

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

Mahalo,



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

Dear Senators,

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

(1) Commercial Kitchen Construction Equipment and installation. (\$ 1,750,000.00)

(2) Independent Senior housing design and construction to include home-based dialysis, adult day care and respite services. (\$ 2,500,000.00)

(3) Medical facility upgrades and expansion design, documents. (\$ 750,000.00)

Your kindness and generous support, will be greatly appreciated.

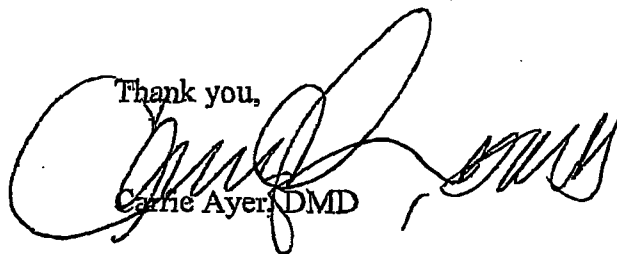
Thank you,
John Kahalehoe, Sr.
John Kahalehoe, Sr.

Dear Legislators,

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

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

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carrie Ayer', is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Carrie Ayer, DMD

To Whom It May Concern:

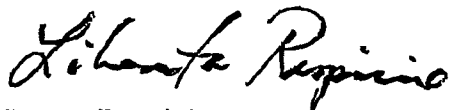
Please continue to help our community of Hana by allotting the funding needed to make improvements to our Hana Health Center. I am a single parent residing in Hana and I have used the facilities and programs offered at the Hana Health for myself as well as my family. They have been a blessing in this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

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

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

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

Thank you,



Liberata Respicio

To Whom It May Concern:

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

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


From Casey Morondos

Feb. 06, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

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

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

MeKealoha Pumeheua,

Mrs. Louisa Pu
P.O. Box 225
Hana, Hi. 96713

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Yes I do come to the Health Center for my health problems and lab work.
 I support the health center with the upcoming project of the Community Health, Independent School Housing and the Upgrade of the Medical Facility.

Philip Antonio
 P.O. Box 244
 Hana, Hi. 96713
 Feb 6, 2008

2/6/08
 Aulua, Legislative,

SB 2503

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

Maalo for your time

Luella Tucker

P.O. Box 113

Hana HI 96713

Hi, My name is L. Park SB 2503
I Support the Hana Medical Center
I have been here, for the past 50 ~~yr~~ years. I
had all my kids here and still want to see this
Medical stay open, for all the people of Hana.
I support the programs they have, this is what
we want for Hana (Kupuna meals) diabetes programs
we have MED Services for all the people in Hana
and Keanae. we have the fitness programs, Dental,
and Salads bar in Hana School. Hana Health also have
transportation service from there home to the health
Center and ~~back~~ back. we have a farm project that
provide fresh fruits & vegetable in our Community
This is what our Community needs, to keep us Heal!

LORRAINE PARK
PO Box 865
Hana HI 96713

To our Legislature,
SB 2503

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

Mahalo,

Harry Malaiakini
2-16-08

Box 156
Hana HI

SB NO 2503
Letter to Legislature

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

Thank you very
much for Supporting
Hana Health & Hana Fresh
and there Kitchen for the
wonderful Lunch our Kupuna's
has through the years

Mahalo,
Jonathan Toivontina
PO Box 293
Hana, HI 96713

Feb, 7, 08
aloha Hawaii State Legislatures

My name is Leilani - Lecker Tolentino and I am a mother of 10 children who still live in Hana. We come to the Health Center for all our care. My oldest daughter was in the youth employment summer program. I would like to first thank you for all the years you have support the Health Center in there programs and ask that you continue to support the in the future. I would like to see this commercial kitchen and housing project completed so we can all benefit from the upcoming programs that will come. The clinic does need to be upgraded, and have more patient rooms. Thank you for this bill 2503. Leilani Lecker Tolentino Hana Hawaii 96713

SB2503

Dear Legislators, February 6, 2008

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

Chauncey Sinceri
P.O. BOX 406 Hana

2/4/08

I Pauline Gallegos am very thankful for the medical center here in Hana the care here is very good and personable. I'm also in support of the fitness program and the fruit & vegetables we can purchase every week.

Pauline Gallegos

PO Box 424

Hana HI 96713

2/6/08

Senate Bill # 2503

To Whom it may Concern:

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

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

Another concern I have is regarding Kupuna housing where our loved ones can be cared for in a safe, enclosed environment. As much as we love our elderly parents, as caregivers over a long period of time, we constantly battle fatigue and depression ourselves. Having a place of respite while we dash to the "other side" to do grocery shopping with our stressing to rush back home knowing our Kupuna are left alone would be so greatly appreciated.

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

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

Karina R. Ogata

To Whom IT May Concern-

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

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

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

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

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

that other communities take for granted.

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

Aloha & Mahalo -

Frances M. Talbot

PO Box 82

Hana HI 96713

February 7, 2008

The Senate
Twenty-Fourth Legislature, 2008
State of Hawaii

RE: S.B. No. 2503

Aloha Kakou,

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

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

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

I appreciate your hard work and your support. Mahalo.

Aloha,

Mapuana Kalaniopio-Cook
Hana Resident

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Legislators of Hawaii

Re: Bill ²⁵⁰³ ~~2502~~

Aloha one + all,

I am a resident of Hana, Maui. In fact I grew up right behind the Hana Health Clinic. I remember the old Hana Hospital and then in 1964, the state built the clinic that the Hana people utilize. I strongly support the continuation of the Hana Clinic and it would be to our benefit if we could receive monies for continuation + much needed improvements of building ^{medical} + equipment.

Our kupunas are so grateful that the Kupuna Program is still continuing after all these years. It is such an important ^{part} of what Hana Health is all about. Hana Health has taken awesome care of kupunas with the lunch program, the delivery of dinner + lunch meals all the way from Keaau to Kahului. They also pick up ^{the} kupunas + take them all the way to Kahului for doctors appointments.

For the younger generation, Hana Health has provided fitness classes for the last 1 1/2 years! We continue to provide even though we are still under a tent, outside.

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

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it successful.

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

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

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

Mahalo a nui loa,
Kath Solender

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Feb-7, 08

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

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

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

Thank you for your time.
Sipes K. Kalalau

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To: State Legislature

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

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

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

Mahalo,
 Debra Aina

TO : Legislature - S.N.B. 2503

Feb. 06 - 2008

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

Mahalo,

Charlotte Weir

To the Legislature, S.N.B-2503

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

Alahalo,

Gerard Liu

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To: The Legislature
2503
The Bill # ~~0503~~

From: Martha K. Talarigio
P.O. Box 92
Hon., HI. 96713

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

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To the legislature - SNB - 2503
From: Elizabeth Chang.

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

Makalo,
Elizabeth K. H. Chang

LATE

To the Legislature - ~~3~~SNB 2503

From: Violet Motooka
POBox 57
Hana, HI 96713

Re: SB. No. ²⁵⁰³~~4503~~

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

Mahalo,
Violet & Masa Motooka
Violet & Masa Motooka

L A T E

DATE - FEB 06, 08

TO: STATE LEGISLATURE

RE: SUPPORT SB NO. ~~0563~~ ²⁵⁰³

ALOHA, LEGISLATURE

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

MAHALO,

Feb 11 11:20p

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Feb. 06. 08

To: Legislature
2503
RE: SB. No. 503

Hāna Health clinic upgrade / Commercial Kitchen

Aloha,

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

Mahalo,

Camellia Emmsley
(Nutritional program Assistant)

LATE Feb, 06, 08

To the Legislature - SNB 2503

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

Mahalo,

John K. Okana

LATE

To: Legislature

From: Joseph (Sonny) Kahakua
PO Box 182
Hana, HI 96713S.B. No. ~~0503~~ 2503

We need a new kitchen now, help us out. We need a better place for us kupuna's to come and have our meals and activities. I am proud and happy that Hana Health have the services for us, but we need a better place (we need a real building), instead of under a tent.

Joseph Kahakua

LATE

To: Legislature

From: Katherine Park
Hana, HI 96713

Re: S. B. No. ~~4503~~ 2503

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

Ulu Park
(Katherine)

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To: The Legislature

From: Ellen Okada

PO BOX 206

Hana, Maui HI 96713

Re: S.B. No ~~4503~~²⁵⁰³

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

Ellen Okada

L A T E

To: the legislature

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

SNB: 2503

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

Andy Oliveira

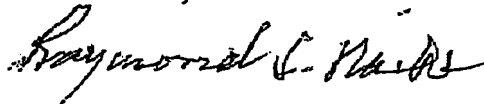
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February 6, 2008

To whom it may concern; - SNB 2503

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

Thank You ,



Raymond L. Naihe

L A T E

To: Legislators

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

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

To Whom It May Concern:

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

Mahalo,


Audrey Kawaiaea
Audrey Kawaiaea
Hana Resident

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To State Senate

From Lei Redo
PO Box 525
Hana HI 96713Re: S.B. No. ~~0503~~²⁵⁰³

I am writing regarding S.B. No. ~~0503~~²⁵⁰³. Please pass this bill. It is very much needed to be done especially for our kupunas. The conditions are very bad. We have our meals and activities under a tent. Sometimes it gets too muddy, rainy and cold for us to have our activities but we love what Hana Health is doing for us and we would like to have it under a better condition, which we are asking for the commercial ^{kitchen} to be passed. Please *kokua* us kupunas in Hana.

Lei Redo 
Frank Redo, Sr.

LATE

S. B. No. ²⁵⁰³~~0503~~To State
Senate

Commercial Kitchen

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

Thank You Very Much!
Frank E Crouse 248-8935

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TO: STATE LEGISLATURE

RE: Support SB. NO. ~~503~~ 2503

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

To whom it may concern,

My name is Caroline Emmsley the wife of a client in the Kupuna program, please support the Hana Health in their plan to upgrade their facilities. The meals that they prepare there is a great weight off my shoulders knowing that my husband has nutritionally balanced meals to his condition of diabetes. The kitchen staff and there facilities on the other hand has a need for upgrading. please support us in this.

Mahele,

Caroline M. Emmsley.
Caroline Emmsley

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FEBRUARY 06. 08
 TO: State Legislature
 RE: Support SB. No. ~~0503~~ 2503

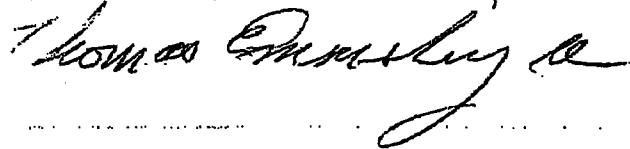
P.O. Box 102
 HANA HI 96713
 844-8902

ALOHA,

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

MAHALO NIWA,

THOMAS EMMISLEY JR.



L A T E

February 7, 2008

Aloha Legislators:

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

Sincerely,

Gerard Liu, Ulu Park and Ethel Fontinella

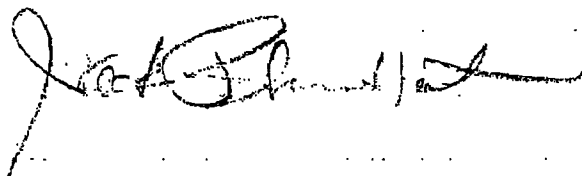
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TO: HAWAII STATE SENATE

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

I SUPPORT FUNDING FOR ITEM (1) - COMMERCIAL KITCHENS AND/OR DINING FACILITIES

CURRENTLY WE EAT OUTDOORS, UNDER A CANOPY WITH NO SIDES. THE BIGGEST PROBLEM, IN MY OPINION, ARE LIES - UNSUBSTANTIATED AND UNPERSUASIVE. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE QUENCHERS AND WINDY AFTERNOON DAILY. THE CURRENT SITUATION IS IMPROPER TO EAT OUTDOORS COMFORTABLY.



L A T E

Dear, Hawaii State Legislature

February 7th 2008

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

Thank You,
John Kawaiaea
John Kawaiaea
Po Box 86
Hana

February 7, 2008

To whom it may concern:

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

Please consider keeping this program here in Hana.

Mahalo,

Liberata H. Respicio

Liberata H. Respicio (La'a)

Kupuna

L A T E

New Text

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

Hana Medical Clinic

My name is

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

age 74

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

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

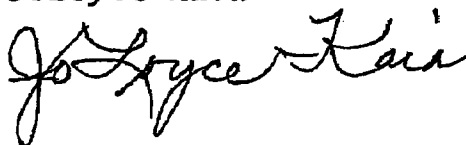
Recently, I was injured in an auto accident and Hana Medical Clinic delivered both my lunch and my dinner. This was a big help to me since I live alone.

I would like to ask your support for

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

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

JoLoyce Kaia



L A T E

To: Legislators

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

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

To Whom It May Concern:

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

Thank you for your time,

Milton Kawaiaea Sr.
Milton Kawaiaea Sr.

L A T E

To: Legislators

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

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

To Whom It May Concern:

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

Thank you for your time,

Grace Fernandez

L A T E

To: Legislators

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

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

To Whom It May Concern:

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

Thank you for your time,



Jill K. Kawaiaea
Hana Health Clinic Employee