

SB2741

Measure Title:

AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE MAUI REGION OF THE HAWAII
HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION.

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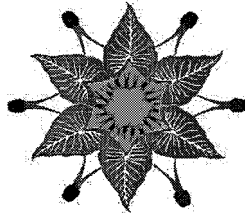
Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for the planning, design,
development, and equipment for additional long-term care beds for the Maui region of
the Hawaii health systems corporation.

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Maui Memorial
MEDICAL CENTER

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation—Maui Region

February 7, 2008

**TO: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Friday, February 8, 2008, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016**

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**RE: SB 2741 -- AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL
OBLIGATION BONDS AND MAKING AN APPROPRIATION
FOR THE MAUI REGION OF THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS
CORPORATION.**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of SB 2741. SB 2741 authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for the planning, design, development, and equipment for additional long-term care beds for the Maui region of the Hawaii health systems corporation.

The Maui Health Initiative Task Force reported to the Legislature the need for more long-term care beds in the County of Maui. The general obligation bonds authorized in this bill will help to plan, design, develop, and equip additional long-term care beds in the Maui Region. This bill would allow for the possibility of public/private partnerships to develop additional long-term care beds. These additional beds are critical to addressing the current long-term care wait list problem Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC) faces where patients are forced to occupy acute care beds in the facility due to the lack of available long term care beds in the community. This situation causes a tremendous financial hardship on MMMC and removes the availability of much needed acute care services from the community.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly support SB 2741. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this very important matter.