

SB2742

Measure Title:

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

Report Title:

GO Bonds; Maui Memorial Medical Center; Health Care Facilities (\$)

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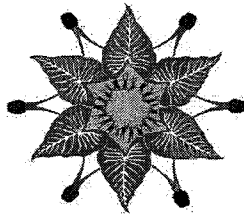
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Maui Memorial
MEDICAL CENTER

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 2742 --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 2742. SB 2742 authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for the modernization of Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC), including the updating of medical technology and systems and replacement of outmoded facilities and infrastructure.

The Maui Health Initiative Task Force reported to the Legislature the need for modernization of healthcare facilities on Maui. As noted in the Task Force report, it is critical to modernize MMMC by utilizing phased reconstruction, replacement, or both. Such modernization serves to attract quality staffing, it provides for medical technology, systems, and facilities that recognize the diversity of the Maui Community by enabling the provision of culturally sensitive services. The general obligation bonds authorized in this bill will help to achieve these very important goals.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly support SB 2742. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this very important matter.