

SB3237

Measure Title:

RELATING TO LEAHI HOSPITAL MASTER PLAN.

Report Title:

Leahi Hospital Master Plan; HHSC; Appropriation (\$)

Description:

Requires the Hawaii health systems corporation Oahu regional board to convene a task force to develop a long-term care master plan for Leahi hospital. Appropriates funds to develop master plan and for support staff.

Introducer(s):

IHARA, CHUN OAKLAND, Baker, Bunda, Fukunaga, Gabbard, Hee, Ige, Inouye, Sakamoto, Taniguchi

Current Referral:

HSP/HTH, WAM

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.,
Oahu Regional Board, Hawaii Health Systems Corps

SUBJECT: SB 3237 Relating to Leahi Hospital Master Plan

HEARING: 2 PM, Wednesday, February 6, 2008
Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

PURPOSE: Requires the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Oahu Regional Board to convene a task force to develop a long-term care master plan for Leahi hospital. Appropriates funds to develop master plan and for support staff.

POSITION: My testimony is in support of SB 3237. However, as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Oahu Regional Board of HHSC, I offer suggestions for changes in the composition of the taskforce.

RATIONALE:

I am testifying as a newly appointed member of the recently created Oahu Regional Board of HHSC and as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Oahu Regional Board. I am also a professor of medical sociology at UH-Manoa who has worked with elderly services in Hawaii for more than 20 years.

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

1. The bill calls for a seventeen member taskforce and specifies criteria for appointment. I suggest that specific mention be made of including the members of the Strategic Planning Committee of the Oahu Regional Board, since this planning process overlaps substantially with the purpose of this committee. The Strategic Planning Committee consists of Clementina Ceria-Ulep, Associate Professor of Nursing, UH-Manoa; Mary C. Wesselkamper, President, Chamanade University, and myself, Professor of Sociology, UH-Manoa.
2. The bill calls for a seventeen member taskforce. This number may be unmanageably large. Some consideration should be given to reducing the number while still ensuring a balance of different voices.
3. We are grateful for the proposed appropriation to enable a quality long-term master plan. A question has been raised concerning whether the amount of the appropriation is sufficient for the scope of the task. I suggest that this question receive your attention.



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**Testimony Supporting
SB 3237 Leahi Hospital Master Plan**

Clementina D. Ceria-Ulep, PhD, MSN, RN
Oahu Regional Board Member

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 3237 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 and is committed to continue the process that will offer opportunities to create innovative and effective models of long-term care service, including residential care.

A task force with representation of the Oahu regional administration, board, clinical operations and joined by others with relevant backgrounds in important related areas would bring broad expertise and support to the process. The appropriation is important and necessary for professional assistance and staff support for the task force in development of the master plan. However, the amount may not be sufficient.

This measure is consistent with Leahi Hospital's direction in developing a long-term care master plan and is supported by the Oahu Regional administration and board of directors. I support passage of SB 3237. Thank you.



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Vincent Lee, FACHE

Oahu Regional Chief Executive Officer

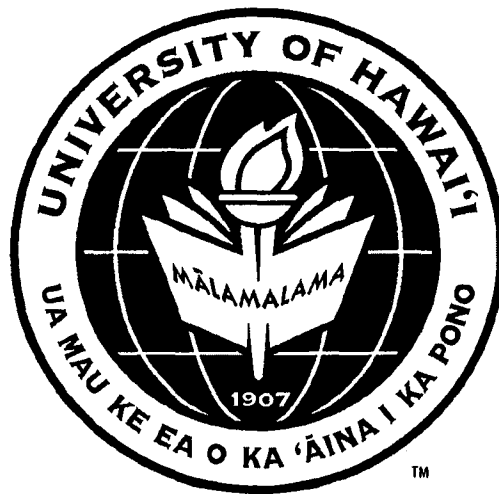
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Leahi Hospital has begun the process of developing a master plan to address the State's long-term public policy goals. Leahi is committed to continue the process that will offer opportunities to create innovative and effective models of long-term care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

A task force with representation from Leahi Hospital and joined by others with relevant backgrounds in important related areas will provide expertise and support to the process. I want to emphasize that the appropriation is important and necessary for professional assistance and staff support for the task force in development of the master plan, however, the \$375k may not be enough.

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

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SB 3237 – Relating to Leahi Hospital Master Plan

Chairs Chun Oakland and Ige, Vice Chairs Ihara and Fukunaga, and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on SB 3237, Relating to Leahi Hospital Master Plan.

In last year's executive summary to the interim report generated by SCR 140/2006, one of the five factors listed under Overall Conclusion was:

- Obtain a long-term site lease from the University of Hawai'i is required to attract strong commitment and funding for the changes needed.

That factor generated HCR 89/2007.

In a June 1, 2007, letter to UH President David McClain, both HHSC President / CEO Thomas Driskill, Jr., and O'ahu Region CEO Vincent Lee stated "We strongly feel that the University of Hawaii's participation and support is integral in our efforts to rejuvenate the Leahi campus."

Over the past two legislative sessions with the passing of SCR140/2006 and HCR 89/2007 we have been invited to and have participated with HHSC in its initial steps in developing Leahi's on-site master plan.

- The University of Hawai'i has a vested interest in the Leahi Hospital campus.
- Two of our John A. Burns School of Medicine programs currently occupy over 14,000 square feet of space in four buildings on the Leahi campus.
 - Kapi'olani Community College utilizes four classrooms and four faculty offices in the Sinclair Building.
 - The University of Hawai'i has a lease with HHSC for the Leahi Hospital site that runs through June 30, 2027, with the option of three 5-year extensions that could take it to 2042.

Based on the preceding information, the University of Hawai'i kindly requests that it be included as a member of the task force to develop the long term master plan for Leahi Hospital.



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Wednesday, February 6, 2008 2:00 PM Conference Room 016

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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 provided the means of continuing their work.

We ask that you will support this bill.

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To the Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Health and the Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, who are holding a Public Hearing on Wed., Feb. 6, 2008 @ 2 p.m. in Room 016

Aloha mai kakou,

I am in support of S.B. 3237 which requires the HHSC Regional Board on O'ahu to convene a Task Force to develop a long-term care master plan for Leahi Hospital. This planning can parallel the planning and implementations of the proposed Center on Aging Research and Education (CARE) at the University of Hawai'i. Like I testified in the CARE bill, that the University of Hawai'i must plan for "system-wide" Aging and Long Term Care deliverables, so too am I asking that HHSC plan for system-wide/ statewide implementations. The growing amount of "aging" in our state demands such system-wide and comprehensive/ statewide planning. Further, I would ask that both HHSC and UH communicate with each other and the aging network, in their planning and implementations.

Me ka mahalo pono,

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LATE**testimony**

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To: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
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From: Lyn Moku, Division Manager Phone: 532-0806
 National Multiple Sclerosis Society

Date: Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Subject: **SUPPORT OF SB3237 RELATING TO LEAHI HOSPITAL MASTER PLAN**

The National Multiple Sclerosis Society supports SB3237 which requires the Hawaii health systems corporation Oahu regional board to convene a taskforce to develop a long-term care master plan for Leahi hospital. Appropriates funds to develop the master plan and for support staff.

20% to 25% of individuals living with MS will require long-term care services at some point during the course of the disease. The National MS Society is dedicated to helping people living with MS and their families, people with other chronic diseases and disabilities, and the elderly secure those critical services.

The Society supports all of the public policy goals for long-term care and the programs outlined in the bill. The concept of having everything you need in one place, like one-stop shopping, is practical and efficient.

- Anyone who has tried to find the resources they need for a family member or a family caregiver knows how difficult and time-consuming it is to navigate "the system." Many people do know what services are available in the community, where to find them, or where to begin their search. Rarely can a person access the service they need on the first try. It could take many phone calls and/or visits to speak to someone who can help them, or refer them to another agency. Coordinating referral and case management through a single-entry contact, and having some of the community-based programs on-site, will be a great service to individuals and family members. It should also ensure that more people receive the care they need.
- Collaboration with the University of Hawaii for education and training for family caregivers, and teaching and research, is a natural partnership that will benefit both groups.

The Society supports:

- Expansion of public and private long-term care options, especially those that keep individuals in the community and functioning at the highest possible level.

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- Development of a coordinated approach to the delivery of care to help assure that the best combination of health care and other services is provided.

For these reasons, we ask you to support SB3237. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of this Bill.

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