

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:

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**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.

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FROM: Eldon L. Wegner, Ph.D.,
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SUBJECT: SCR 201 Relating to Leahi Hospital Master Plan

HEARING: 1:30 PM, Monday, March 24, 2008
Conference Room 016, Hawaii State Capitol

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.

POSITION: My testimony is in support of SCR 201. 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 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:

- The bill calls for a taskforce and specifies the process and 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

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

Thank you for reading my 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.

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