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SCR 201SD1 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.

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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Testimony Supporting
SCR 201, SD 1
Establish a Task Force to Assist in Developing a
Master Plan for Long Term Care for Leahi Hospital

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Oahu Regional Chief Executive Officer

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SCR201, SD1 requesting 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.

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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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