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Comments:

As President of the West Maui Improvement Foundation Inc., please accept the testimony in support of this Medical Enterprise Zone pilot project in West Maui.

We have been working for the past 10 years to obtain sorely needed life saving access to medical care 24/7 in our \$15 Billion Dollar community with an average census of 69,000 on any given day who are over 60 minutes away from the sole island hospital at MMC in Wailuku. We recently were successful in supporting receipt of a Certificate of need #08-07 for a West Maui Hospital and Medical Center. The successful adoption of this Bill will facilitate added viability for medical supporting facilities to the Hospital which will add sorely needed jobs and a new industry to be tested for diversification of income opportunities of Industry to the State and County. Medical Tourism is a 100 Billion Dollar Industry and may be ideally situated at West Maui above the World Famous Kaanapali Beach Resort in West Maui.

Thank you for your serious consideration in passing this bill on for approval by all concerned. Malama Pono ame Mahalo, Joseph D. Pluta, President, WMIF