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**HCR244, ENSURING THAT ANY LEGISLATIVE EFFORT TO REPAIR THE
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IN HAWAII SHOULD INCORPORATE
SUSTAINABLE WELLNESS PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS THE
UNDERLYING CAUSAL FACTORS ASSOCIATED CHRONIC DISEASE**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health**

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- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department strongly supports this resolution.
- 2 **Fiscal Implications:** The Department respectfully requests continuing support to protect funding for
- 3 primary prevention in the executive biennium budget. The Department's original request for primary
- 4 prevention has been drastically cut in HB1731 HD1 and further in the HB200 HD1 budget worksheets
- 5 so that only \$3.8 million in fiscal year remains for primary prevention programs as shown in table 1.
- 6 After personnel and operational costs only \$1.3 million remains to support ongoing and new activities.
- 7 The Department does support the original version of HB1731 to help offset the budget deficit. This
- 8 would reduce the Department's portion to 18% of the TSSF, or \$9.5 million after assessments.
- 9 Table 1. Reduction to Department of Health (DOH) Tobacco Settlement Project Healthy Hawaii
- 10 Initiative Budget through HB1731 HD1 and HD200 HD1 budget worksheets.

FY10	FY11	Description	Seq. #	Prog ID
2,700,000		Healthy Start	63-001	HTH 560
376,953	376,953	Respite Care	1001-001	HTH 560
1,022,813	1,022,813	Chronic disease 11 positions	1001-001	HTH 580
3,844,053	6,544,053	Remainder for TSP HHI		HTH 590
7,943,819	7,943,819	Reduced appropriation for Department of Health, Tobacco Settlement Project		

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2 **Purpose and Justification:** The concurrent resolution identifies the importance of having sustainable
3 wellness programs and that efforts to improve healthcare must address the prevention of chronic disease.
4 The resolution also recognizes the importance of the public having support to make healthy lifestyle
5 changes including diet, exercise, smoking cessation and stress reduction.

6 The Department of Health appreciates the legacy of the 1999 Legislature in enacting Act 304
7 that established the tobacco settlement special fund which comes from a master settlement agreement
8 when the major tobacco companies and forty-six states settled a multi-billion dollar lawsuit on the
9 economic burden and suffering caused by tobacco products. The Department uses the 25%
10 appropriation of the TSSF pursuant to HRS §328L-2 and -4 to fund primary prevention activities
11 through the Healthy Hawaii Initiative. From 2000 the Department funded other state and community-
12 based agencies to launch interventions to support healthy eating, physical activity and tobacco free
13 lifestyles. However, during the fiscal years 2004 and 2005, the HHI budget was cut by 51% to fund the
14 Healthy Start program through the 2003 legislative biennium budgeting process. Alarmed with the rise
15 of childhood obesity, the 2006 Legislature convened an informational hearing and passed SCR 7 for the
16 Department of Health to write a state physical activity and nutrition (PAN) plan. The Department
17 published the, "Hawaii Physical Activity and Nutrition Plan, 2007-2012" in 2007 and the "Hawaii
18 Physical Activity and Nutrition Surveillance Report" in 2008.

19 The HHI has been cited in several Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC)
20 publications as a model state program in primary prevention, and most recently it was awarded the U.S.
21 Surgeon General's, "Healthy Kids, Healthy Futures" award. Through supporting policies, institutional
22 and environmental design changes HHI helps individuals have the support system that provides healthy
23 choices. Since 2000 HHI funding has funded contracts with the Department of Education totaling \$1.85
24 to \$1.25 million annually. The funding pays for health education and physical education positions,
25 training and resources, and most recently, training for schools to implement the Wellness Guidelines,

1 nutrition education, and training in nutrition and healthy food preparation for cafeteria workers and
2 managers. Through coalition building, and training, HHI has worked with counties to review their
3 zoning to create more walkable and bikeable community designs, and is now beginning to work with
4 state agencies, unions, and healthcare providers on health promotion to improve wellness and reduce
5 healthcare costs. The HHI also participates in the USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
6 nutrition education (SNAPed) program to bring nutrition education through community-based
7 organizations and schools with people in the lower socio-economic groups who may face multi-
8 generational impacts of poor healthcare access and increased risk for chronic disease.

9 The Healthy Hawaii Initiative is working aggressively knowing that research indicates this
10 generation of children may be the first to not live as long as their parents. We appreciate the sentiment
11 of the legislative body in bringing attention to sustained wellness programs to address the primary risk
12 factors for chronic disease. The Department will continue to work with healthcare systems and to
13 represent the need to address primary prevention. We respectfully request your help in continuing to
14 preserve the funding for this important policy priority in public health.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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From: Nel Fale [n_fale@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2009 8:27 AM
To: HLTtestimony

Aloha my name is Nellie Fale. I am a Kahuku High School student. We need to fix health care over 72,000 individuals in Hawaii have been 7 diagnosed with diabetes and more than 25,000 remain undiagnosed; many of these people are people that I know, they are both members of my family and friends. I hope that your support of HCR 244 is only the beginning of improving Healthcare in Hawaii and the quality of life for us.



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From: NiNA PIUELA FALE [nina_fale8@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2009 8:37 AM
To: HLTtestimony

Aloha,

My name is Nina Fale, I am of mixed Polynesian and Caucasian descent. I am also a student of Kahuku High School.

We need to fix health care over 72,000 individuals in Hawaii have been 7 diagnosed with diabetes and more than 25,000 remain undiagnosed; many of these people are people that I know, they are both members of my family and friends. I hope that your support of HCR 244 is only the beginning of improving Healthcare in Hawaii and the quality of life for us.

Mahalo,

Nina Fale



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From: Siaosi Fale [falesiaosi@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2009 8:52 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: health care

Aloha,

My name is Blake Fale, I am of mixed Polynesian and Caucasian descent. I am also a student of Kahuku High School.

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Mahalo,

Blake Fale

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From: Kim Fale [kim.fale@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2009 9:01 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HCR 244

March 27, 2009

Aloha,

My name is Kim Fale, I am married to a Tongan and have lived in the South Pacific and Hawaii for over 25 years I also work at teaching Polynesian students.

We need to fix health care in Hawaii especially in the rural areas. Over 72,000 individuals in Hawaii have been diagnosed with diabetes and more than 25,000 remain undiagnosed; many of these people are people that I know, they are both members of my family and friends. I hope that your support of HCR 244 is only the beginning of improving Healthcare in Hawaii and the quality of life for us.

Mahalo,

Kim Fale

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From: Victoria Woods [victoriawoods21@gmail.com]
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To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Hawaii Healthcare

To Whom it May Concern:

Healthcare in Hawaii is atrocious. The care individuals receive is substandard as well as public education on proper healthcare. Evidence of this can be shown in the growing amount of people that continue to be diagnosed and in danger of getting preventable and treatable diseases such as Diabetes. Over 72,000 individuals in Hawaii have been diagnosed with diabetes and more than 25,000 remain undiagnosed. Many of these are people that I know, including family and friends. I hope that your support of HCR 244 is only the beginning of improving Healthcare in Hawaii and the quality of life for us.

Thank you,

Victoria Woods