

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, FEBRUARY 2, 2010  
Testimony Providing Information on HB1902, Relating to Long Term Care**

May It please the Committee:

I am Stuart T.K. Ho, chairman of the long term care commission ("LTCC") created by Act 224, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008.

I appear solely to provide information that may be helpful to the Committee in considering HB1902, which proposes to amend Act 224 so as to (1) change the dates of the the LTCC's "interim" and "final" reports submitted to the Legislature by the LTCC, and (2) to extend the life of the LTCC until the adjournment of the regular session of the 2012 Legislature *sine die*.

My appearance should not be considered an act of the LTCC. Notice of the hearing of this bill did not provide sufficient time to call a meeting of the LTCC to consider the bill. Nonetheless, the information provided below may be useful to the Committee.

I advise the Committee that the purpose and intent of HB1902 is also the subject of SB2286, which was heard last week (on January 28, 2010) before the Senate Committee on Human Services.

HB1902 differs from SB2286 in the following respects:

	<b>HB1902</b>	<b>SB2286</b>
Submission of Interim Report	Jan. 1, 2011	Jan. 19, 2011
Submission of Final Report	Jan. 1, 2012	Jan. 18, 2012
LTCC Expiration	Same	Same

I testified at the Senate hearing that the dates set forth in SB2286 were satisfactory to the LTCC, and that the "sunset" date for the LTCC met the LTCC's goal as well. I understand and appreciate the Senate's and House's desire to accommodate the LTCC's revised work plan (as described in the report of the Joint Legislative Committee on Family Caregiving) and I look forward to cooperating to satisfy this aim.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Stuart T.K. Ho  
Stuart T.K. Ho, Chairman  
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### **The House Committee on Health**

To: Representative Ryan Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair

### **The House Committee on Human Services**

To: Representative John Mizuno, Chair  
Representative Tom Brower, Vice Chair

From: Virginia Pressler, MD, MBA  
Executive Vice President

Re: **HB 1902 RELATING TO LONG TERM CARE - Testimony in Strong Support**

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My name is Ginny Pressler, MD Executive Vice President at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). Hawai'i Pacific Health is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider, committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 44 outpatient clinics and more than 2,200 physicians and clinicians. The network is anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Kapi'olani Medical Center at Pali Momi, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital. Collectively, they lead the state in the areas of women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, bone and joint services and cancer care. Hawai'i Pacific Health ranks among the top 3.8 percent of hospitals nationwide in electronic medical record adoption, with system-wide implementation that allows its hospitals to offer integrated, coordinated care throughout the state. Learn more at: <http://www.hawaiipacifichealth.org>

We are writing in strong support of HB 1902 which extends the sunset date and reporting dates to the legislature of the Long Term Care Commission.

On any given day there are more than 250 patients in hospitals across Hawaii who have been treated and are now waiting to be transferred to a long term care facility but who must remain "waitlisted" in a hospital because long term care is not available. Discharge timeframes for waitlisted patients range from days to over a year. This represents a poor quality of life option for the patient, presents an often insurmountable dilemma for providers and patients, and creates a serious financial drain on acute care hospitals with ripple effects felt throughout other healthcare service sectors.

The work of this commission is vitally important to our state finding a solution to our long term care crisis. Thank you.



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