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HCR266/HR191 - STRONGLY URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND LEAHI HOSPITAL TO REACH A JOINT AGREEMENT ON A COORDINATED MASTER PLAN TO PROVIDE INNOVATIVE LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES

Testimony by Vincent H.S. Lee
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HCR 266 and HR191. A joint agreement on a coordinated master plan with the University of Hawaii is most important to Leahi. It would provide the long range planning needed to develop the programs and services to support a progressive, comprehensive long term care model. In the short term, it provides a sound rationale for immediate facility improvements that must be done to meet current regulatory requirements.

Leahi currently operates 179 licensed beds to serve inpatient long-term care ICF (intermediate care facility) and SNF (Skilled nursing facility) level residents. It also provides adult day health services and provides access for their residents to a number of other community based services. The Leahi Hospital site also houses programs from the University of Hawaii School of Medicine, the Department of Health, and Kapiolani Community College.

The Leahi buildings and campus, which was formerly a residential TB facility, is not designed for long term care and, as a result, inhibits efficient and effective operations and future program development. The facilities are also aging and deteriorating after years of delayed maintenance and replacement due to lack of readily available capital funding. Often, minor renovations and temporary repairs are done instead of major building redesigns or replacements that are needed.

The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Oahu Region is committed to development of a master plan for Leahi in coordination with the University of Hawaii to achieve a vision of replacing the existing resident care facilities and revitalizing the surrounding campus. The development of a master plan would align all future on-campus construction, programs, services and activities with that vision.

This planning effort provides an opportunity to work with the University of Hawaii, neighboring organizations and other stakeholders to determine how future development of the Leahi site can best improve the services we now provide, increase access to other complementary community services, effect a positive change to the surrounding area, and create unique opportunities to collaborate with others on new, innovative services that will benefit the growing number of long term care recipients and their caregivers.

The HHSC Oahu Region would like to thank members of this committee for providing initial direction and support in moving this collaborative effort forward.

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Comments:

My name is Anthony Lenzer. I am a retired professor and former director of the Center on Aging at the University of Hawaii. I strongly support this resolution because it offers a great opportunity to create a new and innovative campus of long-term care services, which can also serve as a site for research and training of students at all levels from community college through graduate programs. The presence of a strong elder training program at Kapiolani Community College, located adjacent to the Leahi site, would be an extremely valuable resource for such a campus. The University's Center on aging located at Manoa could also be involved in developing this master plan. Also, the new Honolulu Aging and Disability Resource Center could conceivably co-locate at the site.

For many reasons, therefore, I support this resolution and urge that it be adopted. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.