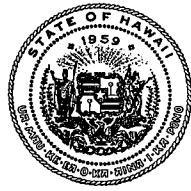


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SB1076, Relating to Health Care

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February 18, 2009

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health appreciates the intent but is opposed to the bill as
2 written.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** Additional funds required to support comprehensive study for Hawaii County.
4 Additional funds required to support travel to Hawaii County by CON Review Panel and Statewide
5 Health Coordinating Council members.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department of Health appreciates the merits of enabling the residents
7 in the County of Hawaii to have a greater say in developing a comprehensive health plan for the island.
8 Over the past two years, the County of Hawaii's leadership has done much to this end. In a
9 public/private partnership significant groundwork has been laid for island-wide health care planning.
10 Some of the groups involved in the process include the County of Hawaii, Hawaii Island Health Care
11 Stakeholder Group, Hawaii Island Rural Health Association, Ka`u Rural Health Community
12 Association, the Hawaii State Office of Rural Health, State Health Planning and Development Agency,
13 and Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council. The proposed legislation appears to duplicate
14 much of the work started by these groups rather than build upon their efforts.

1 Secondly, the bill mandates that the County of Hawaii receive priority processing from SHPDA
2 on all certificate of need (CON) applications. While a positive situation for applicants from the County
3 of Hawaii, it comes at the expense of CON applicants from other counties. Those applications are in
4 effect pushed to the back of the line anytime a CON from Hawaii County is introduced. Because the
5 County of Maui already receives priority processing, applications from the Counties of Kauai and Oahu
6 will always be at the back of the line. In addition, requiring that all CON meetings take place on the
7 island of Hawaii does not appear necessary because Hawaii Administrative Rules already require the
8 Subarea Health Council to meet in Hawaii County for all CON applications.

9 Finally, the cost associated with the proposed legislation will not be budget neutral. The
10 Department knows this from experience implementing similar legislation for the County of Maui.
11 Requiring SHPDA staff to supporting the proposed study will result in higher expenses for the Agency.
12 In addition, requiring that all CON meetings take place on the island of Hawaii will raise the cost of
13 reviewing applications by requiring additional airfares for CON Review Panel and Statewide Health
14 Coordinating Council members.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify regarding HB 1076.



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To: **The Senate Committee on Health**
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The Hon. Josh Green, MD, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 1076
Relating to Health Care
Submitted by Beth Giesting, CEO
February 18, 2008, 3:15 p.m. agenda, Room 016

The Hawaii Primary Care Association supports this bill to establish a temporary task force at SHPDA to develop a strategic plan for health care delivery in Hawaii County. This is a timely goal since the system at all levels on that island is extremely vulnerable. In addition, new health information technology, an emphasis on the medical home model, and possible resources from federal agencies such as CMS and HRSA present unprecedented opportunities for advancement. We also point out that the solutions developed for Hawaii County will be of value to the rest of the state, all of which has growing health care system deficits.

We ask that Section specify that at least one member of the taskforce have experience in the primary care delivery system since this is the cornerstone of improvement yet is often overlooked in the concern about hospitals and specialty care.

Thank you for the opportunity to add our support for this measure.

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I support the concept of this bill. Some minimal level of funding should be allocated to staff and implement.