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SB 1140 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE.

Requires commercial health plans licensed to do business in the State to pay no less than 101% of costs for all services provided to plan beneficiaries by critical access hospitals and federally qualified health centers.

By Howard Ainsley
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1140 to require commercial health plans licensed to do business in the State to pay no less than 101% of costs for all services provided to plan beneficiaries by critical access hospitals and federally qualified health centers.

Our Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs), Hale Ho'ola Hamakua and Ka'u Hospital, in East Hawaii are lifelines for the community in those remote locations. These hospitals make healthcare accessible to the community and keep them healthy. They are also a large part of the town's economic survival.

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

Your support for SB 1140 is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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Comments:

The Kauai Region (West Kauai Medical Center / KVMH; West Kauai Clinics - Waimea, Eleele, Kalaheo; Mahelona Medical Center / SMMH) supports SB1140. The additional revenues obtained from commercial health plan will equal the playing field for critical access hospitals. Currently, State and Federal programs pay critical access hospitals 101% of costs for all services provided to their beneficiaries.