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L A T E

Dear Senator Ige and Committee members:

Re: SCR 122 and 146

I am a member of the Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance, better known simply as "the Alliance." It is a grass-roots effort to improve access to high-quality healthcare services on Hawaii Island. Our stakeholder membership includes business and community leaders, hospital CEOs, FQHCs, HMSA, Kaiser, Workforce Development, UHH College of Pharmacy, SHPDA, County and State government representatives, physicians, and others.

The Alliance has not yet formally taken a position on the above two resolutions, so this testimony is submitted as my own.

SCR 122 and 146 are both positive steps forward and worthy of support. However, I would ask that amendments be considered.

SCR 122 has no reference to community input. There is a reference to "stakeholders" but I am not sure that anyone will think of the community in that context. Therefore I hope that SCR 122 might be amended to include a mandate that the committee being established hold public meetings, and that it seek community input. The Summit should be instructed to "seek input from consumers, community members and community groups, including from grass roots organizations such as the HIHA (the Alliance) on the Island of Hawaii..."

SCR 146 calls for a Task Force that includes "consumer advocates." This is close to what is needed, but the Alliance, as an example, is not so much a consumer advocate as a community advocate. Therefore I would ask for an amendment here too, similar to SCR 122 .

Finally, in both cases, I would ask that there be an explicit requirement that there be neighbor island representation on the Committee/Task Force, since so much of HHSC's work is done on the neighbor islands.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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