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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION REGARDING HB 116 RELATING TO MEDICAL ENTERPRISE ZONES

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIFIER: FREDERICK D. PABLO, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF
 TAXATION (OR DESIGNEE)
COMMITTEE: HLT
DATE: JANUARY 28, 2011
TIME: 9:30AM

POSITION: OPPOSED TO REVENUE LOSS

This measure seeks to create "Medical Enterprise Zones," which operate similar to the existing Enterprise Zones administered by the Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism.

The Department of Taxation (Department) takes no position on this measure; however must oppose the revenue loss anticipated by this measure.

DEFER TO DEPT. OF HEALTH & DBEDT ON POLICY PRIORITY

The Department defers to the Departments of Health and Business, Economic Development & Tourism on the merits of whether tax incentives are necessary for the healthcare industry. As such, the Department takes no position on the substance of this measure.

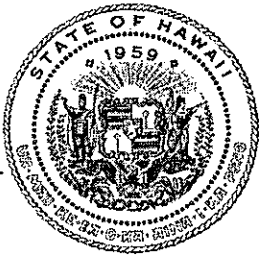
OPPOSED TO REVENUE LOSS

As with all measures, the Department must be cognizant of the biennium budget and financial plan. This measure has not been factored into either. The Department does not support the revenue loss resulting from this measure.

The tax component of this measure will result in the following revenue losses:

- \$306,000 in FY2012;
- \$510,000 in FY2013;
- \$510,000 in FY2014;
- \$714,000 in FY2015; and
- \$1,267,500 in FY2016.

Department of Taxation Testimony
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before the

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Friday, January 28, 2011
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 329

in consideration of
HB 116
RELATING TO MEDICAL ENTERPRISE ZONES

Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Morikawa, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports the intent of House Bill 116, which attempts to address the shortage of medical and research facilities and healthcare professionals in Hawaii by establishing a single pilot medical enterprise zone in West Maui. We, however, defer to the Department of Taxation to ascertain the financial impact of this measure.

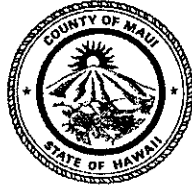
This bill among other things will provide Enterprise Zone (EZ) program benefits to a to-be-determined medical facility in the West Maui Enterprise Zone. The new chapter will require the development and adoption of new rules and a new legislative report will need to be created. In addition, this bill gives the responsibility of zone designation to the director of the department (DBEDT) (Page 13, Section 3, Lines 16 – 21; Page 14, Section 3, Lines 1-2) where under the current EZ process, this responsibility is designated to the Governor.

An option to consider may be to simply add medical and medical research facilities to eligible types of businesses covered in the Enterprise Zone Statute.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Ke'ena O Ka Meia
COUNTY OF MAUI – Kalana O Maui

TO: Honorable Ryan Yamane, Chair
Honorable Dee Moriwake, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the House Committee on Health

FROM: Alan Arakawa, Mayor
Maui County

DATE: January 28, 2011

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY OF MAUI COUNTY MAYOR ALAN ARAKAWA IN SUPPORT OF HB116 RELATING TO MEDICAL ENTERPRISE ZONES

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of **HB116** relating to Medical Enterprise Zones. The County of Maui supports the intent of this measure which will facilitate the construction of a much needed West Maui Hospital and attract medical companies to West Maui.

As Mayor of Maui County, I thank you for considering our testimony and humbly ask for your support for HB116.

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**TESTIMONY OF ROBERT TOYOFUKU ON BEHALF OF THE HAWAII
ASSOCIATION FOR JUSTICE (HAJ) REGARDING H.B. NO. 116**

January 28, 2011

To: Chairman Ryan I. Yamane and Members of the House Committee on Health:

My name is Bob Toyofuku and I am presenting this testimony on behalf of the Hawaii Association of Justice (HAJ) regarding H.B. No. 116.

This measure provides for the establishment of medical enterprise zones in the state and particularly on Maui to create and encourage the establishment of medical and research facilities in Hawaii. Although HAJ does not have specific data to analyze the costs associated with this legislation HAJ supports the concepts and policies set forth in this bill.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify regarding this measure.

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From: delehman@earthlink.net
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 3:05 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Support for HB 116

The West Maui Taxpayers Association (WMTA) strongly supports HB 116 as the measure will facilitate provision of quality medical care in an area that historically has been underserved and isolated. In addition, the promotion of healing centers and medical research facilities will bring exciting new career opportunities and development to West Maui. WMTA urges the Legislature to enact HB 116. Thank you.

Donald Lehman, President, WMTA

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SUBJECT: MISCELLANEOUS, Medical enterprise zone

BILL NUMBER: HB 116

INTRODUCED BY: McKelvey, Evans and 2 Democrats

BRIEF SUMMARY: Adds a new chapter to the HRS to establish a pilot medical enterprise zone in West Maui. The governing body of the county of Maui shall transmit to the director of business, economic development, and tourism (DBEDT) by November 30, 2011, a description of a proposed location in West Maui. The director of DBEDT shall designate the proposed area as a medical enterprise zone for seven years.

A medical or research facility may be eligible to be designated a qualified business if the facility: (1) begins the operation of a medical or research facility within a medical enterprise zone; (2) during each taxable year has at least ___ percent of its medical enterprise zone establishment's gross receipts attributable to its operation within the medical enterprise zone; (3) increases its average annual number of full-time medical or research professional employees by at least ___ percent by the end of its first tax year of participation; and (4) during each subsequent taxable year at least maintains that higher level of employment for medical or research professional employees.

Requires each qualified business in the zone to annually complete and submit to DBEDT information necessary to determine whether the medical or research facility qualifies or continues to qualify as a qualified business. If the department determines that the medical or research facility qualifies as a qualified business, the department shall approve the completed form and forward copies of the completed and approved form to the department of taxation and the governing body of the county.

DBEDT shall certify annually to the department of taxation the applicability of the tax credit provided in this chapter for a qualified business against any income taxes imposed under title 14 that are due the state. The credit shall be: (1) eighty percent of the tax due for the first taxable year that the business qualifies as a qualified business; (2) seventy percent of the tax due for the second taxable year that the business qualifies as a qualified business; (3) sixty percent of the tax due in the third taxable year that the business qualifies as a qualified business; (4) fifty percent of the tax due in the fourth taxable year that the business qualifies as a qualified business; (5) forty percent of the tax due in the fifth taxable year that the business qualifies as a qualified business; (6) thirty percent of the tax due in the sixth taxable year that the business qualifies as a qualified business; and (7) twenty percent of the tax due in the seventh year that the business qualifies as a qualified business.

If a partnership is eligible for a tax credit under this section, each partner shall be eligible for the tax credit provided for in this section on the partner's income tax return in proportion to the partner's income tax liability from the partnership. Any qualified business earning taxable income from the provision of the qualified business' services, both within and without the medical enterprise zone, shall allocate and apportion its taxable income attributable to that provision of services. Tax credits provided

for in this section shall only apply to taxable income of a qualified business attributable to the services provided within the medical enterprise zone.

In addition to any tax credit authorized under this section, a qualified business shall be entitled to a tax credit against any taxes due the state in an amount equal to a percentage of unemployment taxes paid pursuant to chapter 383. The amount of the credit shall be equal to: (1) eighty percent of the unemployment taxes paid for during the first taxable year that the business qualifies as a qualified business; (2) seventy percent of the unemployment taxes paid for the second year that the business qualifies as a qualified business; (3) sixty percent of the unemployment taxes paid for the third year that the business qualifies as a qualified business; (4) fifty percent of the unemployment taxes paid for the fourth year that the business qualifies as a qualified business; (5) forty percent of the unemployment taxes paid for the fifth year that the business qualifies as a qualified business; (6) thirty percent of the unemployment taxes paid for the sixth year that the business qualifies as a qualified business; and (7) twenty percent of the unemployment taxes paid for the seventh year that the business qualifies as a qualified business. These tax credits shall only apply to the unemployment tax paid on employees employed at the qualified business' establishment or establishments located within the medical enterprise zone.

DBEDT shall certify annually to the department of taxation that any qualified business is exempt from the payment of general excise taxes on the gross proceeds from the provision of medical or research services. The department shall also certify annually to the department of taxation that any qualified business is exempt from the use tax for purchases by the qualified business. The gross proceeds received by a contractor licensed under chapter 444 shall be exempt from the general excise tax for construction within a medical enterprise zone performed for a qualified business within a medical enterprise zone. The exemption shall extend for a period not to exceed seven years after the effective date of this act.

Allows any county to propose local incentives, including: (1) reduction of permit fees; (2) reduction of user fees; and (3) reduction of real property taxes. A county may also propose measures for regulatory flexibility including but not limited to: (1) special zoning districts; (2) permit process reform; (3) exemptions from local ordinances; and (4) other public incentives proposed in the locality's application, which shall be binding upon the locality upon designation of the medical enterprise zone.

Upon designation of the area as a medical enterprise zone, the proposals for regulatory flexibility, tax incentives, and other public incentives specified in this chapter shall be binding upon the governing body of the county to the extent and for a period of seven years. If the governing body of the county is unable or unwilling to provide any of the incentives or other incentives acceptable to the department, and the department has not adopted rules that supersede inconsistent ordinances and rules relating to the use, zoning, planning, and development of land and construction in a medical enterprise zone, then the medical enterprise zone shall terminate. Qualified businesses located in the medical enterprise zone shall be eligible to receive the state tax incentives provided by this chapter even though the zone designation has terminated.

Directs DBEDT, in consultation with the department of taxation, to submit a written report to the legislature by December 31 of each year beginning in 2012 regarding the implementation of the pilot medical enterprise zone in West Maui, including an evaluation of the success or failure of the pilot medical enterprise zone to fulfill its intended purpose.

This act shall be repealed on January 1, 2018.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Tax years beginning after December 31, 2010

STAFF COMMENTS: This measure proposes to establish a medical enterprise zone in West Maui. In an enterprise zone, businesses are attracted and encouraged to relocate to the zone through tax incentives, bonds, and other appropriate measures. Businesses located in an enterprise zone may claim a credit against taxes paid, including unemployment taxes, for a period of seven years and also the sales of items sold by such businesses are exempt from the general excise tax.

While it appears that it is the intent of the legislature to encourage new and existing businesses to expand their employment bases and increase their marketing territories, enterprise zones merely exacerbate what is already considered a poor climate in which to do business. Singling out businesses for preferential treatment merely confers preferences for those businesses at the expense of all other taxpayers.

Concurrent efforts must be made to improve Hawaii's business climate to enhance the economic prospects for all businesses. Enterprise zones are merely an abdication of government's responsibility to create a nurturing and supportive business climate so that all businesses can thrive in Hawaii and provide the jobs the people of Hawaii need. In this case, it is the provision of medical care in rural communities of the state and in this case specifically West Maui.

As the legislature has learned in recent years, the hurdles to the provision of quality health care in rural areas of the state go far beyond financial challenges that these tax incentives would seem to attempt to abate. Medical tort reform, provision of adequate support staff and the high cost of medical infrastructure are but a few of the issues facing the provision of medical care in rural communities.

Finally, while this proposal attempts to provide oversight to the administration of the tax incentives, one must ask the question of who pays for this oversight? This is an additional cost that will be incurred by both the department of taxation and DBEDT. Thus, the incentive does not come free of costs in addition to the lost revenues.

Instead of expanding the enterprise zone program, the program should be repealed in favor of across-the-board tax relief for all businesses in Hawaii. For example, the consultant to the 2007 Tax Review Commission suggested that all business-to-business transactions be exempt from the general excise tax as a means of reducing not only the cost of doing business in Hawaii but the overall cost of living.

Indeed, has there been a comprehensive evaluation of the program and do lawmakers know exactly how much enterprise zone businesses have benefitted and whether or not they have created the jobs promised when the program was first established?

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Friday, January 28, 2011; 9:30AM Conference Room 329

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association
Dr. Morris Mitsunaga, MD, President
Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Joseph Zobian, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Christopher Flanders, MD, Executive Director
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: HB 116 Medical Enterprise Zones

In Support

Chairs & Committee Members:

Hawaii Medical Association supports HB 116.

Hawaii is currently experiencing a patient access to medical care crisis due to an inadequate supply of physicians statewide.

Economic incentives that reduce the financial burden on a medical practice can serve as a meaningful incentive to practice in rural areas.

Financial burdens include:

- Overhead that can be as high as 75% of gross income;
- Overhead includes, high medical malpractice insurance premiums (premiums vary by medical specialty);
- Overhead includes increasing manpower, office rent and other business expenses;
- Income is based on inadequate payment for services from private and public health plans; and
- For new physicians, the average student loan debt is \$157,944.

In addition, we would like the committee to note that it will take many different kinds of incentives to make Hawaii competitive with other jurisdiction. The physician shortage is national and is expected to last for the next several decades.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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From: Carmelaub@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 8:12 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: *****SPAM***** Testimony reHB116

Aloha,
The West Maui Veterans Club of Lahaina and the Maui County Veterans Council join together to urge, in the highest degree, that the pro Medical Center legislation be supported. Lahaina (West Side Maui) regularly becomes isolated during natural disasters due to rock slides and flooding. During best of times it is a substantial distance from the Maui Hospital. Further the graying of our kupuna exacerbates the difficulties for them to get immediate treatments when necessary. Accordingly for the the sake of the our people we respectfully request that this legislation be passed. Thank You,

Paul Laub
President
Maui County Veterans Council

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From: Joe Pluta [pluta@maui.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:33 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: Rep. Angus McKelvey
Subject: Testimony HB 116 Relating to Medical Enterprise Zones



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January 27, 2011

Testimony: HB116 RELATING TO MEDICAL ENTERPRISE ZONES

Aloha:

I am submitting this written testimony to support of HB 116 Relating To Medical Enterprise Zone for West Maui.

This bill is critical to West Maui as it facilitates construction for West Maui Hospital as well as supports development at healing centers and medical research facilities in West Maui and will help attract medical companies to West Maui, which will not only assist in our health access issues, but will also create economic opportunities for our youngsters entering the medical field.

The State of Hawaii Director of Health Planning and Development Agency granted a Certificate of Need for the West Maui Hospital on March 13, 2009. This decision and application is public record No. 08-07 on file with the Agency, including written and oral testimony and exhibits submitted by the applicant and the unanimous recommendations of the Tri Isle Subarea Health Planning Council, Certificate of Need Review Panel, and the Statewide Health Planning Council.

The State of Hawaii and the County of Maui would be prudent to recognize the scrutiny which has been taken and the benefits which can be realized by making the Health Care Enterprise Zone HB 116 an approved reality.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Warm Regards,

Joseph D. Pluta, President

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From: Jim Hentz [jhentz@crmhi.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:28 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB116

House Committee members

I would like to hereby testify and express our support for HB 116.

We have been struggling for many years to establish some independent medical facilities in West Maui.

You all know the story and how long it can take to drive across the island for basic medical treatment.

This bill will help facilitate additional health care and support for our residents and visitors alike.

On behalf of all our clients and staff members, please vote in favor of this bill.

Sincerely,

James Hentz

General Manager

Consolidated Resorts

Sands of Kahana

Kahana Beach Resort

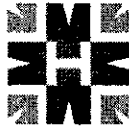
The Gardens of West Maui

Kahana Villas

Hono Koa Resort

Kapalua Plantation Estates.

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Maui Hotel & Lodging
ASSOCIATION

Testimony of
Carol Reimann
Executive Director
Maui Hotel & Lodging Association
on
HB116
RELATING TO MEDICAL ENTERPRISE ZONES

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Tuesday, 01-28-11 9:30am
Conference room 329

The Maui Hotel & Lodging Association (MHLA) is the legislative arm of the visitor industry. Our membership includes approximately 120 property and allied business members – all of whom have an interest in the visitor industry. Collectively, the MHLA membership employs over 10,000 Maui County residents.

MHLA supports HB 116 Relating to Medical Enterprise Zone for West Maui.

MHLA’s membership collectively employs approximately 10,000 Maui County residents. A significant number of these employees live and/or work in the West Maui area including Lahaina, Kahana, Napili, Kaanapali and Kapalua. In addition, our membership welcomes and houses thousands of visitors on a daily basis.

Given the de facto population of residents, visitors and travel industry employee who commute on a daily basis to the West Maui area, our MHLA strongly believes immediate access to health care services is vital in order to treat those who may suffer from unexpected illness, injury and medical emergencies. Particularly during a life-threatening situation, it is critical that medical facilities be easily accessible and reachable within minutes.

This bill is critical to West Maui as it facilitates construction for a medical facility, supports development of healing centers and medical research facilities. The bill will also help to attract medical companies to West Maui, which will help address health access issues, and create economic opportunities for West Maui; and ultimately improve the quality of healthcare for our West Maui community.

We urge you to support HB116.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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From: Nane W. Aluli [naluli@mauiian.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 10:46 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: naluli@mauiian.com; Rep. Angus McKelvey
Subject: Testimony On Medical Facility For West Maui

Aloha:

West Maui is greatly in need of a hospital with emergency facilities. For both local residents and our significant visitor population, the lack of these type of facilities puts the community in great jeopardy. Your positive response on HB116 RELATING TO MEDICAL ENTERPRISE ZONES for West Maui is appreciated.

Aloha,

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From: Mark Island Star Excursions [mark@islandstarexcursions.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 7:02 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 116

Aloha,

Please pass this bill. A hospital on the west side is well needed. Especially when there is an accident on the only road connecting west Maui to central Maui.

Mark Robinson

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From: Quinn Ross [quinn@timbamaui.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 6:26 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: west maui hospital

A hospital on the west side is something that is paramount to our community. It would not only bring safety and stability to the area in the form of better access to medical help, but also bring new prosperous members to the west maui community that would be living/working in the hospital and therefore living/spending their earnings in west maui.

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From: Bill or Bobbie Best [bestb002@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 5:17 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: in support of HB116 Re: Medical Enterprise Zones

This bill is critical to West Maui as it facilitates construction for West Maui Hospital as well as supports development at healing centers and medical research facilities in West Maui and will help attract medical companies to West Maui, which will not only assist in our health access issues, but will also create economic opportunities for our youngsters entering the medical field.

Mahalo,

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Best

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From: Linda Boote [lindaboote@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 10:38 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB116

West Maui needs an Emergency facility and we need it NOW. One of our tenants had a stroke, 911 was called. Honoapiilani Hwy was jammed due to an overturned truck on the pali, and it took the medics over an hour to reach Maui Memorial Medical Center. By then it was too late for the "clot busters" to be used and today he is in a nursing home with 35% of his brain damaged. An emergency room on the west side might have given this 55 year old a better outcome!

West Maui Resident

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From: Hamish @ Maui Celtic [hamish@mauiceltic.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 9:52 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: West Maui Hospital

Aloha

I support this Bill to facilitate construction for a West Maui Hospital. It is critical that we have a hospital on the west side of Maui, faced with the completely inadequate road system, which is unable to keep up with the traffic increase from years of rampant unregulated development. Lives are in danger on West Maui.

Yours sincerely, James Burgess.

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From: Robert J. Cartwright [rjc@whalersrealty.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 8:17 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 116

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to you in support of the proposed bill HB 116. I believe that this proposal will greatly help to attract businesses to our State that will provide high paying jobs to our youth. I am sure that you all understand and agree that we need to diversify our employment opportunities for our young people if we have any hope of keeping them in Hawaii.

Thank you for all the hard work you do on our behalf.

Sincerely,

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From: drgmaui@hawaii.rr.com
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 8:33 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB116 RELATING TO MEDICAL ENTERPRISE ZONES

**Testimony on HB 116
For
Friday, January 28, 2011**

Please be advised that I strongly support HB 116 RELATING TO MEDICAL ENTERPRISE ZONES. Please submit this Email to the appropriate House Committee.

Submitted by,

Don R. Gerbig
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January 27, 2011

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From: Pema Gilman [pemagilman@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 5:28 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB 116

Dear Legislators,

RE: HB116 Relating to Medical Enterprise Zones; hearing scheduled for Fri, Jan 28, 2011 at 9:30AM

The passage of HB 116 Relating to Medical Enterprise Zones is critical to providing adequate and necessary medical care to the community of West Maui. As you know a hospital is needed and long overdue for critically ill and emergency patients. Please vote "yea" and pass this bill as a needed step in the right direction.

Mahalo nui,
Pema Gilman

Pema Gilman, Program Coordinator, Trainer & Advocate
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From: John Kevan [jkevan@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 5:12 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: HB116 RELATING TO MEDICAL ENTERPRISE ZONES

I am emailing my support for the HB116 bill.

West Maui needs medical facilities and if it adds to economic opportunities, even better.

In my humble opinion, there shouldn't even be a discussion on whether West Maui needs medical facilities, it is a given and any reasons for not having one should be considered unacceptable. Our health on this side of the island is just as important as the health of those who live on other parts of the island.

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From: WRM Mark Marchello [mmarchello@vacation-maui.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 12:34 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Health Care for West Maui

Aloha From West Maui,

Being a 30 year resident of West Maui I realize how critical health care services are needed. With access to the hospital taking between 45 minutes to an hour and no after hour emergency services available we are in desperate need of a small hospital to service both residents and visitors. The other issue that constantly comes up is the closing of the highway – fires, accidents, wave flooding - all close the highway leaving West Maui stranded for emergency services.

Having a hospital will also help reassure our senior population that they will have prompt care when an emergency arises.

Greatly appreciate your consideration.

Mark

**Mark A. Marchello
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From: Kachina Palencia [kachina@mauigateway.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 1:23 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: Hospital West Side

To Whom It May Concern:

I work in Lahaina and live in Kihei. Sometime the road is closed to Kihei because of flooding. We need a hospital on that side as well as the other. Sincerely, Kachina Palencia

From: bonnie morgan [artsyoceanic@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2011 5:02 AM
To: HLTtestimony
Subject: west maui hospital re:HB116

We desperately need a hospital here in west maui . People die on the way to the emergency room which is located over 22 miles away in Kahului and can only be accessed by car as there are no med vacs to air lift patients . There are a lot of senior citizens and retired folks that need immediate care at times and this is a real necessity here !

To me this should be a no brainer ! It would also create more jobs and attract more doctors to this island which we also need very badly . I am a kaiser member and there only a few specialists on isle and you have to wait weeks for an appt .We need more doctors on Maui !

We need more medical facilities and we need them now !

thank you ,Bonnie Morgan 4435 Lower Honoapiilani Rd #226 Lahaina Hi 96761

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Comments:

This "medical" bill is absolutely essential that it be passed. A hospital and medical facilities for West Maui has been delayed for years. It's time for the legislature to step up and make this a reality. Medical enterprise zone will be be beneficial for all of Maui for residents and visitors alike. This will be the most important thing to happen to West Maui in 30 years.

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From: Adam [adamwitherspoon@gmail.com]
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One of the influential factors that affected our decision to leave West Maui last August was the lack of adequate health care and emergency services on the West side. We support the growth of medical centers and any special zoning that is required to make that a reality.

Adam Witherspoon
Resident of Lahaina for over 15 years recently moved to Palo Alto, but we will be back in a few years time.

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From: Nino Toscano [ninoscano@hawaiiantel.net]
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YES!!! We definitely NEED a West Maui Hospital, we can't wait anymore, it's a matter of life and death!

Aloha,

Nino Toscano