



St. Francis

HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OF HAWAII
A Legacy of Caring for Hawaii's People

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, February 10, 2012
TIME: 9:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Support for HB2345

The St Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii remains committed to providing excellent pre- and post-acute care on both Oahu and Kauai. As we are all aware, due to the bankruptcy and closure of the Hawaii Medical Centers East and West, the hospital assets will eventually be returned to the St Francis Healthcare System. The ownership transfer has not yet occurred.

In anticipation of the assets coming back to St Francis, this bill would allow us to obtain financing to make necessary upgrades to both the East and West campuses using special purpose revenue bonds. These funds will be used to proceed with deferred maintenance projects, refurbishing buildings, and resurfacing parking lots.

Our vision for the East campus includes much needed long term care services. Everyone realizes the need for a hospital in West Oahu, and we see the West campus as an acute care facility. How that hospital will be operated still needs to be explored further.

The St Francis Healthcare System seeks to respond to the needs of the community we serve. When the ownership transfer is completed, we will utilize these funds to move our vision forward.

We thank you for considering our request and for the opportunity to share our thoughts. We know that you are dedicated to improving health care in Hawaii. Please pass HB2345 and share in our vision.

Respectfully,

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