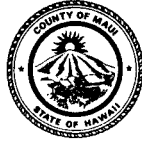


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TO: Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
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FROM: Joseph Pontanilla, Council Vice- Chair

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DATE: Thursday March 29, 2012

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB 2664, HD1, SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE COORDINATION**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure. I provide this testimony as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **support HB 2664, HD1, SD1** for the reasons cited in testimony submitted by Maui County Council Chair Danny A. Mateo and urge you to support this measure.

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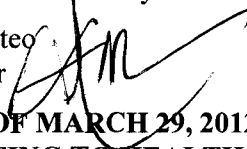


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TO: The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
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FROM: Danny A. Mateo
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SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 29, 2012; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2664, HD1, SD1, RELATING TO HEALTH CARE COORDINATION**

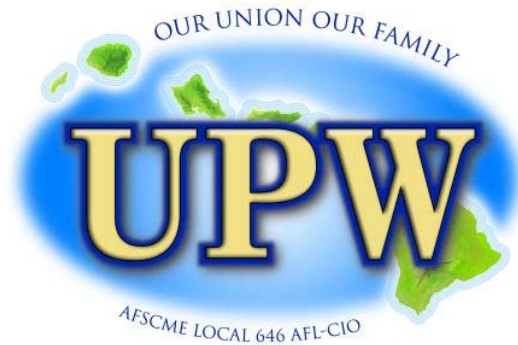
Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to establish a public-private partnership in a county with a population between 100,000 and 170,000 to develop an integrated health care system that moves patients through the continuum of care efficiently, appropriately, and cost effectively.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Maui Memorial Medical Center has regularly maintained a "wait-list" of 20-45 patients in the acute-care setting for lack of a post-acute discharge option. If these patients could be discharged to Hale Makua Health Services, they would receive the appropriate level of care and free up hospital beds for patients in need of acute care.
2. The proposed partnership would provide long-term stability for Maui's health-care infrastructure in a cost-effective way, while creating opportunities for growth between the two health-care organizations.
3. Providing for Maui's long-term care needs now will help to prevent a health-care crisis in the future.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.



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The Honorable Sen. Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Thursday, March 29, 2012
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PLACE OF HEARING: Conference Room 211

**TESTIMONY ON HB 2664 HD1 SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH CARE
COORDINATION**

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 11,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW supports HB 2664 HD1 SD1 that establishes a public-private partnership in a county with a population between one hundred thousand and one hundred seventy thousand to develop an integrated system to deliver health care across the spectrum of care and particularly to address the current challenge in acute care.

With our ever-growing need for acute care, this would be a viable way to continue long-term care and enhance the quality of patient care for Maui's elderly residents. This measure also provides an opportunity to keep people employed and keep our economy moving in the right direction by helping ensure the continued operation of Hale Makua and helping Maui Memorial save millions of dollars a year.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 2664, HD1, SD1
RELATING TO HEALTH CARE COORDINATION**

The ILWU Local 142 supports H.B. 2664, HD1, SD1, which establishes a public-private partnership in a county with a population between 100,000 and 170,000 to develop an integrated system to deliver health care across the spectrum of care and particularly to address the current challenge in acute care.

We fully concur with the statement of the problem in Section 1 of the bill as well as the concept of a partnership between Hale Makua and Maui Memorial Medical Center to provide for a continuum of care that will be beneficial to both entities as well as patients needing both acute and long-term care. Maui Memorial Medical Center has long been struggling to cope with the problem of acute care beds being taken up by patients who should be in long-term care. The dilemma involves both fiscal concerns and appropriateness of the care setting.

A partnership between Maui Memorial Medical Center, which has expanded and enhanced its service to Maui county residents, and Hale Makua, which has solid expertise, experience and capacity to provide long-term care, would be the ideal model to address the acute care crisis currently existing on Maui. Both are quality organizations that can benefit from state support to optimize their capabilities.

S.B. 2935, also being considered by the Legislature, will provide for Hale Makua to become a new corporation with Hawaii Health Systems Corporation as its sole member. Whatever partnership model is finally agreed to, the ILWU, as collective bargaining agent for many employees at Hale Makua, trusts that the interests of the employees, most of them unionized at both Hale Makua and Maui Memorial Medical Center, will be considered in deliberations about the new partnership under which both organizations propose to address the acute care and long-term care crisis on Maui.

The ILWU urges passage of H.B. 2664, HD1, SD1. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.