

Senate Committees on Health,
Human Services and
Judiciary
February 6, 2012
2:45 p.m.
Room 229

Re: SB 2121, Relating to Mental Health

On behalf of Kāhi Mōhala Behavioral Health, we are writing in support of SB 2121, relating to Mental Health.

SB 2121 would permit any interested person, as defined under section 334-1, HRS, to file a written petition for emergency admission and it would make other changes relevant to our provision of mental health services in the state.

We believe that this measure is an important step for the benefit of the community and we hope to continue to be positively engaged in discussions about it and other important mental health policy issues as the legislative session progresses.

Kāhi Mōhala Behavioral Health is a center for health care services. Kāhi Mōhala embraces an inter-disciplinary approach to services, incorporating an integrative perspective in emotional, physical, cognitive and behavioral health care treatment. The Kāhi Mōhala C.A.R.E.S. philosophy (Culture of Aloha, Relationship Based, and Environment of Safety) enhances excellence of care by incorporating the feedback of both patients and staff in developing the most positive healing environment.

Kāhi Mōhala's 88-bed facility is located on 14.5 acres on the rural west side on the island of Oahu. It is Hawaii's only freestanding, community-based, not-for-profit psychiatric hospital; serving the needs of not only individuals and families in Hawaii, but also those throughout the Pacific Rim. Kahi Mohala is accredited by The Joint Commission, certified by TRICARE and Medicare/Medicaid.

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