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Committee On Ways and Means  
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Decision Making  
Monday, March 25, 2013  
9:15 am, Conference Room 211, State Capitol

**HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board Comments  
In Support of HB 1130 HD1 SD1**

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Composition of Corporate Board

The HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board supports the purpose and intent of HB 1130 HD1 SD1 which seeks to improve accountability in our health care system, support clear and consistent roles for all regional systems, and create a more balanced multi-board tiered system by shifting the voting powers of the five regional chief executive officers on the HHSC board of directors to community members who are appointed by the governor.

We are facing numerous new challenges, and our regions need the attention and energy of our CEOs. There is much work to be done at both the corporate and regional levels, and requiring CEOs to devote so much of their time and energy at both levels is too much and all of us are short changed. We also recognize the invaluable knowledge and expertise that our CEOs bring to the corporate table and wholeheartedly support their continued participation as non-voting members of the corporate board.

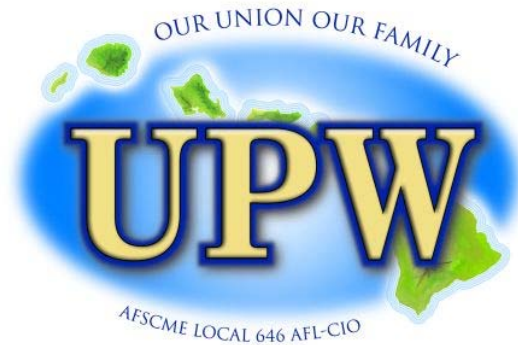
We further believe the issue of and burden of conflicts of interest need to be resolved and minimized so we may effectively and efficiently move forward as a statewide system. The present dual and conflicting responsibilities puts our regional CEOs in an extremely difficult, compromising and frustrating situation.

We can continue to utilize our regional CEOs at the corporate level, relieve them from corporate decision-making and the significant portion of the work that entails, increase needed focus and energy at the regional level and resolve conflicts of interest with the appointment and participation of community members on the HHSC Board of Directors.

A revised corporate board composition will serve us well. The time has come to increase community member involvement at the corporate level. The legislature's decision to increase regional authority and responsibilities, and

increase community involvement and responsibilities at the regional level has proved successful. We believe increasing community participation at our corporate level will also succeed.

Dr. Robert Irvine  
Chairperson  
HHSC East Hawaii Board of Directors  
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**TESTIMONY ON HB1130 HD1 SD1 RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS  
CORPORATION**

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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.

UPW supports this measure that makes the five regional chief executive officers on the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Board, ex-officio, nonvoting members. Adds five regional system board members appointed by the governor to serve as voting members on the HHSC Board.

The UPW believes that greater community involvement in the HHSC board is in keeping with the founding purpose of the HHSC and that community member input will provide valuable insight.

We ask that the Committee pass this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.