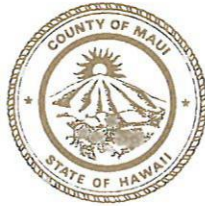


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COUNTY OF MAUI – Kalana O Maui

TO: The Honorable Della Au Bellatti, Chair
Honorable Members of the Committee on Health

The Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
Honorable Members of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment

FROM: Alan Arakawa, Mayor *aa*
County of Maui

DATE: February 5, 2013

SUBJECT: **TESTIMONY OF MAUI COUNTY MAYOR ALAN ARAKAWA IN SUPPORT OF HB 1483 RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION**

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 1483.

The purpose of this measure is to further advance the State's commitment to providing quality health care by allowing the operations of the regional systems of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and their facilities to transition to non-public status.

My administration supports this bill for the following reasons:

1. The increasing cost to provide quality health care services combined with decreasing State subsidies present increasing challenges for HHSC to continue to provide the same level of services that our communities need, and to expand services to meet demand and keep up with health care requirements.
2. Maui County's health care facilities face numerous financial challenges including capital shortfalls, budgetary restrictions, declining government and third-party payer subsidies, lack of scale and increasing operating and capital improvement costs. Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement have decreased and will continue to further decrease, providing Maui County's medical centers with less revenue for services provided.
3. Moreover, as hospital services erode and patient volume decreases, the HHSC will have no choice but to proportionately size its employee base to match diminished hospitals' operations. It will become increasingly difficult to attract new physicians and staff, especially with an aging workforce, to provide care in Maui County and our other neighbor island hospitals and communities.

Testimony of Mayor Alan Arakawa
HB1483 Relating to Hawaii Health Care Systems Corp.
February 5, 2013
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The afore-mentioned challenges facing the Hawaii health systems corporation and the State will have direct impacts on the quality of life of the residents of Maui County and the entire State of Hawaii. Accordingly, my administration believes that the state and county government must take affirmative measures to improve the quality, efficiency, and availability of health care services in Hawaii.

One action that the legislature can take right now is to pass a measure that allows a transition to non-public operation to be an option available for consideration and careful evaluation by the various regional system boards, the Hawaii health systems corporation, and by the community representatives that comprise the regional system boards.



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The Twenty-Seventh Legislature, State of Hawaii
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Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
February 6, 2013

H.B. 1483 – RELATING TO
THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

H.B. 1484 – RELATING TO
THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly opposes the purpose and intent of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484, which proposes changes to Chapter 323-F, Hawaii Revised Statutes to permit the regional systems of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and their health facilities to transition to non-public status and amend the governance structure of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC).

The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation operates a system of community hospitals primarily on the neighbor islands. That network provides a safety net of health care, with a Hawaii State Constitutional mandate to ensure access to health care for all citizens. In many instances, care is provided without payment, a cost that our state taxpayers bear to ensure care for all.

To preserve the safety net for the neighbor islands the system must remain intact. If one or more regions were to withdraw from the system, it will create instability through the whole system, both financially and in the types of and mix of services available to local communities. A fragmented health care system is a disservice to Hawaii's people and threatens the long-term viability of the entire health care delivery system. Further, the effort to divest our state's involvement in our health care, and put that responsibility on an Arizona-based provider is short-sighted and not in the best interest of our communities. It is unthinkable that our state will be better off with health care decisions for neighbor islanders being made out of state.

For these reasons, we strongly oppose H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to express our opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
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Testimony by
Hawaii State AFL-CIO
February 6, 2013

H.B. 1483 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII
HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO strongly opposes H.B. 1483 which permits the regional systems of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and their health facilities to transition to non-public status.

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO is deeply concerned the legislature is considering the thought of privatizing the regional systems of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and their health facilities. Corporations are in business for one reason and one reason only – to make money and more money each and every year. Profits are put above everything else. This means profits above employees, profits above customers, and profits above the community. Current and future employees would be put in jeopardy and services the community and customers rely on may vanish. This is all very unfortunate and a very serious reality should this bill pass.

Banner Health, a mainland health system will put their interests first above the people of Hawaii. As a result, the Hawaii State AFL-CIO respectfully requests H.B. 1483 to be deferred.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeannette Lee	HGEA	Oppose	No

Comments: I would like to oppose this bill. As a citizen, I have received services from Maui Memorial Hospital. I was very satisfied with the staff there and all they did to service me during my visit to their ER. May I suggest keeping these staff members on board, and not putting anything into motion that would result in them losing their jobs. HB1483 would displace workers at the hospital that deserve their jobs right where they are currently positioned-as the current staff of Maui Memorial Hospital. Supporting HB 1483 would be doing disservice to my fellow hardworking union workers, as well as creating a change to Maui Memorial Hospital that is 100% unnecessary. Mahalo Nui!!!

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Hawaii Health Systems Corporation—Maui Region

February 4, 2013

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND PUBLIC
EMPLOYMENT
Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
Representative Mark J. Hashem, Vice Chair

Re: Testimony in **SUPPORT** of the HB1483 – Relating to Hawaii Health Systems
Corporation

Thank you for the opportunity to testify **in strong support of HB 1483**. The purpose of this bill is to further advance the State's commitment to providing quality health care by allowing the operations of the regional systems of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) and their facilities to transition to non-public status.

BACKGROUND

As a part of a legislative mandate in Act 162, Section 31 (2009), a study was commissioned by HHSC to prepare a report that shall include but not be limited to the following information:

- (1) A comprehensive facility-by-facility review of operations, detailing efficiencies, deficiencies, and any recommendations for corrective action;
- (2) Overall recommendations on improving effectiveness and efficiencies system-wide;
- (3) Determination of responsibilities of facility administration, regional boards, corporate office, and Hawai'i health systems corporation corporate board;
- (4) Determination of centralized services required by the facilities to be provided by the corporate office;
- (5) Performance benchmarks to be reported to the Legislature prior to the commencement of each regular session and upon request; and
- (6) Recommendations on transition plans deemed necessary;
- (7) Evaluation of effectiveness of the current legal structure and adherence to the state procurement code and salary structure;
- (8) Measures taken to address material control weaknesses and reporting issues cited in audits performed by the state auditor and HHSC's external auditor during fiscal year 2007-2008 and fiscal year 2008-2009;

A report, prepared by Stroudwater Associates, was submitted to Senate President Colleen Hanabusa on December 28, 2009 as detailed in DC56 (2010).

Below are excerpts from the Executive Summary of the report (pages 9 and 10):

“The fourth strategic option evaluated is an HHSC system corporate partnership strategy. This envisions that HHSC would engage in a formal process as a system to identify a capital/operating partner including both in-state and mainland options to help accelerate its transformation to a high performing contemporary delivery system. This option rests upon the conclusion that as a system HHSC by itself is insufficient in scale to move to the highest levels of performance, and that so many of its basic systems and infrastructure are in need of major updating that it will take the in-place resources of a more advanced system to help it catch up. This will result in a sharing of governance authority between HHSC and a chosen partner.

The study recommends the fourth option as the most effective one for meeting the needs of the people served by HHSC over the short and long terms. It further recommends that this option be pursued at high velocity in light of the financial status of both HHSC and the State. This targets re-structuring of HHSC governance and management, pursuit of operational efficiencies, conversion of HHSC to a 501(c)(3), and immediate pursuit of operational efficiencies identified. It further targets completion of a process for identifying the right partner with which to enter into a transaction. It recommends completing this entire process within the next 2-3 years. It identifies the need for continued State subsidy during the transition period, and ongoing support of the surviving entity based upon need beyond the transition. We recognize that these are aggressive time frames. We also recognize the intensity of financial pressures that motivate this proposed speed. “

I believe HB 1483 lays the foundation for HHSC to carry out the recommendations of the “Stroudwater Report.”

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this important measure.

Very truly yours,

Patrick Saka
Chief Administrative Officer
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Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair and Members
House Committee on Health
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Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair and Members
House Committee on Labor and Public Employment

Re: HB 1483 Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Chairs and Members:

I am a member of the Maui Regional Board, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, as well as a lifetime resident of Maui.

As a member of the Maui Regional Board, we have worked diligently to improve the access to, and quality of, affordable health care for the County of Maui. It is important to note that we serve as the safety net hospitals for our community and that our constituents rely on our providing the best possible health care opportunities for them.

It has become obvious to us that the current health care model is not sustainable as we look into the future. The changing health care environment makes it essential that we continue to explore and evaluate all possible options for management of our facilities. HB 1483 will give us the opportunity to seek out these options, while reducing reliance on subsidies from the State of Hawaii for our operations.

As such, I would urge the Committees to support HB 1483.

I appreciate the opportunity to testify on this matter, and request your support of this important measure.

Respectfully submitted,

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HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

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February 5, 2013

TO: Committee on Health:
 Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
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Committee on Labor and Public Employment:
 Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair
 Representative Mark J. Hashem, Vice Chair

February 6, 2013 – 8:30 am
Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

FROM: Howard N. Ainsley, East Hawaii Regional CEO

RE: HB 1483 Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1483. The purpose of this bill is to further advance the State's commitment to providing quality health care by allowing the operations of the regional systems of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and their facilities to transition to non-public status.

I support this bill because a public-private partnership can provide:

- o Access to private capital to expand services;
- o Private sector compensation packages to retain qualified medical service personnel;
- o Efficiencies of scale and an integrated clinical delivery system with increased resources; and
- o Development of a sustainable model of health care delivery that will lower costs and improve the overall quality of services to the community

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of HB1483. Your support of this measure would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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Hawaii Health Systems Corporation—Maui Region

Testimony to the Joint House Committees on Health & Labor and Public Employment

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Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
And Members of the committee

Committee on Labor and Public Employment

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From

Wesley Lo, Chief Executive Officer of the Maui Region
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

HB 1483: Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

February 6, 2013, 8:30 a.m.

State Capitol, Room 329

Dear Chair Belatti, Chair Nakashima and Members of the Committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT of HB 1483**.

The intent of this bill is to further advance the State's commitment to provide quality health care by allowing the operations of the regional systems of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) and their facilities to transition to non-public status.

I believe that a public-private partnership, as allowed under Act 182 (2009), will enable us to move forward by expanding our services and infrastructure at Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC) and other public hospitals across the state and enable us to provide our communities with access to the quality health care that they deserve.

Under current conditions, HHSC continues to face financial challenges including increasing operating and capital improvement costs, budget shortfalls, budgetary restrictions, declining government and third-party payer subsidies and lack of scale. These issues are related to declining reimbursements, medical inflation, the Affordable Care Act and the current "fiscal cliff" and federal sequestration. These issues and many others are what bring us here today. We need to find a solution.

Over the last several years, general fund subsidies and reimbursements continue to decline while operating costs continue to climb, resulting in exponential net losses for HHSC

facilities. In 2012, the operating losses totaled \$143.5 million, while state subsidies decreased to \$73.4 million, resulting in \$68.9 million in net losses, a 134.4% growth in net losses from 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Operating Loss	\$(101.1)	\$(111.8)	\$(143.5)
General Fund Subsidy	\$98.3	82.0	73.4
Net Loss	\$(1.5)	\$(29.4)	\$(68.9)

As a result of our limited biennium budget, for the fiscal 2014 and 2015 biennium budget period **HHSC anticipates a \$58.5 million budget shortfall**, which does not factor in pay raises or post-employment benefits.

In addition to the operating shortfalls, HHSC also lacks capital for necessary capital improvements. Some HHSC facilities are in need of major renovations and in few cases need to be replaced. HHSC has stated in its Strategic Plan that it needs approximately \$950 million in capital improvements to take care of aging facilities. However, historically, HHSC has only been getting approximately \$24 million per year (2.4% of the estimated total). This does not even keep up with annual depreciation, so it is anticipated that infrastructure will continue to decline without a massive infusion of capital

Declining subsidies and deteriorating infrastructure will inevitably affect quality of care. HHSC offers the only health care facilities in respective rural areas – MMMC is the only full-service acute hospital in Maui County. Our residents require and deserve more and better services which are now limited to Oahu. As a result, many patients are opting to travel to Oahu for perceived better care or for services not available on their island.

I am concerned that as hospital services erode and patient volume decreases, MMMC will have no choice but to proportionately size its employee base to match diminishing hospital operations and declining budgets. This is our reality on Maui and across the entire HHSC system.

I will be the first to recognize the outstanding work, dedication and commitment of our medical staff and employees at MMMC. These 1,700+ people are the heart of our operation and part of the foundation of our community – they are our neighbors, relatives and our friends and I know the challenges they face each and every day.

With fewer opportunities, it will then become even more difficult to offer better pay and compensation and to maintain and attract new physicians and nurses to provide care in our neighbor island communities, especially with an increasingly aging workforce. Following the passage of ACT 182 in 2009, we began exploring our options allowed under the law with one goal in mind – ensuring that Maui residents receive the highest level of

health care available. Our current structure under HHSC, does not allow for growth of health care services and does not provide competitive compensation for our employees.

Over the past several years, we began discussions with many hospital systems both locally and across the country to discuss public-private partnerships, including Banner Health. We have not come to any definitive agreements with Banner Health

The establishment of a public-private partnership with a company's like Banner Health has far reaching benefits for our community including:

- Access to private capital to expand access and service delivery.
- Private sector compensation packages to retain qualified medical service personnel.
- Create efficiencies of scale and an integrated clinical delivery system with increased resources.
- Develop sustainable model of health care delivery that will lower costs and improve the overall quality of services to the community.
- Improve support of and access to rural communities through electronic ICU and telemedicine platforms.

With the State's limited resources, we have come to point in time were we are running out of options. This is not a case of "living within our means" – the State would need to appropriate an additional \$58.5 million over the next biennium, in addition greatly increase the amount of capital invested in our facilities for us to continue operating at the status quo. And status quo is unacceptable for all of us who live and work on the neighbor islands.

The Maui Region of the HHSC is the largest provider of health care on the neighbor islands and our main priority is to provide quality care for the residents of Maui County at MMMC, Kula Hospital and Lanai Community Hospital. In recent years, we have greatly advanced, however, we can no longer rely on State funding to keep those advancements going. With new federal health care reform, combined with fiscal challenges, we have no choice but to look at innovative alternatives that could help to improve and enhance the delivery of basic health care for our residents.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. Your support would be greatly appreciated and will ultimately benefit the entire community.

Respectfully submitted,

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February 5, 2013

MEMO TO: Committee on Health:
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February 6, 2013 – 8:30 am
Conference Room 329
State Capitol

From: Leslie Chun MD, Chief of Clinical and Medical Affairs,
Maui Memorial Hospital

Subject: HB 1483 Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC)

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1483**. The purpose of this bill is to further advance the State's commitment to providing quality health care by allowing the operations of the regional systems of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and their facilities to transition to non-public status.

As a physician, resident of Maui, and member of the management team of Maui Memorial Medical Center, I believe that a public/private partnership will enable us to move forward by expanding our services and infrastructure. I support this measure because it can:

- Create efficiencies of scale and an integrated clinical delivery system with increased resources;
- Allow for the development of a sustainable model of health care delivery that will lower costs and improve the overall quality of services to the community;
- Improve support of and access to rural communities through eICU and telemedicine platforms
- Ensure our community has world class health care

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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February 4, 2013

House of Representatives
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature, State of Hawaii
Regular Session of 2013
Committee on Health
Committee on Labor & Public Employment

Re: H.B. 1483 – RELATING TO
THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

H.B. 1484 – RELATING TO
THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Dear Chair Belatti, Chair Nakashima, and members of the Committee on Health and Committee on Labor & Public Employment:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **SUPPORT of the language in H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484**, which permits the regional systems of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and their health facilities to transition to non-public status and amends the governance structure of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC). I have never in the past written a political letter, until now.

I obtained both my Bachelors of Science and my Masters of Nursing at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland and I am an oncology Nurse Practitioner, currently employed at Kona Community Hospital for the last 2 months. In my career I have worked in various healthcare settings including for profit and not-for-profit healthcare institutions, as well as private practice and never once was I mandated, to be a union member, until I arrived in Hawaii. I chose my career path so that I could dedicate myself to the care of patients, not to be a government employee, not to have a career in public service, not be civil servant and certainly NOT to be a union member.

At one time in history the unions most definitely served a purpose, but it seems the original intent of a union is no longer needed. I was not asked by my union how I felt about this bill, I was simply told to write a letter to oppose it. The union seems to believe that Banner Healthcare may take away employee benefits by only hiring private employees who meet pre-employment requirements.... Well that might not be a bad thing. I took a 60% salary cut to work here in Hawaii, specifically the Big Island, had my vesting time extended from 3 years to 10 years (and if I leave prior to 10 years I only earn 2% on my MANDATORY 8% salary contribution.... That's worse than social security!), I no longer control of how my retirement is invested, I no longer have short term or long term disability, my life insurance policy payout is a fraction of my previous one, I'm paying more in healthcare premiums than I ever had to AND still have to pay mandatory union dues so that the union can continue to negotiate these "fabulous???" benefits on my behalf! I came to Hawaii to practice because it's important to me and the love of my life, who grew up here as a local boy, that we give back to the island, by trying to provide quality healthcare, but to do that I had to accept the above mentioned cutbacks.

So what has the union done? In my short tenure here I have not seen much positive. It appears a system has been created where employees/members often feel entitled are not accountable or responsible for their own behavior. The healthcare facility, i.e. The Employer, is not allowed to pay employees based on merit, so there is no incentive for an employee to improve themselves, their work environment or the care of their patients, unless internally motivated to do so. And when I refer to the "care of their patients" I don't mean just front line hands on care. Each employee who works within the healthcare system provides care to a patient, whether they are fielding billing questions, scheduling appointments, negotiating insurance contracts, providing security or handling the patient records.... We ALL touch the patients in some way.

I've been told that making changes in the Hawaii healthcare system is next to impossible as long as we have union mentality, and I can see that. If we are to raise the bar for healthcare in Hawaii we not only need to change the systems in place we also need to raise the level of employee and the union does not appear to be equipped or interested in accomplishing that.

If required by Banner Healthcare, or anyone else for that matter, that I need to reapply for my job, I'll be happy to do that as I feel I have something of value to offer. There's a limited work pool in Hawaii, for obvious reasons, and a health delivery system that needs to operate 24/7, because of this I would assume the majority of people would keep a job, but expectations might be different. Let's broaden our horizons, think outside the box and look for new solutions to some old problems. I want to be part of a new and improved era by raising the quality and delivery of healthcare in Hawaii and not retreating 60-70 years just because "it's the way it's always been done."

I've been through corporate buy-outs in the past. It can be scary, any change can be, but change can and often is for the positive. The union has put a negative spin on this bill, inciting fear amongst its members and have asked each member to write a letter against this bill. They state that Banner Health will terminate employees, cease "vital medical services" and close facilities that "our communities depend on." The reality is the current system appears to need an overhaul, but if we are truly providing vital medical services (and I think we are), in facilities that our communities depend on (and I think they do), then it's our responsibility to help Banner Health or anyone else or anyone else for that matter, to understand these unique issues. But to shut down the possibilities of improving and potentially upgrading our medical systems and services because union(s) oversight must be present seems draconian and short sighted.

Although I'm all for supporting local businesses, the State of Hawaii is not a local business, it's a government entity that is not equipped to be or manage a healthcare system. I have no problem supporting a mainland company or a Hawaii based company if it can improve the delivery of healthcare to the people of Hawaii who desperately need and deserve it.

I SUPPORT the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484 in an effort to explore all valid avenues of improvement of healthcare in Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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I wish to voice my support for privatization of the HHSC facilities.

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Comments: House of Representatives The Twenty-Seventh Legislature, State of Hawaii Regular Session of 2013 Committee on Health Committee on Labor & Public Employment February 6, 2013 H.B. 1483 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION H.B. 1484 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION Chair Belatti, Chair Nakashima, and members of the Committee on Health and Committee on Labor & Public Employment: Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of the language in H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484, which permits the regional systems of the Hawaii health systems corporation and their health facilities to transition to non-public status and amends the governance structure of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC). My name is Jackie Murray, and I have worked as a Nurse Practitioner for the Kona Community Hospital for 5 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. I understand there may be some terminations and other changes with privatization. I strongly support the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. The current civil service system that state hospital are run under needs dramatic overhaul, dissolution of unions. If needed changes cannot be made with the current system, then privatization may be the answer. Some allowances would need to be made for already vested employees. The legislature should have the ability to manage state run health care systems as effectively as the private sector. If that is not possible, then, there needs to be a change Respectfully submitted, Jackie Murray

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Comments: HHSC is broken. It is time for nepotism, favoritism and unprofessionalism to end at MMMC

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David Williams	Individual	Support	No

Comments: TO: Committee on Health: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair Committee on Labor and Public Employment: Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Chair Representative Mark J. Hashem, Vice Chair February 6, 2013 – 8:30 am Conference Room 329 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street FROM: RE: HB 1483 Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1483. The purpose of this Act is to further advance the State’s commitment to providing quality health care by allowing the operations of the regional systems of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and their facilities to transition to non-public status. I support this bill because a public-private partnership can provide: o Access to private capital to expand services; o Private sector compensation packages to retain qualified medical service personnel; o Efficiencies of scale and an integrated clinical delivery system with increased resources; and o Development of a sustainable model of health care delivery that will lower costs and improve the overall quality of services to the community Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of HB1483. Your support of this measure would be greatly appreciated.

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Dear House Health Committee

I support **HB 1483** – which permits the HHSC (Hawaii Health Systems Corporation) to transition to non-public status (privatization.) A public-private management of Maui Memorial Medical Center [MMMMC] would be advantageous to Maui. This management approach would be more efficient and less costly to run MMMC. A hospital management corporation like Banner Health has the experience and integrity to operate MMMC with less cost to the state of Hawaii.

Please pass HB1483.

Eve Clute [doctor of public health]
Lahaina, Maui

February 5, 2013

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2. Health care reform and changes, combined with fiscal challenges, cause us to need to look for innovative alternatives to improve and enhance the delivery of health care for Hawaii residents.
3. A potential partnership can improve the quality of care and expansion of primary and specialty services.

I urge the committee to **support HB 1483**. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this important measure.

Respectfully submitted,

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- Efficiencies of scale and an integrated clinical delivery system with increased resources; and
- Development of a sustainable model of health care delivery that will lower costs and improve the overall quality of services to the community

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of HB1483. Your support of this measure would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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**TO: Committee on Health:
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**February 6, 2013 – 8:30 am
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FROM: Sheri Yamaguchi

RE: HB 1483 Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support** of HB1483
I feel it seems to be the best way for improved healthcare in Maui County and potentially
other parts of Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheri Yamaguchi
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Gina Flammer
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February 5, 2013

Committee on Health, Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
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HB 1483 Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Thank you for the opportunity to testify **in strong support of HB 1483**. The purpose of this bill is to further advance the State's commitment to providing quality health care by allowing the operations of the regional systems of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and their facilities to option to transition to non-public status. This new status will potentially help to create a partnership to bring a higher quality of care to Hawaii while simultaneously reducing the state's high subsidy costs each year. It's a win win for the people of Hawaii.

I support this measure because there is no choice. We must address the increasing taxpayer costs to our health care system. In the current environment there is no ability to provide high levels of capital improvements needed to improve the quality of care. With-out these capital upgrades our aging facilities will struggle to provide first rate care to our island's residents.

Health care reform has brought many opportunities for our health care system, but also many challenges. A partnership will allow the state the ability to tap into a larger organization's vast resources to manage care. Management and standardization of health care is the new model and this requires high levels of competency and experience with advanced integrated systems that can serve our population's needs all the way from primary care through quality delivery of long-term elderly care.

I urge the committee to **support HB 1483**. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this important measure.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Flammer

February 5, 2013

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I am a Maui physician who feels strongly about this measure and I'm very encouraged about the prospects of a new partnership for Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC). I support this measure for the following reasons:

- The increasing costs to provide health care services combined with decreasing State subsidies present challenges for MMMC to continue to provide the same level of services that the community needs, as well expanding services to meet demand and keep current with health care reform requirements.
- As hospital services erode and patient volume decreases, it will also become more difficult to attract new physicians and staff.
- A partnership may offer us the best chance at establishing a robust electronic medical record system and other enabling technologies that are increasingly necessary to provide high quality care.

I believe that a public/private partnership would address these and other issues, therefore, I respectfully urge you to support HB 1483. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

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3. A potential partnership can improve the quality of care and expansion of primary and specialty services.

I urge the committee to **support HB 1483**. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this important measure.

Respectfully submitted,

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From:

Subject: HB 1483 Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC)

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT of HB 1483**. The purpose of this bill is to further advance the State's commitment to providing quality health care by allowing the operations of the regional systems of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and their facilities to transition to non-public status.

I believe that a public/private partnership will enable us to move forward by expanding our services and infrastructure. I support this measure because it can:

- Create opportunities to offer private sector compensation packages to retain qualified medical service personnel;
- Create efficiencies of scale and an integrated clinical delivery system with increased resources;
- Allow for the development of a sustainable model of health care delivery that will lower costs and improve the overall quality of services to the community;
- Improve support of and access to rural communities through eICU and telemedicine platforms

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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Drena Lynn Rodrigues	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: If this is the bill to let Banner Health take over our hospitals don't pass it. We don't need another big corporation making money off of the people in Hawaii. The bottom line is Money. The State wants to cut retirement and health care benefits for their employees. How can HHSC and the state justify taking money from the employees when the CEO of Banner Health makes 2500 per hr. Non Profit hospitals across the united states know where they can make money. The tax exemptions that non profit hospitals receive from the government is not past on to the consumer and many of these non profit hospitals mark up services and drugs so much that it ends up hurting communities and states. In 2010 the state of California lost 450 million to non profit hospitals for patients who could not pay their Medical bills. When you raise prices that much you have more people in your communities who can't pay . I hope the legislature keeps these non profit hospitals away from Hawaii. This would be a travesty to the smaller communities in Hawaii. Do some research into the non profit hospitals on the mainland and you will see that some communities are sorry that these hospitals came to their communities. Yes HHSC is losing 68 million a year, but there should be a better way to save these hospitals. We don't want to be like California and other states who lost more in the long run. Hilo Medical Center is not doing as bad as it sounds in the paper. They are only losing 4 million(5%)out of the 68 million. There is a way to help these hospitals, but the way is not to line the pockets of these big corporations who make so much money that they have to open accounts in the Cayman Islands; is that to avoid taxes? Do your research and find another way that won't hurt the people on the outer island who work hard and are just getting by.

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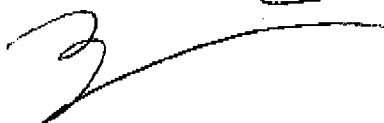
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the Hawaii health systems corporation and their health facilities to transition to
non-public status and amends the governance structure of the Hawaii Health
Systems Corporation (HHSC).

My name is *Melissa D.*, and I have worked as a *RN* for the *Mau*
Memorial for 2 yrs. As a government employee, I dedicate my
career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system
that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely
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pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and
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deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those
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care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner
Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland
company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the
Legislature is considering this partnership.

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the
opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa D. Baker


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My name is **Barbara Larrabee Duarte**, and I have worked as a **Registered Professional Nurse RN** for the **Maui Memorial Medical Center** since October 17th, 2005. I have been an RN for 25 years now. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in **Maui Memorial Medical Center**, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Larrabee Duarte RN

[Your name]

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My name is Arnold Abe, and I have worked as a Civil Engineer for the County of Maui for 19 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. I am concerned about Banner Health, a national nonprofit hospital system, that only wants to hire private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees who live and work here at the Maui Memorial Medical Center, and only re-hire those who pass their pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and the civil servant service status and benefits of my fellow government workers will be lost, as they will no longer be state employees. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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Respectfully submitted,



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My name is *Andrea Kaulupali*, and I have worked as a *LEAD mammographer Imaging Technologist* For the Maui Memorial Medical Center for *10* years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Maui Memorial Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For examples, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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Anna Marie Later	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am in strong opposition of the language in HB 1483 and HB 1484, which permits the regional systems of the Hawaii health systems corporation and their health facilities to transition to non-public status and amends the governance structure of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Anna Marie Later, and i have worked as a Registered Nurse and the Trauma Program Manager at Maui Memorial Medical Center for 6 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service, and as a native hawaiian born and raised here, i'm dedicated to the improvement of healthcare in the islands. If Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possible close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided but scarce in our community. We are in desparate need for more long term care options and are not guarenteed that they will be in support to work towards developing those resources outside the the hospital. Additionally, having a mainland company come in to streamline costs and services, the profits made at the expense of Hawaii's tax payers dollars, jobs, and healthcare resources will be supporting and funding a mainland company.

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My name is Candace Tablit, and I have worked as a first as an admitting clerk and then a procurement specialist for Hilo Medical Center for a total of nearly 8 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hilo Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee.

With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. They appear to have no experience with our unique island culture and the special needs of the people our facility takes care of.

Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership. Our tax dollars should be used to benefit everyone and not just those few seeking a way out of a situation created through their own doing. The almost clandestine visits to our facility and less than forthcoming information released to the public reeks of a less than honest beginning to the partnership being considered.

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,



Candace Tablit

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Dora Henry	Individual	Oppose	No

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David May	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose the entry of Banner Health. Worked here for 20 years and feel they will have a damaging effect.

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Aloha,

I am writing to provide testimony in strong opposition of the language in H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. My name is Dana McGorry and I have worked a Pharmacist at Maui Memorial Medical Center for the past 4 years. I am very concerned with the implications of a non-profit such as Banner taking over our hospital. I feel we have a very unique community, one that will not fit into a cookie cutter mold that a national non-profit will try to impose upon us. I believe many jobs will be lost or compromised in such a take over. This will not improve healthcare for our community.

As a community, we have the power to change our current situation. Having a non-profit from the mainland come in and try to force us into some sort of mediocrity that works for "most" hospitals is NOT the answer. Please remember that many people have worked here for many years and intend to work here for many more. If Banner eliminates jobs, we have no where else to turn. We can't drive 50 minutes down the road to another community to find work.

We should not let a Mainland company tell us how to run our community. We live here, not them. I agree that we need to work toward change but I feel strongly that allowing Banner to come in will negatively impact many of the people that call our islands home. This change will affect employees and patients alike. Banner does not have our best interests at heart.

Thank you for you time,
Dana McGorry, PharmD

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Chair Belatii, Chair Nakashima, and members of the Committee on Health and Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my strong concerns as well as provide testimony on H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484.

As a spouse of a current Maui Memorial Hospital employee, I am very concerned about the proposal to allow the Hawaii Health System Corporation and their health facilities to transition to a non-public status. I fully understand the reasoning for this proposal as cited in Section I of the proposed bill(s) that includes “improving the efficiency and quality of health care in all communities.” **However, I find it alarming how this bill seeks to improve the well-being of one sector our community, yet it is willing to jeopardize the quality of life and wellbeing of those who currently have dedicated theirs careers to helping others on our island.**

Should other options not be explored before considering an option such as the one being proposed? **Hawaii has been built on the backs of individuals who have served their communities and have earned the right to be represented by a union!**

We understand that the proposed vendor – Banner Health is a nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. We also understand if they are given the opportunity to take over, that they will terminate all employees and only rehire those who pass pre-employment requirements. Does this mean that the individuals who are currently providing critical health care services to Maui’s community are unqualified to do their respective jobs? With Maui’s limited health care options, a system like Banner Health may result in a cut to vital services if they are unable to maintain current levels or lack the clinical quality. Is this **“improving the efficiency and quality of health care in our community?”**

My final concern is the fact that we are considering funding an outside corporation to service our local populations. This solution has been utilized in our correctional system with very mixed outcomes. The financial and societal impacts to the State of Hawaii continue to be felt, and a recognition that sending inmates away has only resulted in unforeseen financial and human impacts, again have we “improved the efficiency and quality of life in our community”?

I strong oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484 and urge you to consider other options in this area, that may include revisiting the current structure of the HHSC to determine if it is currently meeting the needs of the people of Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Delima

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Fern Lai	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Bruce	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am against the two bills that will privatize the HHSC (Hawaii Health Systems Corporation)for Hawaii residents especially of the Outer Islands who must rely on these Hospitals. It is a very bad idea to put our resources into private hands. Did you know that the person who is the CEO of the private hospital company that will get the contract earns \$6 Million Dollars a year? Privatization is only an effort for greedy Capitalists to feed at the teat of the Public taxpayer.

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Jessica Casio	Individual	Oppose	No

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Jennifer Rosenblad	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am in strong opposition of the language in HB 1483 and HB 1484. My name is Jennifer Rosenblad and I have worked as a Registered Nurse for Maui Memorial Medical Center for over 15 years. I have been a Maui resident for over 26 years. I have made life choices and sacrifices in order to dedicate my career to public service. I am against Banner Health having the ability to take over our community hospital. I will lose my job, my civil servant status and hard earned benefits lost. I will no longer be a state employee. Banner may negatively affect our hospital by cutting services that are "too expensive" without regard to their necessity for our community. Hawaii taxpayers dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. This is wrong. I am deeply troubled that the legislature is considering this partnership. I strongly oppose the passage of HB 1483 and HB 1484. Thank you, Jennifer Rosenblad

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Kent Manaois	Individual	Oppose	No

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Luz Digney	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My name is Luz Digney and I have worked as a Registered Nurse for over 9 years and a state employee for over 12 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they most likely terminate all employees at Maui Memorial Medical Center and re-hire only those that who pass the pre-employment requirements. Banner does not believe in unions, so my civil status and my benefits will be lost as I will not longer be a state employee. Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayer's dollars will be supporting and funding mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. I strongly oppose the passage of this bill HB1483. Thank you for the opportunity to allow me to provide testimony. Luz Digney

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Rene Acang	Individual	Oppose	No

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rocksanne naeole	Individual	Oppose	No

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Shannon Keator	Individual	Oppose	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susanne Payn	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: House of Representatives The Twenty-Seventh Legislature, State of Hawaii Regular Session of 2013 Committee on Health Committee on Labor & Public Employment February 2, 2013 H.B. 1483 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION Chair Belatti, Chair Nakashima, and members of the Committee on Health and Committee on Labor & Public Employment: Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong opposition of the language in H.B. 1483 (and separately for H.B. 1484), which permits the regional systems of the Hawaii health systems corporation and their health facilities to transition to non-public status and amends the governance structure of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC). My name is Susanne Payn, and I have worked as a registered nurse for the Hilo Medical Center for almost 10 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they are likely terminate all employees at Hilo Medical Center or may even reduce staffing full time positions to part time positions to avoid paying employees insurance and benefits, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership. I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. I will also be submitting testimony for HB1484 separately. Respectfully submitted, Susanne Payn Susanne Payn

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H.B. 1484 – RELATING TO
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Chair Belatti, Chair Nakashima, and members of the Committee on Health and Committee on Labor & Public Employment:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **strong opposition of the language in H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484**, which permits the regional systems of the Hawaii health systems corporation and their health facilities to transition to non-public status and amends the governance structure of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC).

My name is Susan Werner and I have worked as a librarian for the Hawaii State Public Library System for twenty-six years. As a government employee, I have dedicated my career to public service. I am concerned that if these bills are passed, all current civil service employees working in the hospital system will be terminated. This would not be good for the workers or their families and would negatively impact the local economy due to the loss of many jobs. Even if Banner Health hires some of these employees back they would no longer be public service workers, protected by union contracts with guaranteed wages, working conditions, and benefits.

Banner Health has a history of buying existing health care facilities and then turning around and selling them for their own profit. In 2003 the Supreme Court of the State of South Dakota ruled that Banner could not remove from South Dakota the proceeds from the sale of seven hospitals and nursing homes to reinvest them in its nonprofit facilities in Arizona and Colorado. The ruling states that an out-of-state nonprofit health care corporation must leave the proceeds of the sale of facilities with the local community upon divestiture. We should not let Banner try to do the same to our local health care facilities.

I think it's a mistake for the Legislature to even consider this partnership.

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Werner

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My name is Odetta Rapozo-Pung, and I have worked as a Nursing Supervisor for the Hilo Medical Center for 19 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hilo Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,


Odetta Rapozo-Pung

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Tina Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My name is Tina Miller, and I have worked as a HUC for the Maui Memorial Medical Center for 10 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees in Maui Memorial Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be deemed services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community

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Tehani Nunez	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose this bill. I am not for bringing a company in from the mainland to make profits of our people and taxpayer money further causing thousands of our people to lose their jobs.

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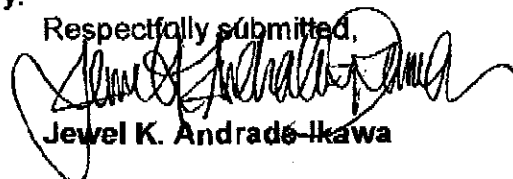
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My name is Jewel K. Andrade-Ikawa, and I have worked as a Clerk IV for the Hilo Medical Center for two years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hilo Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,



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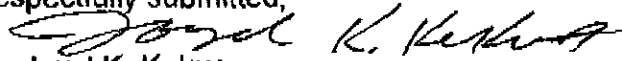
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public status and amends the governance structure of the Hawaii Health
Systems Corporation (HHSC).

My name is Joyel K. Kekua, and I have worked as a Social Worker Assistant for
the Hilo Medical Center for almost two years. As a government employee, I
dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit
hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will
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Respectfully submitted,


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My name is Kim Menke, and I have worked as a Registered Nurse for Hilo Medical Center for 12 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hilo Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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Respectfully submitted,


Kim Menke

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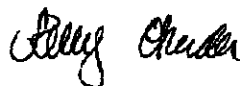
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My name is Kelly Okada and I have worked as a RN for the Hilo Medical Center for 10 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hilo Medical Center and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Okada, RN, BSN

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My name is *Lisa Maiorino*, and I have worked as a *Ultrasound Technologist* For the Maui Memorial Medical Center for *2 1/2* years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Maui Memorial Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For examples, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Maiorino, RDMS, RVT

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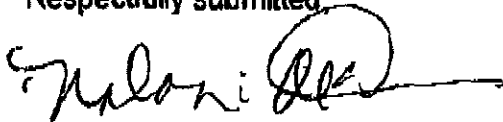
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My name is Nalani Akine, and I have worked as a Social Worker Asst. for the Hilo Medical Center for 2 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hilo Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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My name is **Rose Kroner**, and I have worked as a **registered nurse** for the **Maui Memorial Medical Center** for **22 years**. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in **HHSC/Maui Memorial Medical Center** and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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Respectfully submitted,

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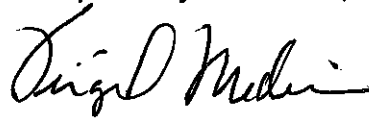
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My name is Virgil Medeiros, and I am currently working as an Account Clerk and have worked in various positions at Hilo Medical Center for 26 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hilo Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. I plan to retire in a few years, and my retirement is based on my years of being a civil servant. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. How can this be good for the community? Where is the "Safety Net" in this? For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

Lastly, I am proud to be a part of our State's "Safety Net" network that provides health services to my community. I find it hard to digest that there is a move to turn this service over to an entity with no "roots" nor presence in our State. This is not Pono.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Virgil Medeiros
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My name is Colleen Okazaki, have been a union member for 20 years and have lived on Maui all my life. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees currently employed by HHSC and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions and should not be allowed to take over any facility being operated by HHSC.

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My name is **Darlene**, and I have worked as a **RN, Certified Wound Care Nurse** for the **Hilo Medical Center** for **twenty-one**. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in **Hilo Medical Center**, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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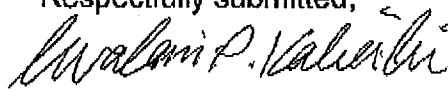
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My name is Iwalani Kaheiki, and I have worked as a Health Unit Clerk for Hilo Medical Center for 29+ years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to a public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees at Hilo Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership. What will happen to all the community hospitals that care for our elderly.

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Comments: My name is Jodie-Keenan Batin, and I have worked for the Hilo Medical Center in various departments starting with Data Processing 2 years, Nursing Administration Clerk-9 years and payroll as a preauditor clerk for 3 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hilo Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health service. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership. I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. Respectfully submitted, Jodie-Keenan Batin

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My name is **John Stowell**, and I have worked as a **Certified Wound Care Nurse** for the **Hilo Medical Center** for **eight years**. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in **Hilo Medical Center**, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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Respectfully submitted,


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My name is Susan Watanabe, have been a union member for over 20 years and have lived on Maui all my life. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees currently employed by HHSC and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions and should not be allowed to take over any facility being operated by HHSC.

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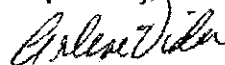
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My name is **Arlene Vida**, and I have worked as a Clerk Typist III for the Hilo Medical Center for eight (8) years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hilo Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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My name is Daniel Krause, and I have worked as a Management Analyst for Hilo Medical Center for the past 3 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. I have seen enormous improvements at our facility the past 3 years that I didn't think were obtainable. I strongly oppose these bills because I believe we as a hospital are on the right track to become successful and sustainable. This is all possible while providing the best care possible to our community. I am also concerned about the community and what may happen to the valuable services that we provide. We care deeply about our community because we are part of the community. Please do not jeopardize all of our hard work and trust that we are on the right track to greatness.

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Daniel Krause

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My name is Irene Iwata, and I have worked as a **Registered Nurse** for the Hilo Medical Center Hospital for 8 ½ years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hilo Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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My name is **April N. Fields**, and I have worked as a **RN CM** for the **Hilo Medical Center** for 1 year. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in **Hilo Medical Center**, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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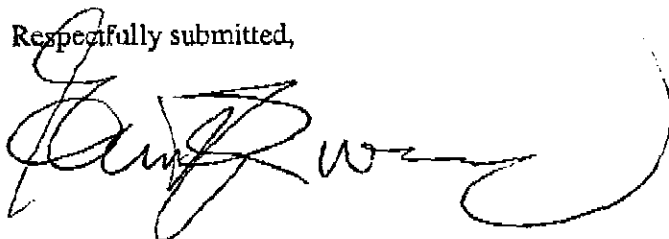
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My name is *Erinly Wong*, and I have worked as a *clerk III* For the Maui Memorial Medical Center for *12* years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Maui Memorial Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For examples, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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My name is Leimomi Johnson, have been a union member for 20 years and have lived on Maui for 32 years. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees currently employed by HHSC and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions and should not be allowed to take over any facility being operated by HHSC.

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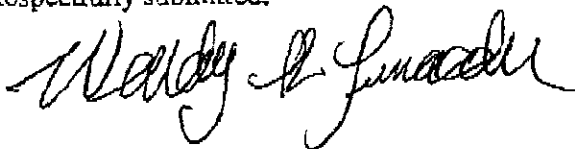
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My name is *Wardly Tumocder*, and I have worked as a *clerk IV* for the Maui Memorial Medical Center for *9* years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Maui Memorial Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For examples, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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Respectfully submitted,



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My name is *Lyle Nozaki*, and I have worked as a *Medical Technologist* for the Maui Memorial Medical Center for *26* years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Maui Memorial Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For examples, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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Respectfully submitted,



Chairperson Belatti and committee members:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on HB 1483. I am strongly opposed to this measure. Having been in health care for over 30 years as a hospital pharmacist, 16 of which at Maui Memorial Medical Center, I am fully aware of the economic struggle that many hospitals face these days. However, letting a mainland company take over Maui Memorial, and other Hawaii Health System Corporation facilities would not, I believe, solve economic issues for these facilities.

HB 1483, clearly states that existing liabilities will not be transferred to the private entity, Banner Health. It also states that our State of Hawaii will provide subsidies to the private entity, Banner Health, a mainland company. We, the Hawaii taxpayers, are essentially giving the mainland company a gift. The taxpayers, your constituents, will still be paying the bills, while a mainland company reaps the benefits. According to the language of HB 1483, should the subsidies stop, and the mainland company decides they are not making enough profit (and we all know that the term non-profit corporation does not mean that management groups and investors in the non-profit do not gain a financial reward), the private entity can cancel the lease. On Maui, we have one hospital. What happens should the lease be canceled? There will no longer be a local management system in place to pick up the pieces and run the hospital. This would be disastrous for the citizens of Maui.

When I started my career as a public employee in Hawaii, I worked for lesser pay than I had previously received in non-government jobs. One of the reasons that I was able to accept less pay was that the state offered a benefit package of vacation, sick leave and retirement that helped make up the financial difference. With a private takeover of Maui Memorial, these benefits will be lost (based on readily available published benefit information for Banner Health). Union representation by the Hawaii Government Employees Association will be lost. I just find it difficult to believe that lawmakers in Hawaii would in any way be involved in "union busting". It seems so contrary to the principles and values of our state.

I believe strongly in the abilities of the current senior management at Maui Memorial Medical Center. I feel that the leadership team, in cooperation with the employees, and union partners, can work together to reduce operating costs as well as any mainland private company, and keep more funds here, at home, in Hawaii.

Thank you for considering my concerns.
Edward Field

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My name is *Thomas Dearborn*, and I have worked as a *Nuclear Med. Tech.* For the Maui Memorial Medical Center for *4* years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Maui Memorial Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For examples, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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My name is *Verna Uyetake*, *SW VI* and I have worked as a [position title] for the *Hale Hoola*
Hamakua for *13* years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in *Hale Hoola Hamakua* and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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Respectfully submitted,

Verna Uyetake

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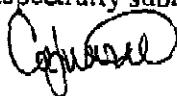
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My name is *Crystalyn Juano*, and I have worked as a *financial counselor* For the Maui Memorial Medical Center for *2* years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit-hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Maui Memorial Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For examples, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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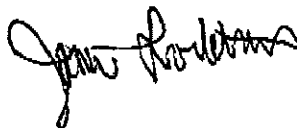
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My name is Janice Lockhart, and I have worked as a Patient Access Clerk For the Maui Memorial Medical Center for 11 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Maui Memorial Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For examples, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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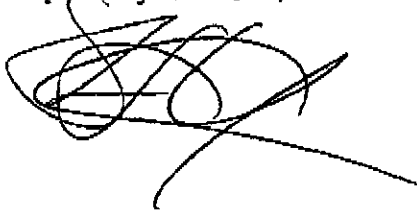
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My name is *Monica Yap*, and I have worked as a *Admitting Clerk*
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My name is **Tsesume Paganido**, and I have worked as a **Patient Access Department**
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My name is *Charity Follante*, and I have worked as a Health Unit Clerk
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My name is ^{Consolacion} Del Rosario, and I have worked as a Nurse Aide at Maui Memorial
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My name is Erlinda R. Collado and I have worked as a Nurse Aide at Maui Memorial Medical Center for 21 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees at Maui Memorial Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided in our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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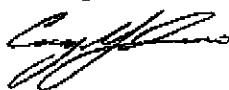
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My name is Craig Yoshino, and I have worked as a Stores Clerk II for the Hilo Medical Center for 5 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hilo Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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Craig Yoshino



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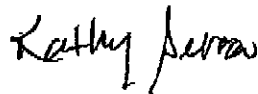
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My name is **Kathy Serrao**, and I have worked as a Supply Clerk for the **Hilo Medical Center** for 20 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in **Hilo Medical Center** and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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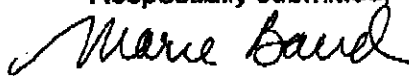
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My name is Marie Baird, and I have worked as a Registered Nurse for the Hilo Medical Center for 8 ½ yrs. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hilo Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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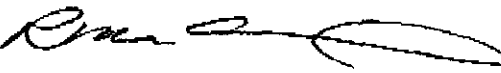
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My name is Rona Amaral and I have worked as a Central Supply Aide III for the Hilo Medical Center for 7 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hilo Medical Center and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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Respectfully submitted,


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My name is **PATTI M. IGARASHI**, and I have worked as a **HIM TECH I AND PURCH TECH I** for the **MAUI MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER** for **(6+4) 10 YEARS**. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in **MAUI MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER**, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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My name is Lorena Kauhi. I was born, raised, and currently reside with my family on the Big Island. I am concerned that the passage of these bills could further accelerate a possible take-over of our hospital system by a private entity, Banner Health. Being a large for-profit business from the mainland with no local roots or vested interest in the Big Island community, the uncertainties of such a partnership could leave our community without the vital health care services we need.

If Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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Lorena Kauhi

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My name is Marian Hashiro, and I have lived on Maui for nearly six years. I am a concerned citizen questioning our elected officials' views on privatizing our hospital. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees at Maui Memorial Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements.

With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. My mother is elderly and it is my hope that she will not require long-term care. However, situations occur that is not within our control and there may come a time where long-term care will be necessary. What then? What effective solution(s) do you have? Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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Respectfully submitted,

Marian Hashiro

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My name is Paul Petro and I am a Contracts Manager for the Maui Memorial Medical Center. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Maui Memorial Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements if their respective positions are not consolidated at Banner's headquarters. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee.

With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. If the 1,300 employees at Maui Memorial Medical Center are terminated, families in the community may have to deal with a family member or multiple family members standing in the unemployment line. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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Respectfully submitted,



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James "Kimo" Palakiko	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose any privatisation of state or county jobs. Going private for medical would only cost more. And we don't get to choose how much to give to Banner Health. They choose the upgrade and we foot half the bill. Of course they can save money, come in cut staff salaries, benefits, and public services. I go to dialysis DSI Inc. they said they would not cut jobs, the first thing they did was lay off all ward clerks. Now they are asking employees to give up pay, medical benefits, and PTO's. (personal time off). History proves a strong union is the only protection you have now a days.

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My name is Lorretta Santiago and I have worked as a Cashier Clerk for the University of Hawaii at Hilo for fifteen (15) years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hilo Medical Center and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. I believe that the quality of care and service provided by the current employees are essential to the Hawaii Island community as I have experienced myself for being hospitalized twice in a year with asthma complications. Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It's just as bad as having "Informed RX" service me with my maintenance medication! They were the worst pharmacy I have ever experienced! Glad they got rid of that! It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lorretta Santiago

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NADINE I TAM-ITO	Individual	Oppose	No

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Traci Hashiro	Individual	Oppose	No

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IN OPPOSITION TO HB 1483 and HB 1484

Chair Belatti, Chair Nakashima, and members of the Committee on Health and
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- 1) Privatization will increase costs and reduce quality.
- 2) Privatization is associated with fraud.
- 3) Privatization will reduce wages and benefits for workers, increasing income inequality on the island.

I have been on the staff of Maui Memorial Hospital Center including taking night and weekend call for 17 years. As a physician, I dedicate myself to patient care. The state selling out to Banner is so sad for the people of Hawai'i. Privatization of health care in Hawai'i will result in poorer care for patients who have no choice as to where to go for health care. The idea that a mainland company will operate to maximize the quality of care to patients is absurd. The company exists to extract money from our hospitals in Hawai'i. That money can only come from patient care and employee salaries and benefits (raising income inequality). Banner does not exist to practice high quality health care. They will try to do without a lot of staff, eg raise the number of patients each nurse cares for, etc. Banner exists to provide high salaries for their executives, not to provide high quality health care to the people. The patients and their insurance companies are simply the source of money Banner seeks to extract from Hawai'i. For every dollar Banner invests in a hospital, they will expect a significant return on that investment that will eventually result in medical decisions being trumped by financial decisions. This is a net outflow of money from Hawai'i which does not provide any health care to our patients. It's a tax. Ah Quan McElrath is turning over in her grave.

Sincerely,

Leslie Hartley Gise MD
Staff psychiatrist
Maui Memorial Medical Center

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My name is **Carla Mento**, and I have worked as a Health Unit Clerk for Hilo Medical Center for 22 years plus. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hilo Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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Respectfully submitted,



Carla S. Mento

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My name Debra Lynn Bullion and I have worked as an RN in Surgery for Kona Community Hospital for 21 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Kona Community Hospital and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership. Please, I urge you to oppose H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484! These are tough times that we can get through without selling out to Banner Health, a company that has no investment in our community and its workers. I and my co workers have dedicated ourselves to our hospital and jobs for the long term, not just some short term fix. Mahalo for taking the time to hear me.

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted, Debra Lynn Bullion

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My name is Kevin Brunsen, and I have worked as a Registered Nurse for the Kona Community Hospital for 33 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Kona Community Hospital, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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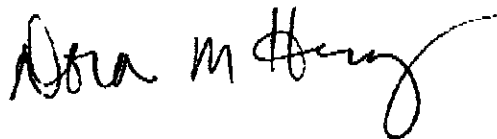
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My name is *Dora M Henry*, and I have worked as a *Admitting Clerk* For the Maui Memorial Medical Center for *21* years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Maui Memorial Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For examples, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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My name is Elizabeth Heidelberg, and have worked as a Registered Nurse for Hale Ho'ola Hamakua for 31 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hale Ho'ola Hamakua, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayer's dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

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Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth L. Heidelberg

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JENNIFER L. BOOTH	Individual	Oppose	No

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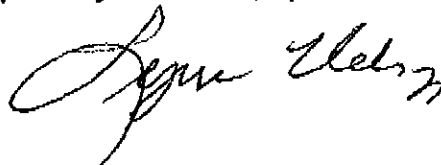
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong opposition of the language in H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484**, which permits the regional systems of the Hawaii health systems corporation and their health facilities to transition to non-public status and amends the governance structure of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC).

My name is Lyell Velez, and I have worked as a Clerk for the Hale Hoola Hamakua for 28 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hale Hoola Hamakua, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted, Lyell Velez.



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**H.B. 1483 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS
CORPORATION**
H.B. – RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

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Committee on Labor & Public Employment:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong opposition of the
language in H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484**, which permits, the regional systems of the
Hawaii Health Systems corporation and their health facilities to transition to non-public
status and amends the governance of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC).

My name is *Marie Aranda*, and I have worked as a *Admitting Clerk*
For the Maui Memorial Medical Center for *23* years. As a government employee, I
dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital
system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely
terminate all employees in Maui Memorial Medical Center, and re-hire only those who
pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my
civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state
employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services
unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and
possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For examples, Banner Health
has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided
to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be
supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply
troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the
opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie Aranda

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H.B. 1483 – RELATING TO
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H.B. 1484 – RELATING TO
THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Chair Belatti, Chair Nakashima, and members of the Committee on Health and Committee on Labor & Public Employment:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong opposition of the language in H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484**, which permits the regional systems of the Hawaii health systems corporation and their health facilities to transition to non-public status and amends the governance structure of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC).

As a resident of Maui since 1991, I am concerned that the legislature is considering a bill that will effectively allow a private corporation, possibly from the mainland to enter into our community to make changes to the benefits and services currently being provided by Maui Memorial Medical Center. If a private corporation deems services impossible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they could cut those vital services and possibly close the only acute care facility on the island that our community depends on. I understand that our taxpayer dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii's health services. It deeply concerns me that the Legislature is considering this partnership. If there is subsidy to the private corporation, what will prevent other corporations coming in to expect subsidies from your island constituents?

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,



Michele Mitra

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H.B. 1438-RELATING TO THE
HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION
H.B. 1484-RELATING TO THE
HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Chair Belatti, Chair Nakashima, and members of the Committee on Health and
Committee on Labor & Public Employment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong opposition of the language
in H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484, which permits the regional systems of the Hawaii health systems
corporation and their facilities to transition to a non-public status and amends the governance
structure of the Hawaii systems corporation(HHSC).

My name is Nancy Katayama and I have worked as a RN at the Kona Community Hospital for 22
years. As a government employee, I have dedicated myself to public service. Banner Health is
a national nonprofit hospital system which hires only private employees. If Kona Community
Hospital is privatized, I have been informed that Banner Health will most likely terminate all
employees and rehire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. As Banner Health
does not believe in unions, my civil service status and benefits will be lost as I am no longer a
state employee.

The impact of health care to the neighbor island communities will be tremendous if hospitals
are privatized. Private hospitals are able to cut services and close facilities due to economic
conditions. Additionally, with Banner Health System Hawaii taxpayers dollars will be supporting
and funding a mainland company to provide services health care services to the most needed
population in the neighbor islands.

My concern also is the potential loss of benefits to employees like myself who as vested 22
years of service to the state. Privatization will result in the loss of all state benefits. Is this the
intent of this legislation? Will this legislation result in the state not contributing millions of
dollars to the retirement fund?

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to
provide testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Katayama

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H.B. 1483 – RELATING TO
THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

H.B. 1484 – RELATING TO
THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

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My name is Patricia Ilog, and I have worked as a registered nurse for the Kona Community Hospital for four years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Kona Community Hospital, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Ilog

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H.B. 1483 – RELATING TO
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H.B. 1484 – RELATING TO
THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Chair Belatti, Chair Nakashima, and members of the Committee on Health and Committee on Labor & Public Employment:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong opposition of the language in H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484**, which permits the regional systems of the Hawaii health systems corporation and their health facilities to transition to non-public status and amends the governance structure of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC).

My name is Bernard Kuheana, and I have worked as a RPN-IV for the Hilo Medical Center for 6 months; my parents have collectively worked for Hilo Medical Center for a total of over 50 years. As a government employee, I plan dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in the Hilo Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard Iokepa Acido Kuheana

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H.B. 1484 – RELATING TO
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My name is Julie Cohn, and I have worked as a Registered Nurse for Hilo Medical Center HHSC East Hawaii Region since 1996, and as a State Employee since 1985. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hilo Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Cohn RPN VI

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dori Rybacki-Smith, Esq	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: My name is Dori Rybacki-Smith. I am an attorney and real estate professional on Maui. I am submitting testimony to oppose HB1483. This bill will not save the state much if any money. There will be significant concessions in any final contracts to employees and to Banner Heath that will result in losses to the state of tens of millions of dollars. Our longtime local doctors and health care workers and their families will be forced to move as Banner brings in low-bid employees from the mainland. Patients will ultimately suffer from these actions. Please honorable committee members, I urge you to also oppose this measure. Thank you.

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H.B. 1484 – RELATING TO
THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

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My name is **Olivia Tiare Camara**, and I have worked as a **Clerk IV** for the **Hilo Medical Center** for **4 months**. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in **Hilo Medical Center**, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Olivia Tiare Camara

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H.B. 1484 – RELATING TO
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My name is Kathy Komatsu, and I have worked as a Registered Nurse for the Hilo Medical Center for 20 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hilo Medical Center and all east Hawaii HHSC facilities, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Komatsu

[Your name]

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H.B. 1484 – RELATING TO
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My name is Rynella Pasco and I have worked as a Health Information Tech I for the Hilo Medical Center for 4 ½ years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in Hilo Medical Center, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Rynella Pasco

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H.B. 1484 – RELATING TO
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My name is **Linda Lumanlan**, and I have worked as a **Registered Nurse** for the **Hilo Medical Center** for **20 years**. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all employees in **Hilo Medical Center**, and re-hire only those who pass pre-employment requirements. Banner Health does not believe in unions, and my civil servant service status and benefits will be lost as I will no longer be a state employee. With regards to its impact in the community, if Banner Health deems services unfeasible to maintain or lack clinical quality, they will cut those vital services and possibly close facilities that our community depends on. For example, Banner Health has minimal experience with services such as long-term care that are currently provided to our community. Additionally, with Banner Health, Hawaii taxpayers' dollars will be supporting and funding a mainland company to provide Hawaii health services. It deeply troubles me that the Legislature is considering this partnership.

I strongly oppose the passage of H.B. 1483 and H.B. 1484. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Lumanlan