



The Twenty-Seventh Legislature, State of Hawaii  
Hawaii State House of Representatives  
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Testimony by  
Hawaii State AFL-CIO  
February 11, 2013

H.B. 1484, HD1 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII  
HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO strongly opposes H.B. 1484 HD1 which proposes to amend the governance structure of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC).

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. 1484 HD1 to be deferred.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Bradshaw  
COPE Director

**February 10, 2013**

**TO: The Honorable Angus L. K. McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Derek S. K. Kawakami, Vice Chair**

**Honorable Members of the Committee on  
Consumer Protection & Commerce**

**FROM: Leslie B. Chun M.D.  
Chief of Clinical and Medical Affairs  
Maui Memorial Medical Center**

**SUBJECT: Testimony in Opposition to HB 1484, HD 1 Relating to Hawaii Health Systems  
Corporation**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **STRONG OPPOSITON TO HB 1484, HD 1** which amends the governance structure of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC).

As a physician, Maui resident and member of Maui Memorial's Executive Team, I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

- The original intent of regionalization was to bring governance closer to the bedside.
- Because of this regionalization, great advances and improvements have been made to our rural healthcare system in the Maui Region.
- HHSC is an Oahu-centric organization that cannot anticipate and react quickly to the needs of the neighbor island and regional communities.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Leslie B. Chun M.D.  
Chief of Clinical and Medical Affairs  
Maui Memorial Medical Center**



**February 10, 2013**

**TO: The Honorable Angus L. K. McKelvey, Chair  
The Honorable Derek S. K. Kawakami, Vice Chair  
Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce**

**Date: Monday, February 11, 2013**

**Time: 3:30 pm**

**Place: State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**FROM: Wesley Lo, Chief Executive Officer, Maui Region**

**SUBJECT: Testimony in Opposition to HB 1484, HD 1 Relating to Hawaii Health Systems Corporation**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **STRONG OPPOSITON TO HB 1484, HD 1** which amends the governance structure of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC). Makes the regional chief executive officer's nonvoting members. Establishes the HHSC personnel system and new collective bargaining units. Delineates the HHSC Board's and regional boards' powers.

I oppose this bill for the following reasons:

- The original intent of regionalization was to bring governance closer to the bedside.
- Regional control has allowed great advances to be made in the Maui Region.
- HHSC is an Oahu-centric organization that cannot anticipate and react quickly to the needs of the neighbor island and regional communities.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in opposition to this measure.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Karen Oura	Maui Regional Board	Oppose	No

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in STRONG OPPOSITON TO HB 1484, HD 1 which amends the governance structure of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC). Makes the regional chief executive officer's nonvoting members. Establishes the HHSC personnel system and new collective bargaining units. Delineates the HHSC Board's and regional boards' powers. Effective July 1, 2050. I oppose this bill for the following reasons: • The original intent of regionalization was to bring governance closer to the bedside. • Because of this regionalization, great advances and improvements have been made to our rural healthcare system in the Maui Region. • HHSC is an Oahu-centric organization that cannot anticipate and react quickly to the needs of the neighbor island and regional communities. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony.

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sheri yamaguchi	Individual	Oppose	No

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