



HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO

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

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
Executive Director

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HB1484

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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? HB1484 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 1484 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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February 4, 2013

House of Representatives
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Committee on Health
Committee on Labor & Public Employment

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

H.B. 1484 – RELATING TO
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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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Jackie Murray	Individual	Support	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 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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Manuel S Cardozo	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support this change!

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

Please process my support email to the proper place. Thank you.

Stephen Palmore RN
Hilo Medical Center
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Mt. View, HI 96771

Dear House Health Committee

I support **HB 1484** which amends the governance structure of HHSC. All parts of this bill need to be passed to assure the integrity of HHSC.

Thank you

Eve Clute [doctor of public health]

Lahaina, Maui

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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.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Arnold D. Abe

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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.

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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

Comments:

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David May	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Worked in HHSC for 20 years strongly oppose entry of Banner Health

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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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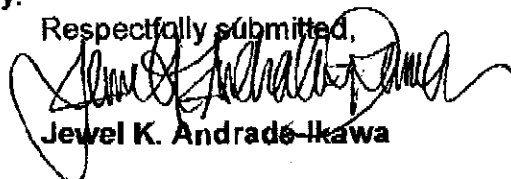
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My name is Jewel K. Andrade-Ikawa, and I have worked as a Clerk IV for the Hilo Medical Center for two years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private 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.

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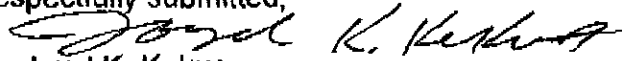
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Hawaii health systems corporation and their health facilities to transition to non-
public status and amends the governance structure of the Hawaii Health
Systems Corporation (HHSC).

My name is 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
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
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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,


Joyel K. Kekua

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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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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.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Kim Menke

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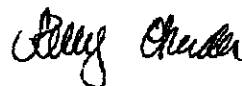
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My name is Kelly Okada and I have worked as a RN for the Hilo Medical Center for 10 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If 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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Malia Acang	Individual	Oppose	No

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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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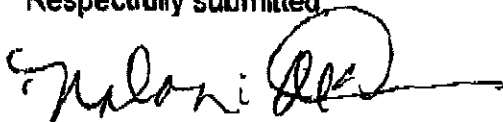
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My name is Nalani Akine, and I have worked as a Social Worker Asst. for the Hilo Medical Center for 2 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private 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.

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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Rene Acang		Oppose	No

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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.

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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Tina Miller	Individual	Oppose	No

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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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Virgil Medeiros". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "V".

**Virgil Medeiros
470 Keonaona St.
Hilo, HI 96720**

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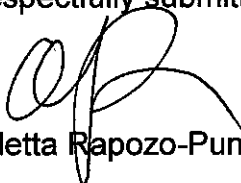
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My name is Odetta Rapozo-Pung, and I have worked as a Nursing Supervisor for the Hilo Medical Center for 19 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants 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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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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Susanne Payn	Individual	Oppose	No

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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.

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,



Colleen Okazaki

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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.

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

Respectfully submitted,


Darlene B. Domingo RN, BSN, CWCN

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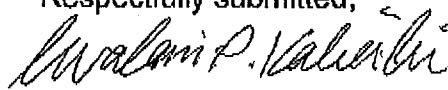
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My name is Iwalani Kaheiki, and I have worked as a Health Unit Clerk for Hilo Medical Center for 29+ years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to a public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private 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.

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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Jodie-Keenan Batin	Individual	Oppose	No

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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My name is Mitzi Tanaka, have been a union member for 35 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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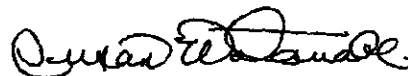
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My name is Susan Watanabe, have been a union member for over 20 years and have lived on Maui all my life. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. If they take over, they will most likely terminate all 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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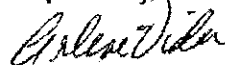
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My name is **Arlene Vida**, and I have worked as a Clerk Typist III for the Hilo Medical Center for eight (8) years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants 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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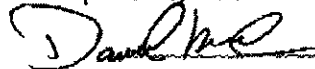
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My name is Daniel Krause, and I have worked as a Management Analyst for Hilo Medical Center for the past 3 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. I have seen enormous improvements at our facility the past 3 years that 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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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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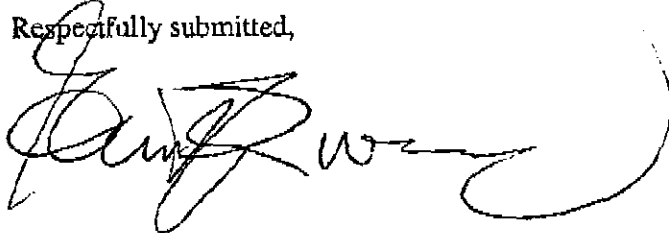
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My name is *Erinly Wong*, and I have worked as a *clerk III* For the Maui Memorial Medical Center for *12* years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants 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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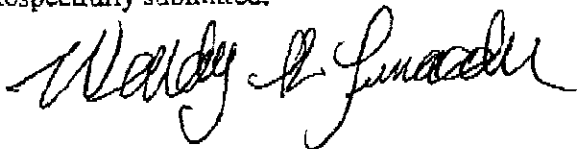
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My name is *Wardly Tumocder*, and I have worked as a *clerk IV* for the Maui Memorial Medical Center for *9* years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants 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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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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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*, and I have worked as a *SW VI* [position title] for the *Hale Hoola*
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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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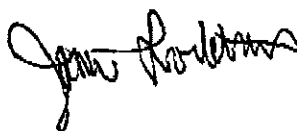
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My name is Janice Lockhart, and I have worked as a Patient Access Clerk For the Maui Memorial Medical Center for 11 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that 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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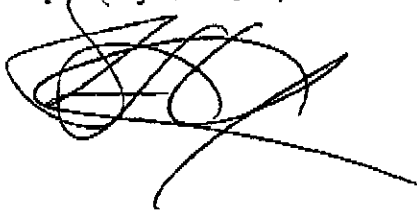
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My name is *Monica Yap*, and I have worked as a *Admitting Clerk*
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My name is *Tsesume Paganido*, and I have worked as a *Patient Access Department*
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My name is *Charity Follante*, and I have worked as a Health Unit Clerk For the Maui Memorial Medical Center 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 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 *Terry Lynn Yap*, and I have worked as a *Admitting 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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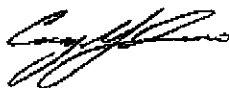
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My name is Craig Yoshino, and I have worked as a Stores Clerk II for the **Hilo Medical Center** for 5 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private 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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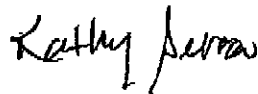
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My name is **Kathy Serrao**, and I have worked as a Supply Clerk for the **Hilo Medical Center** for 20 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private 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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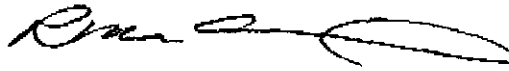
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My name is Rona Amaral and I have worked as a Central Supply Aide III for the Hilo Medical Center for 7 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private 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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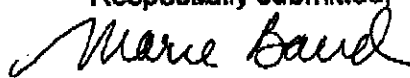
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My name is Marie Baird, and I have worked as a Registered Nurse for the Hilo Medical Center for 8 ½ yrs. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private 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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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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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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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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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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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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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 **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.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Carla S. Mento

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H.B. 1483 – RELATING TO
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H.B. 1484 – RELATING TO
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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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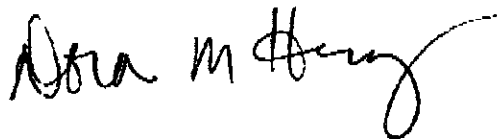
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Hawaii Health Systems corporation and their health facilities to transition to non-public
status and amends the governance of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC).

My name is *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
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terminate all employees in Maui Memorial Medical Center, and re-hire only those who
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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
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Respectfully submitted,



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H.B. 1483 - RELATING TO
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H.B. 1484 - RELATING TO
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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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth L. Heidelberg

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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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Brunsen

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JENNIFER L. BOOTH	Individual	Oppose	No

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jesse kekuewa	Individual	Oppose	No

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Leilani Laforga	Individual	Oppose	No

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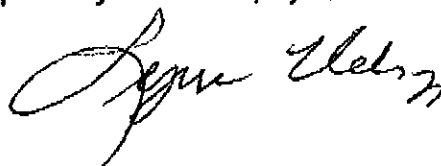
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My name is Lyell Velez, and I have worked as a Clerk for the Hale Hoola Hamakua for 28 years. As a government employee, I dedicate my career to public service. Banner Health is a national nonprofit hospital system that only wants private employees. 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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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. 1484 – RELATING TO
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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
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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 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. 1484 – RELATING TO
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IN OPPOSITION TO HB 1483 and HB 1484

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

- 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 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.

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Respectfully submitted,

Rynella Pasco

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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.

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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.

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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.

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Respectfully submitted,

Bernard Iokepa Acido Kuheana

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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.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Komatsu

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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.

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