
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION PRIMARY CARE
TRAINING PROGRAM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State faces a
2 severe shortage of healthcare providers. This shortage is
3 particularly acute in the field of primary care, in which most
4 of the healthcare cost savings in prevention and early
5 intervention occur.

6 The legislature further finds that the Hawaii health
7 systems corporation primary care training program is an
8 effective way to reduce the impact of the shortage of primary
9 care providers and improve access to healthcare throughout the
10 State, especially on the neighbor islands. Administered by Hilo
11 medical center, this interdisciplinary program is centered at
12 the Hawaii island family health center, which serves as a
13 training site for family medicine physicians and medical
14 students through the Hawaii island family medicine residency;
15 advanced practice nurses from the school of nursing and dental
16 hygiene at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the University
17 of Hawaii at Hilo; registered nursing students from the



1 University of Hawaii at Hilo; pharmacy students in clinical
2 pharmacy practice from the University of Hawaii at Hilo's Daniel
3 K. Inouye college of pharmacy; health psychologists from i ola
4 lahui, an organization that trains psychologists to meet the
5 needs of residents of Hawaii's rural areas; and baccalaureate
6 nursing students from the school of nursing at the University of
7 Hawaii at Hilo.

8 This interdisciplinary training model can be expanded to
9 other neighbor island health facilities to generate
10 interdisciplinary teams capable of caring for four times as many
11 patients as independent practicing physicians could alone.
12 Hawaii will benefit greatly as the Hawaii health systems
13 corporation program contributes to training primary care
14 providers in the emerging model of primary care and patient-
15 centered medical homes, and attracts healthcare providers to
16 practice in rural Hawaii, including the neighbor islands.

17 The purpose of this Act is to address the shortage of
18 primary care providers in the State by appropriating funds for
19 the interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems corporation primary
20 care training program at Hilo medical center.

21 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
22 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2014-2015 for the
2 interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems corporation primary care
3 training program at Hilo medical center.

4 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the Hawaii health
5 systems corporation for the purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program;
Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for the Interdisciplinary Hawaii Health
Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at Hilo
Medical Center. Effective July 1, 2050. (HB1742 HD1)

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February 11, 2014

The Honorable Isaac W. Choy, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Higher Education
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 309
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: House Bill HB 1742, HD 1, RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS
CORPORATION PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

Aloha, Chair Green and Committee Members

Mahalo for this opportunity to express our strong support for House Bill 1742, HD 1 that appropriates funding for the interdisciplinary Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center.

The state and Hawai'i Island continue to face a severe physician shortage, with a recent study estimating that Hawai'i County needs 150 more doctors to provide an adequate level of access to health care for our residents. Projections by the John A. Burns School of Medicine suggest the physician shortage will dramatically worsen in the next five years as many doctors retire. An important piece of the solution for our communities is the Hawai'i Island Family Medicine Residency Program, which was recently notified that it has met the requirements for two-year accreditation. The program is actively recruiting, and will welcome its first class in July. The program will also offer training to advanced practice nurses from programs at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and Hilo, and to students from the UH-Hilo College of Pharmacy. This program will produce inter-disciplinary teams that can care for four times as many patients as independent practitioners and will expand to serve rural communities across the state.

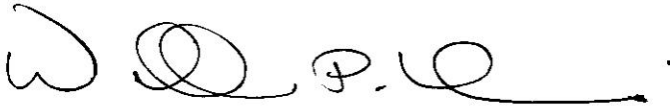
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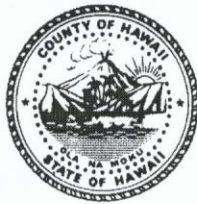
Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

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William P. Kenoi
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DENNIS "FRESH" ONISHI
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February 6, 2014

The Honorable Isaac W. Choy, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Higher Education

Dear Representative Choy and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 1742. I am optimistic that the Legislature will restore the full \$2.8 million appropriation for this important program as provided in the original version of this bill.

By continuing the funding for a program to train primary care physicians, this bill will help to relieve the acute physician shortage in rural areas across the State by continuing funding for a program to train primary care physicians. The program has received a two-year accreditation and will begin its first class this summer.

There is a critical need for more physicians statewide, and especially on our Neighbor Islands.

Approval of this bill will improve health care options for thousands of patients, and will provide a model to tackle the growing need for physicians in underserved areas. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dennis "Fresh" Onishi
Hawai'i County Council Member

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Support of HB 1742

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program
Julie Tulang, President
Hilo Medical Center Foundation

Hilo Medical Center Foundation, supports of this program that invest in training family practice residents who will eventually work in rural communities through out the state. We endorse the HHSCPCTP as one of the ways to provide more primary care physicians that will hopefully:

1. Decrease the number and rate of “potentially avoidable hospitalizations,” which the state now pays for through both its Medicaid program and unreimbursed care by state’s public hospital system, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.
2. Provide greater access to family medicine physicians in rural area of our state, lowering the costs of treating expensive and debilitating conditions. For example, diabetes and coronary heart disease have reached epidemic proportions in Hawaii County compared to Oahu and other areas of the state where there is greater access to primary care.

We recognize that the HHSCPCTP uses a model of care delivery that eliminates the need to train or attract unrealistically high numbers of physicians. The team model of care in which the HHSCPCTP is training Hawaii’s future providers allows one physician and their team to care for up to 10,000 patients. Critical team components include a nurse practitioner or physician assistant and specialists in chronic disease management such as pharmacists, certified diabetes educators, behavioral health providers, licensed nurses, and well trained non-licensed staff.

We are aware from personal experience that residents trained at rural sites stay and practice in this setting after they completed their residency. The same can be expected for advanced practice nurses, psychologists, and clinical pharmacists. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the state with this TEAM approach in community health.

We urge you to pass HB 1742 at the funding request at \$2.8 million dollars.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB1742.

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Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program

Judith Fox-Goldstein, President

Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce

Hawaii Innovation Center

117 Keawe St. Suite 205

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As President of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, (and representing the “voice of small business on Hawaii Island”), we are grateful for the opportunity to present testimony in favor of the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP). HICC represents over 250 businesses and approximately 600 members.

Caring for the people of Hawaii is everyone’s business, everyone’s concern and it should be on the top of list of priorities for our Island, for our state and for our legislators.

We are in a CRISIS situation and we are pleading to be heard on this very important issue. We have a working, viable solution in the Residency Program and it will result in an expanded group of family medicine practitioners who will be able to service greater numbers of patients throughout the islands. HICC endorses the HHSCPCTP as a Means of Closing the Provider Gap in Hawaii.

Investing in training family practice residents in the neighbor islands is expected to yield a meaningful return on investment.

- Increasing the number of family practice physicians is expected to decrease the number and rate of “potentially avoidable hospitalizations,” which the state now pays for through both its Medicaid program and unreimbursed care by state’s public hospital system, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

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- The known economic multiplier effect of additional physicians in Hawaii means each additional physician is expected to generate 5 new jobs and new tax revenue. (Source: The Lewin Group).

HICC recognizes that the HHSCPCTP uses an advanced model of care delivery that eliminates the need to train or attract unrealistically high numbers of physicians. The current predominant model of care throughout the country involves one primary care physician caring for 2,000-2,500 individuals with a small staff, usually including a medical assistant and receptionist. The team model of care in which the HHSCPCTP is training Hawaii's future providers allows one physician and their team to care for up to 10,000 patients. Critical team components include a nurse practitioner or physician assistant and specialists in chronic disease management such as pharmacists, certified diabetes educators, behavioral health providers, licensed nurses, and well trained non-licensed staff.

HICC recognizes that it is well documented throughout the nation that physicians attending rural training programs are much more likely to practice in a rural area. More than half of residents trained at rural sites stay and practice in this setting after they completed their residency. The same can be expected for advanced practice nurses, psychologists, and clinical pharmacists.

Thank you, Chairman Choy and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health.

HICC strongly urges your support in appropriating \$2.8 million for HB1742 and have it included as a budgetary line item in the Hawaii State Budget of HHSC.

Please pass HB1742. Thank you.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Judith Fox-Goldstein, President,
Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce**



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Quality Healthcare For All

**House Committee on Higher Education
Representative Isaac W. Choy, Chair
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Testimony Supporting House Bill 1742, HD1, Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Appropriates funds for the interdisciplinary the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation primary care training program at the Hilo Medical Center.

Alice M. Hall
Acting President and Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) fully supports HB 1742, HD1, to appropriate funds to implement and sustain our primary care training program. This program will be based at the Hilo Medical Center and will support primary care training throughout the State.

The purpose of the program is to recruit, train, and retain family practice physicians and primary care teams to meet the State-wide shortages. Primary care physicians and family practice physicians, advanced practice nurses, pharmacists and others are integral to the delivery of quality care in Hawaii. As they promote healthy lifestyles and identify and treat chronic and acute conditions, like severe flu and pneumonia, they are the front-line in supporting the delivery of quality care in any health care system. They prevent more serious illnesses, which are costly and much more difficult to manage. Primary care is the foundation of any efficient health care system.

Like you, we are also very concerned about the recent notice that Hui Malama Ola No Oiwi's Primary Care Clinic, which has served Native Hawaiians in East Hawaii since 2010, is shutting down in March. This situation will most certainly have a significant impact on the existing stressed level of primary care services in East Hawaii.

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The recruitment and retention of physicians, advanced practice nurses and support teams in Hawaii's rural areas is an on-going challenge. An interdisciplinary residency program is not a panacea to our recruitment problem. However, it is an important step toward in alleviating our physician and nursing shortages. We respectfully request funds to support the program.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of this measure.



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HB1742 HD1 RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.

Appropriates funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center. Effective July 1, 2014.

By Boyd P. Murayama
Assistant Hospital Administrator
Medical Group Practice Director
Hilo Medical Center
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB1742 HD1 to appropriate funds for rural integrated primary health care training program. As the Medical Group Practice Director at Hilo Medical Center, my responsibility is to oversee the daily operations of the clinic and work with all disciplines to coordinate the training and education component.

On Tuesday, October 22, 2013 the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) informed Hilo Medical Center officials that the Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency program

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has met the requirements for a 2-year accreditation, effective July 1, 2014. We will welcome the first class of four residents in the coming summer.

Many rural states support primary care residency programs with consistent funding, because of the economic return on investment, in addition to the program's improvement in population health and given the need to improve access to primary care in the State.

The physical isolation of Hawaii's neighbor islands, the multicultural heritage and demographics of this state, the health burden that resides in these communities, and the inequitable distribution of health workforce. Taken together, these underlying factors create health disparities that need to be addressed. We predict that if both content and location of the training is changed, that over time, there will be a positive impact of the community.

Health disparities exist in rural areas worldwide as well as in indigenous peoples and underrepresented minority groups. There are many causes of these disparities discussed in literature, including environmental factors, poverty and its correlates, and the appropriateness of the health care system to meet local needs.

In addition to Hawaii's geographic challenges, the indigenous people of Hawaii suffer a tremendous lack of parity in health status conditions. The Native Hawaiians have the lowest employment rates, the lowest rates of pursuing higher education and the shortest life expectancy of all major ethnic groups in Hawaii. Native Hawaiians lose more productive life years to heart disease, diabetes, stroke, chronic lung disease, chronic liver disease, accidents, cancer, and suicide than any other ethnic groups in the state.

Approximately 40% of physicians in Hawaii are primary care physicians by a broad definition including General Practitioners, Internal Medicine, Family Medicine, Pediatrics and OB/GYN. Approximately 19% are Family Physicians.

Family Medicine differs from other specialties in its scope of practice which encompasses all care settings and the entire lifespan. The 3 year curriculum regulated by the American College of Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) includes, Pediatrics, Surgery, OB/GYN, Emergency Medicine, Intensive Care, Adult Medicine, Geriatrics, Orthopaedics, and Sports Medicine among other. (Detailed curricula and guidelines are available at the ACGME website; www.acgme.org)

The rural and Native Hawaiian population of the neighbor islands are not receiving adequate healthcare and the resultant health disparities have been unchanged from recent history. The training program of family medicine physicians on the neighbor islands is a bold step to bring more healthcare providers to the area to train. It is well documented in literature that students and residents who train in rural areas are more likely to practice in rural areas.

Investing in training family practice residents in the neighbor islands is expected to yield a meaningful return on investment.

- Increasing the number of family practice physicians is expected to decrease the number and rate of "potentially avoidable hospitalizations," which the state now pays for through both its Medicaid program and unreimbursed care by state's public hospital system, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

- In rural areas of the state the impact of the Residency Program and greater access to family medicine physicians is projected to have a profound impact on lowering the costs of treating expensive and debilitating conditions. For example, diabetes and coronary heart disease have reached epidemic proportions in Hawaii County compared to Oahu and other areas of the state where there is greater access to primary care.

Hawaii County

- Currently, the rate of hospitalization for diabetes that is two times higher than Honolulu County, despite having a similar rate of diabetes (Source: HHIC).
- In 2009, only 72.9 percent of Hawaii County residents with hypertension reported taking medication, while 78.7 percent of hypertensive patients statewide did the same.
- Meanwhile, the county's coronary heart disease death rates are significantly higher than those of the rest of the state. In 2009, the Big Isle's death rate was 93.4 per 100,000 people, while the state average was 77.6. (Source: North Hawaii Outcomes Project)
- It is well documented that hospitalizations and Emergency Room visits decrease with improved access to quality primary care. Hawaii County has the most severe primary care shortage of all the counties. (Source: Hawaii Physician Workforce Study 2011)

HHSC PCTP uses an advanced model of care delivery that eliminates the need to train or attract unrealistically high numbers of physicians. The current predominant model of care throughout the country involves one primary care physician caring for 2,000-2,500 individuals with a small staff, usually including a medical assistant and receptionist. The team model of care in which the HHSCPCTP is training Hawaii's future providers allows one physician and their team to care for up to 5,000 patients. Critical team components include a nurse practitioner or physician assistant and specialists in chronic disease management such as pharmacists, certified diabetes educators, behavioral health providers, licensed nurses, and well trained non-licensed staff.

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A more robust primary care base will attract physicians in other needed specialties to the islands as they will be guaranteed appropriate referrals. The opportunity to teach residents and other health professions students on the outer islands will also attract physicians who might otherwise not stay or come to Hawaii.

Due to the known economic multiplier effect of additional physicians in Hawaii, each additional physician is expected to generate 5 new jobs and new tax revenue. (Source: Lewin Group)

Funding the Residency Program will benefit the state economically as well as the people of Hawaii Island.

Hilo Medical Center, which administers the Hawaii Island Family Medicine Program, requests a Line Item in the State's budget of \$2.8 million annually to support this program.

This funding is imperative as medical residency programs require significant resources, which are not adequately recouped through the provision of health services extended to patients by medical residents. In today's environment of rising healthcare costs and decreased reimbursement, the resulting financial shortfall is more dramatic, particularly when services are rendered to the underinsured through HHSC facilities.

I ask that you support HB1742 HD1 and greatly appreciate your consideration.

"Health care that is safe, health care that works, and health care that leaves no one behind"

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**Howard Ainsley
East Hawaii Regional CEO
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation**

On behalf of the East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) and its Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support of HB1742, HD1, relating to appropriation of funds to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at the Hilo Medical Center.

The East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health System Corporation seeks to strengthen the state's provider workforce through the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP).

Support of this program and of family medicine graduate education will generate greater numbers of providers practicing throughout the islands. I endorse the HHSCPCTP as a Means of Closing the Provider Gap in Hawaii.

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In closing, like you and the island communities of East Hawaii, we are also very concerned about the recent notice that Hui Malama Ola No Oiwī's Primary Care Clinic, which has served Native Hawaiians since 2010, is shutting down in March. This situation will most certainly have a significant impact on the existing stressed level of primary care services in East Hawaii.

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I strongly urge your support in appropriating \$2.8 million for HB1742, HD 1 and have it included as a budgetary line item in the Hawaii State Budget of HHSC.

Thank you in advance for your support!

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Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program

Kurt Corbin

Board Member

East Hawaii regional Board

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

As member of HHSC- East Hawaii Regional Board , *I* resolve to strengthen the state’s provider workforce through the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP).

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I thank you, Chairman Choy and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health.

I strongly urge your support in appropriating \$2.8 million for HB1742 and have it included as a budgetary line item in the Hawaii State Budget of HHSC.

I urge you to pass HB1742. Thank you.

Kurt Corbin
East Hawaii Regional Board Member
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Wayne Kanemoto
East Hawaii Region Board, HHSC

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I am aware from personal research that residents trained at rural sites stay and practice in this setting after they completed their residency. The same can be expected for advanced practice nurses, psychologists, and clinical pharmacists. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the state with this TEAM approach in community health.

I urge you to pass HB 1742 at the funding request of \$2.8 million dollars.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB1742.

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Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program
By
Christine Beck APRN
Member of the East Hawaii Regional Board of HHSC

As an APRN, Member of the East Hawaii Regional Board of HHSC, nurse educator, and community member I resolve to strengthen the state's provider workforce through the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP).

Support of this program and of family medicine graduate education will generate greater numbers of providers practicing throughout the islands. I endorse the HHSCPCTP as a Means of Closing the Provider Gap in Hawaii.

Investing in training family practice residents in the neighbor islands is expected to yield a meaningful return on investment.

The team model of the HHSCPCTP is endorsed by the Institutes of Medicine. In this model, the primary provider capacity and quality is expanded and supported through interdisciplinary teams which include physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants, specialists in chronic disease management such as pharmacists, certified diabetes educators, behavioral health providers, licensed nurses, and well trained non-licensed staff. The HHSCPCTP training program currently is delivering high quality primary care to the community and the program has already graduated nurse practitioner and pharmacy students who are now practicing in communities throughout Hawaii. I had the opportunity to supervise two nurse practitioner students in their rotations at the HHSCPCTP training program. These students experienced a high quality, diverse, and challenging team learning experience with expert HHSCPCTP clinical faculty. With the addition and support of medical residents, the program will enhance its training and service to all of Hawaii.

I thank you, Chairman Choy and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health.

I strongly urge your support in appropriating \$2.8 million for HB1742 and have it included as a budgetary line item in the Hawaii State Budget of HHSC.

I urge you to pass HB 1742. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol A. VanCamp	Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry	Support	No

Comments: Enactment of this bill will help all of our Hawaiian islands attract more doctors to offset our serious shortage currently. Without enough doctors, many of our residents are using the emergency room for their healthcare, at significantly higher costs and many who are doing so are part of our safety net population, which means that taxpayers are funding this. Funding this program will actually save the state money.

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Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program

Kristine I McCoy, MD, MPH

Program Director

Dear House Committee on Higher Education:

In 2011 I was recruited by the John A Burns School of Medicine to come to Hawaii to complete the work that they had begun over twenty years ago with the community of East Hawaii and Hilo Medical Center—to bring family medicine physician training to Hilo and coordinate a larger interdisciplinary primary care training program.

The need for this program had been recognized in the early 1990's and the worsening state of primary care access on Hawaii's neighbor islands had been emphasized by the high utilization rates of the emergency rooms and citizens advertising in the newspapers for primary care providers. The 2010 and 2012 reports to the Hawaii State Legislature* provided numerical estimates of the current and projected physician shortages-700 now and 1500 in 10 years, and the UH-Hilo study conducted in 2011** showed that 1/3 of the Big Island's physicians no longer planned to be in practice on the island by 2016.

The HHSC Primary Care Training Program takes a new approach to this dilemma, by not trying to solve the problem with doctors alone. Instead it brings together physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and psychologists who together can provide effective and efficient

care teams, multiplying the power of each physician. This is a cost effective way to give Hawaii's citizens the care that they need, keeping them healthier, and reducing the burden on our state funded hospitals and other care facilities in the neighbor islands.

Today, this program is a reality, but only with your continued support. A primary care physician costs over \$3/4 million to train, and with Hawaii's low insurance payments, only about one third of this can expect to be earned by the physicians in training and their faculty during that training period. Federal money is available for new programs at hospitals that have never had resident physicians before—such as Hilo Medical Center—but it takes a while to start flowing, and is not expected to be substantial until 2017, with the annual amount finalized in 2019. In the meantime, we have a budget of \$2.8 million per year to get the Hilo program off the ground and expand it to train physicians throughout the neighbor islands—including possible substantial rural training “tracks” on Maui, Kona, and Kauai. Beginning July 1st of this year, our first four physicians in training will get started on their three year training program. They will join the I Ola Lahui psychology students and fellows and University of Hawaii medical students, pharmacy students, and nursing students already training in Hilo at Hilo Medical Center and the Hawaii Island Family Health Center.

We greatly appreciate your support and know that it will benefit your family, friends, and neighbors in the years to come as our graduates spread throughout the state to the communities who need them the most. In ten years' time, we estimate that teams of our graduates will be caring for 140,000 of Hawaii's citizens. Please ensure that this will be a reality and not simply our dream. In addition to supporting this bill, your assistance in keeping the program in the governor's budget for HHSC as a recurring line item would be the most useful approach to solidifying Hawaii's primary healthcare future.

Sincerely,

Kristine I McCoy, MD, MPH



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FROM: Hawaii Medical Association

Dr. Walton Shim, MD, President

Dr. Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair

Dr. Ron Keinitz, DO, Legislative Co-Chair

Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director

Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: HB 1742 RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEM CORPORATION PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

Position: Strongly Support HB 1742

The Hawaii Medical Association is submitting testimony in strong support of HB 1742.

This measure addresses primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center.

HMA believes that increasing the potential pool of physicians and other health care providers is an important step forward in addressing Hawaii's worsening catastrophic shortage of health care providers.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important issue.

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Alistair Bairos	West Hawai'i Regional Board, HHSC	Support	No

Comments: The West Hawai'i Regional Board of HHSC strongly supports this measure as central to addressing the critical deficit in primary care providers throughout rural Hawai'i. We strongly urge your support in appropriating \$2.8 million for HB1742 and including it as a line item in the HHSC's budget.

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Kathleen Katt MD, FACEP	Hilo Medical Center, Medical Staff	Support	No

Comments: This is part of the solution to the shortage of primary care physicians in our state.

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Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program
Mary K. Nordling, MD FAAFP

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I have also witnessed first hand the impact that a residency training program can have on a community. In 1994, a family medicine residency training program was started in Lawrence to help serve one of the poorest communities in Massachusetts as they were having difficulty attracting doctors. I worked at the Lawrence Family Medicine Residency from 2001-2013 and knew it grew from humble beginnings and now has expanded to eight clinics with over 100 clinicians who care for almost 50,000 patients. Residents stayed on after graduation to continue to care for their patients, faculty were attracted to the mission which in turn attracted stronger and stronger medical students. Lawrence was awarded the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine Program Innovation Award in 2012. The cycle there continues and my hope in moving to Hilo is to be a part of something similar.

I thank you, Chairman Choy and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health.

I urge you to pass HB 1742. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Support of SB309 and HB1742
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program
Hawaii State Teachers Association-Retired, Hawaii Chapter

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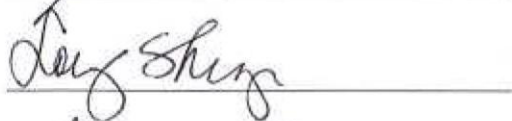
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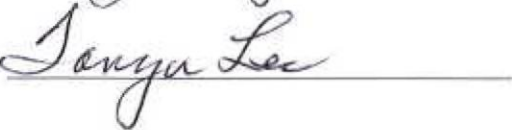
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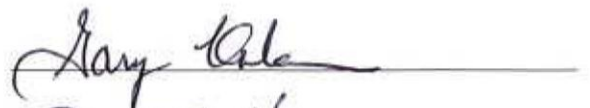
We strongly urge your support by passing with an appropriation of \$2.8 million for SB 3091/HB1742 and have it included as a budgetary line item in the Hawaii State Budget of HHSC.

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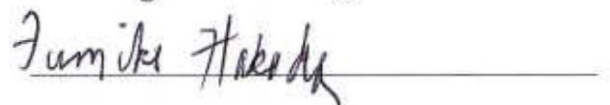












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Testimony in Support of House Bill 1742 HD1
Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corp Primary Care Training Program
Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer
February 11, 2014, 2:00 pm, Room 309

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports House Bill 1742, making an appropriation for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program.

The HPCA is a staunch believer in the social determinants of health, those economic and social conditions that influence an individual and a community's health status. These conditions serve as risk factors endemic to a person's living and working environment, rather than their behavioral or genetic histories. Factors such as income, education, access to recreation and healthy foods, housing, and employment, can and do have measurable impacts on a person and a community, both in health and financial outcomes.

House Bill 1742 speaks to two of these major determinants by seeking to alleviate the shortage of primary care providers and improve access to care across the state. For that reason, we strongly support this measure and thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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The House Committee on Higher Education

To: Representative Isaac W. Choy, Chair
Representative Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

From: George Greene
President & CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**
HB 1742 — Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) is a 116 member organization that includes all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, the majority of long term care facilities, all the Medicare-certified home health agencies, all hospice programs, as well as other healthcare organizations including durable medical equipment, air and ground ambulance, blood bank and respiratory therapy. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing nearly 20,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB1742, which appropriates funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation primary care training program at Hilo Medical Center, centered at the Hawaii Island Family Health Center—which serves as a training site for family medicine physicians and medical students through the Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency. HAH supports HB 1742, which addresses the severe shortage of primary care providers in the State by training interdisciplinary teams capable of caring for four times as many patients as independent practicing physicians. HB 1742 furthers HAH's vision of a healthy Hawaii where every resident has convenient access to appropriate, affordable, and high quality healthcare.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 1742.

DENNIS E NUTTING

Lt Col, USAF Ret.

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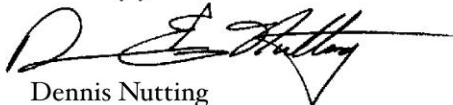
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Sincerely yours,



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Richard Bidleman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We all know about the shortage of doctors in the outer islands and it is most acute on the Big Island. The district of Puna is the fastest growing district in all of Hawaii and is the most medically underserved in all of Hawaii. We know that new doctors serving their residencies tend to stay in the area where they have served.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melissa Gariando	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: This bill would help develop and grow our residents in the hope that they stay and serve the population of the Big Island.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen Choi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this measure. The primary care physician shortage on our island is critical.

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DELBERT NISHIMOTO	Individual	Support	No

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Victor V. Vierra	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I respectfully request you pass HB 1742, a measure that will help Hawaii Island to obtain badly needed medical assistance.

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Valerie Peralto	Individual	Support	No

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Nancy Knight	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: There is a drastic need for physicians on Big Island. This need is especially acute as a clinic serving 1000 people in our community closes its doors next month. My elderly neighbor is one of those people who is scrambling to find a new primary care physician before her already scheduled retinal surgery takes place. So far she has been told by several physicians that they are not accepting new patients. This is cruel treatment to a Kupuna who has given much to her community. Please fund HB 1742 and address this desparate Big Island community need!

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Amy Hamane	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The Residency program is at a crucial stage and needs your support for it to continue. Please support and don't let the program die. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
edward peskin,MD	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This legislation is essential in helping to solve the shortage of primary care physicians in Hawaii. I strongly support it.

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John McVickar	Individual	Support	No

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James R. Kennedy	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I respectfully, but strongly, support this measure. This program is critical to achieving a long-term sustainable solution for basic access to healthcare on Hawai'i Island. This is not about patients being able to pay for their healthcare. It is much more fundamental. I speak from personal experience. We have always had a good HMSA plan, and we could pay beyond that. Nevertheless, we went for more than a year without a family physician. Our long-time family doctor became ill and had to stop seeing patients. Then, we discovered that we could not find a local physician who was accepting new patients. They were overloaded. The ER and urgent care became our only family healthcare option. Eventually, we found someone, but it does underscore the reality of the broader situation. Please help our Island residents to not have this sort of thing continue. James R, Kennedy, PhD

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Robert Hanley	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This residency program is the best option our state has to attract doctors to rural areas of Hawaii that are in desperate need of doctors. Please don't let this opportunity slip away. Mahalo

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Pradeepta Chowdhury	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is a "no-brainer"!

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Karen Shioji	Individual	Support	No

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Liz Field	Individual	Support	No

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Support of HB 1742

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program
Mike Kaleikini, resident of Hilo, Hawaii

As a community member of Hawaii Island, and lifelong resident of the State of Hawaii, I strongly support to strengthen the state's provider workforce through the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP).

Support of this program and of family medicine graduate education will generate greater numbers of providers practicing throughout the islands. I wholeheartedly endorse the HHSCPCTP as a Means of Closing the Provider Gap in Hawaii.

Investing in training family practice residents in the neighbor islands is expected to yield a meaningful return on investment.

I recognize that it is well documented throughout the nation that physicians attending rural training programs are much more likely to practice in a rural area. More than half of residents trained at rural sites stay and practice in this setting after they completed their residency. The same can be expected for advanced practice nurses, psychologists, and clinical pharmacists.

I thank you, Chairman Choy and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health.

I strongly urge your support in appropriating \$2.8 million for HB1742 and have it included as a budgetary line item in the Hawaii State Budget of HHSC.

I urge you to pass HB1742. Mahalo for the opportunity for submitting written testimony.

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Steven R. Galper, MD	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As I physician that recently moved from the mainland, I have seen, first hand, the need for additional primary care physicians on the island of Hawaii. My committment to the island of Hawaii, in addition to the practice of clinical medicine, is to assist in providing the best academic experience for the residents. Support of this bill will assist in providing excellent training for the next generation of primary care physicians in Hawaii.

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Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program
Steven R. Galper, Hilo Medical Center, Psychiatry and Pain Medicine Physician

As a member of the medical staff of Hilo Medical Center, I resolve to strengthen the state's provider workforce through the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP).

Support of this program and of family medicine graduate education will generate greater numbers of providers practicing throughout the islands. I Endorse the HHSCPCTP as a Means of Closing the Physician Gap in Hawaii.

Investing in training family practice residents in the neighbor islands is expected to yield a meaningful return on investment.

- Increasing the number of family practice physicians is expected to decrease the number and rate of “potentially avoidable hospitalizations,” which the state now pays for through both its Medicaid program and unreimbursed care by state's public hospital system, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.
- In rural areas of the state the impact of the Residency Program and greater access to family medicine physicians is projected to have a profound impact on lowering the costs of treating expensive and debilitating conditions. For example, diabetes and coronary heart disease have reached epidemic proportions in Hawaii County compared to Oahu and other areas of the state where there is greater access to primary care.
- The known economic multiplier effect of additional physicians in Hawaii means each additional physician is expected to generate 5 new jobs and new tax revenue. (Source: The Lewin Group).

I recognize that the HHSCPCTP uses an advanced model of care delivery that eliminates the need to train or attract unrealistically high numbers of physicians. The current predominant model of care throughout the country involves one primary care physician caring for 2,000-2,500 individuals with a small staff, usually including a medical assistant and receptionist. The team model of care in which the HHSCPCTP is training Hawaii's future providers allows one physician and their team to care for up to 10,000 patients. Critical team components include a nurse practitioner or physician assistant and specialists in chronic disease management such as pharmacists, certified diabetes educators, behavioral health providers, licensed nurses, and well trained non-licensed staff.

I recognize that it is well documented throughout the nation that physicians attending rural training programs are much more likely to practice in a rural area. More than half of residents trained at rural sites stay and practice in this setting after they completed their residency. The same can be expected for advanced practice nurses, psychologists, and clinical pharmacists.

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Aloha Rep. Isaac W. Choy, Chair and Rep. Linda Ichiyama, Vice Chair

This past Friday the Hui Malama Ola Na Oihi made the Tribune Herald headlines. They are closing their primary care clinic next month. The main reason: severe shortage of doctors and an inability to retain the few who came. The Family Medicine Program(HHSCPCTP) is intended to address the shortage using the team model of care. True, the program is focused on the future, but I believe the future is now. This program is so vital to preparing doctors for the rural areas of Hawaii. Please, I strongly urge you to support HB1742 in appropriating \$2.8 million for this program. Thank you.

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Robin Edwards, M.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Robin A. Edwards, MD 1953 Kalaniana'ole St. Hilo. HI 96720 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2014 NOTICE OF HEARING DATE: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 TIME: 2:00 PM PLACE: Conference Room 309 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Support of HB 1742 Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program As member of _Hilo Medical Center Emergency Department Staff, I, Robin Edwards, M.D., resolve to strengthen the state's provider workforce through the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP). Support of this program and of family medicine graduate education will generate greater numbers of providers practicing throughout the islands. I/We Endorse the HHSCPCTP as a Means of Closing the Provider Gap in Hawaii. Investing in training family practice residents in the neighbor islands is expected to yield a meaningful return on investment. • Increasing the number of family practice physicians is expected to decrease the number and rate of "potentially avoidable hospitalizations," which the state now pays for through both its Medicaid program and unreimbursed care by state's public hospital system, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. • In rural areas of the state the impact of the Residency Program and greater access to family medicine physicians is projected to have a profound impact on lowering the costs of treating expensive and debilitating conditions. For example, diabetes and coronary heart disease have reached epidemic proportions in Hawaii County compared to Oahu and other areas of the state where there is greater access to primary care. • The known economic multiplier effect of additional physicians in Hawaii means each additional physician is expected to generate 5 new jobs and new tax revenue. (Source: The Lewin Group). I/We recognize that the HHSCPCTP uses an advanced model of care delivery that eliminates the need to train or attract unrealistically high numbers of physicians. The current predominant model of care throughout the country involves one primary care physician caring for 2,000-2,500 individuals with a small staff, usually including a medical assistant and receptionist. The team model of care in which the HHSCPCTP is training Hawaii's future providers allows one physician and their team to care for up to 10,000 patients. Critical team components include a nurse practitioner or physician assistant and specialists in chronic disease management such as pharmacists, certified diabetes educators, behavioral health providers, licensed nurses, and well trained non-licensed staff. I/We recognize that it is well documented throughout the nation that physicians attending rural training programs are much more likely to practice in a rural area. More than half of residents trained at rural sites stay and practice in this setting after they completed their residency. The same can be expected for advanced practice nurses, psychologists, and clinical pharmacists. I/We thank you, Chairman Choy and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health.

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