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THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2014
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, January 24, 2014

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Conference Room 329

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Support of HB 1742

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program

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Sincerely,

Judith Fox-Goldstein, President

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HB1742 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 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.

The Hilo Rural Residency Program is an effort to align primary care workforce development with the needs of the state of Hawaii.

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 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. News of the accreditation was met with excitement throughout the Hilo Medical Center.

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We are actively recruiting candidates who are interested in learning the art of Family Medicine along with a team of pharmacists, nurses, nurse practitioners and psychologists for the spring. We look forward to welcoming the first class of four residents July 2014. In the initial application process, we received a total of 112 applications for our 4 family medicine residency positions. Of the 112 applicants we narrowed the pool and interviewed 30 applicants via skype and have selected 17 applicants for on-site interviews in Hilo. We will be notified March 21, 2014 of who has been chosen based on the combined preferences of applicants and our scores.

The program's unique interdisciplinary team approach will serve our community by providing greater access to primary care medicine and is designed to address access to primary care medicine. The physicians and their teams will provide routine screenings and proactive care for debilitating diseases, such as diabetes and coronary heart disease, that when caught early can prevent avoidable emergency room visits and hospitalizations and keeping our community healthy.

The practice provides a full range of services including maternity care, primary gynecological care, newborn care, outpatient pediatrics, adolescent health, and adult acute, consultative psychiatry services, chronic and preventive services as well as outpatient procedures.

According to a report by the "Hawai'i Physician Workforce Assessment Project" presented at the 2013 Legislative Session, Hawaii Island saw a 34 percent physician shortage in 2012 with 341 physicians in supply compared to 514 physicians in demand or needed to adequately care for the island's population. Statewide, the shortage was 18 percent or 2,955 physicians in supply compared to 3,590 physicians in demand. Among other findings, the report concluded the physician shortages were especially acute in the area of primary care.

Your support for HB1742 is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Support of HB 1742

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program

Mark A. Knox, MD, Faculty Member, Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency Program

As a member of the Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency Program, I resolve to strengthen the state's provider workforce through the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP).

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| Julie Tulang | Hilo Medical Center Foundation | Support | No |

Comments: We support the HHSC Primary Care Training Program for doctors who will work in rural areas like the neighbor islands.

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FROM: Hawaii Medical Association
Dr. Walton Shim, MD, President
Dr. Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Ron Keinitz, MD, 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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Testimony Supporting House Bill 1742, 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 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.

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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To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
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From: George Greene
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| edward peskin,MD | Individual | Support | No |

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| joann sarubbi md | Individual | Support | No |

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| Joy Marshall | | Support | No |

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| Pradeepta Chowdhury | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: It is very likely that physicians who train as interns and residents in a defined geographical area will choose to stay and continue to practice in that area. At present, the training of interns and residents is Oahu-centric and we do not see physicians choosing to come to Hilo to practice (except for the ones who call Hilo their hometown). In the initial years, residency programs need outside funding to get started. In later years, if fiscally managed properly, the program should be self-sufficient! As a physician who is very acutely aware of the situation here in Hilo, I fully support this Bill.

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