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January 30, 2014, 10:30 a.m., Room 329

Testimony in Support: HOUSE BILL 1752, RELATING TO HEALTH

Presented by Beth Giesting, Healthcare Transformation Coordinator, Office of the Governor

Thank you for the opportunity to provide general support for HB 1752, Relating to Health. Our network of Federally Qualified Health Centers is a significant contributor to our plans for transforming Hawaii's health care system. Their comprehensive approach to health care delivery is a model for patient-centered care since they feature an integrated care experience offering primary care, behavioral health, and dental care, plus a wide variety of access, care coordination, and case management services. They have long experience in chronic disease management strategies and have adopted electronic health records to support their practices. Laudably, FQHCs are going beyond clinical and support services and also breaking ground in addressing social determinants and improving the health of their communities.

I defer to the Legislature and my colleagues at the Department of Health and Department of Human Services on specific funding items in this bill but urge your support for the Medicaid Health Home, which is a foundation for our health care transformation plan, and that dental care is an important basic health need so support both strongly.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



STATE OF HAWAII
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January 30, 2014

TO: The Honorable Mele Carroll, Chair
House Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Della Au Belatti., Chair
House Committee on Health

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **H.B. 1752 - RELATING TO HEALTH**

Hearing: Thursday, January 30, 2014; 10:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds to the Department of Health and the Department of Human Services to expand certain health care services to qualified individuals.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of this measure.

The sections that apply to the DHS are sections 3, 4, and 5. Section 3 would fund the restoration of adult dental benefits; section 4 would fund out-stationed eligibility workers; and section 5 would fund a health home pilot. Funding requests for these services and programs are included in the Governor's Executive Supplemental Budget.

Section 3 requests an appropriation of \$4,800,000 million for basic adult dental benefits to Medicaid enrollees. The DHS has requested \$4,000,000 in State funds and \$7,664,103 in

federal funds in the Supplemental Executive Budget to re-establish an adult dental program for Med-QUEST adults. While \$4,800,000 would be needed to fund a full year of services, the DHS anticipates a partial year the first year due to the need to execute administrative rules and obtain federal approval. The Department believes dental care is important to an individual's overall health and proposes to provide dental benefits up to \$500 per person per benefit year and also provide medically needed dentures up to \$500 each for upper and lower dentures.

Section 4 of this measure requests an appropriation of \$800,000 to provide outreach and eligibility services at Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). The Governor's budget, under HMS 902 –General Support for Health Care Payments, includes \$320,000 to support out-stationed eligibility workers (OEWs) while waiting confirmation from the Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) on the funding received by community health from the Hawaii Health Connector, federal agencies, or other sources centers for outreach. The appropriation would allow the OEWs, employed at FQHCs, to assist residents to complete applications for Med-QUEST benefits. The Department will be able to obtain only a 50% match from the federal government if funded. Previously the department had been able to receive 90% federal match. The HPCA had a contract for OEWs that ended December 31, 2013, for which the last year of funding was \$800,000 (\$80,000 general funds and \$720,000 federal funds). Separate from this contract and requested funding, the DHS will continue to fund 23 OEWs at FQHCs and hospitals with \$667,000 already included in the DHS base budget.

Section 5 of the bill requests an appropriation of \$2,000,000 to establish health homes. In the Governor's Executive Supplemental Budget, \$2,016,000 in State funds and \$18,144,000 in federal funds is requested for HMS 401 and \$1,000,000 in state funds and \$1,000,000 in federal funds for HMS 902 are requested to establish a Health Homes Program under the Medicaid

program. The DHS model aims to improve health care quality and clinical outcomes as well as the patient care experience while reducing per capita costs through more cost effective delivery of care. The appropriation will allow all qualified providers to participate in the program.

The DHS respectfully requests the Legislature to support the funding requests for dental services, out-stationed eligibility workers, and health homes included in the Executive Supplemental Budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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H.B. 1752, RELATING TO HEALTH

Testimony of Gary L. Gill
Acting Director of Health

January 30, 2014

1 **Department's Position:** The Department defers Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 to the DHS and supports
2 Sections 1, 2, and 7 of this measure, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact
3 priorities indicated in our Executive Supplemental Budget.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure requests the following sums of monies: a) Section 2 - \$6,000,000 for
5 the provision of direct health care for the uninsured and underinsured; b) Section 3 - \$4,800,000 to
6 restore basic adult dental benefits to Medicaid enrollees; c) Section 4 - \$800,000 to provide outreach and
7 eligibility services; d) Section 5 - \$2,000,000 to establish health care homes as provided by the federal
8 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("ACA") of 2010; e) Section 6 - \$2,000,000 of community
9 health centers special funds to be transferred to the Department of Human Services ("DHS") to be
10 expended to establish health care homes for Medicaid enrollees at Federally Qualified Health Centers
11 ("FQHCs"); and f) Section 7 - an undisclosed sum of monies to provide behavioral health services at
12 FQHCs.

13 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this Act is to provide quality, cost-effective health care for
14 Hawaii residents who are uninsured, newly uninsured, underinsured, potential Medicaid enrollees, or

1 Medicaid enrollees. This measure seeks to synchronize the growth of community health centers with the
2 State's implementation of the ACA and its health care transformation efforts.

3 The Department defers Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 to the DHS and supports Sections 1, 2, and 7,
4 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive
5 Supplemental Budget. For purposes of clarity, the intent of Section 2 is to restore the nearly \$6,000,000
6 in State funds that was reduced by the Director of Health due to severe budgetary reductions in fiscal
7 year 2010. As a result of the reductions, funding for contracts with thirteen (13) FQHCs for the
8 provision of primary care services (medical, behavioral, dental treatment) and contracts with Hana
9 Health (urgent/primary care services) and Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (emergency
10 room services) were switched to the community health centers special fund. If the \$6,000,000 is
11 restored to its original intended purpose which is to fund the aforementioned contracted services, the
12 community health centers special fund will be used to provide capacity and infrastructure expansion for
13 the FQHCs.

14 Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this measure.



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The Honorable Mele Carroll, Chair
House Committee on Human Services
and
The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representatives Carroll and Belatti, and Members of the Committees:

SUBJECT: HB 1752 – RELATING HEALTH

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS HB 1752**. The bill appropriates funds to provide primary medical, dental, and behavioral health care to uninsured and underinsured patients and restores basic adult dental benefits to Medicaid enrollees. Additionally, the bill appropriates moneys to community health centers to provide outreach and eligibility services, as well as behavioral services, and to establish health care homes for Medicaid enrollees.

This bill represents a comprehensive package of medical, dental, and behavioral health care services with emphasis on obtaining the maximum Federal matching funds available for the appropriations. The Council is pleased with Section 3 on Page 5 that appropriates \$4,800,000 for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 to restore basic adult dental benefits to Medicaid enrollees. This provision would directly benefit adults with DD in providing oral health services that includes preventive, restorative, and prosthetic services.

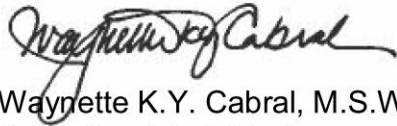
The Council cannot emphasize enough the importance of comprehensive dental care services that include preventive, restorative, prosthetic, and emergency services for people with DD. We are all aware of how oral health, or the lack thereof, affects all aspects (emotional, psychological, and social) of our lives. Numerous individuals can share with you their experience of having a tooth or teeth extracted or acquiring serious health problems because necessary dental services were not available as a result of the termination of the Medicaid adult dental benefit coverage in 1996. Compounding the challenges is the limited number of dentists on the Neighbor Islands who are available and accessible to serve Medicaid and QUEST recipients.

The Honorable Mele Carroll
The Honorable Della Au Belatti
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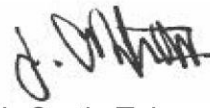
We applaud the Legislature's initiative in restoring basic adult dental benefits to Medicaid enrollees through HB 1752.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting HB 1752.**

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, M.S.W.
Executive Administrator



J. Curtis Tyler
Chair



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Ho'ola Lahui Hawaii the only Federally Qualified Health Center and Native Hawaiian Health Care System on Kauai is strongly **SUPPORTING** this bill to provide community health centers additional resources to care for the underserved, uninsured, and residents without dental coverage.

We are encouraged that there are dental funds in this bill to restore to the adult dental benefit. It is very important that oral health be at the forefront of health care as many dental problems lead to more serious health deficits and basic dental is not just for cosmetic effect. It is vital to support the dental benefit restoration to Medicaid to those who are most in need. Prevention will save millions in restorative care services in the long term.

Given the critical need to address health care disparities, it is vital that the state maximize its resources by transferring \$2 million out of the community health center fund to bring in additional revenue from the federal government for Patient Centered Health Care Homes. This is a win as no additional funds from the state are required to support this effort.

Lastly, we believe that expanded outreach services are critical to bring people into care earlier rather than later. It is extremely important to assure that this occurs as it saves lives and money.

Respectfully Requested,

David Peters
Chief Executive Officer

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sherrian witt	Witt Counseling Service	Support	No

Comments: The care of the under-insured and uninsured for dental, and mental health issues is one of great importance. I support this measure with one recommended correction: that community services do not have to be Federally certified in order to receive the funds for serving these underserved populations. Federal certification requirements often demand physicians and other Board Certified staff. Hawaii has a lack of qualified/Board Certified staff and this lack will cause the communities needing service the most to be unable to attain that goal. This measure is important because many citizens now are unable to qualify for certain insurances as they are what we call the working poor. Not being gainfully employed at a level that they can provide for their own health care but making too much to qualify for state issued services. I strongly support this bill.

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FR: Mary Oneha, APRN, PhD
Chief Executive Officer, Waimānalo Health Center

Christina Lee, MD
Chief Medical Officer, Waimānalo Health Center

Date: Thursday, January 30, 2014

RE: **Support for HB 1751/1752 - RELATING TO HEALTH.**

The Waimānalo Health Center (WHC) strongly **supports HB1751/1752**, appropriating funds to provide primary medical, dental, and behavioral healthcare to uninsured and underinsured patients and restores basic adult dental benefits to medicaid enrollees; community health centers to provide outreach and eligibility services as well as behavioral services and to establish health care homes for medicaid enrollees. Resources to provide health services to specific populations as the uninsured and those seeking behavioral health services are critical to creating healthy communities. Similarly, critical resources are needed to support adult dental care, resources that have been severely limited. Poor oral health can quickly escalate to poor physical health. Prevention, education, and routine oral health care can impact this trajectory. Providing resources to restore basic adult dental benefits to Medicaid enrollees would increase the number of Medicaid adults who seek basic and preventative dental care.

Funding for outreach and eligibility services needs to be restored at community health centers. Historically health centers have received funding for this important work from the State, however this ended in 2013. Outreach workers at community health centers provide an essential service to the State and communities by assisting individuals and families in applying for not just Medicaid, but other State assistance programs which help to address the social determinants of health. It would be in the best interest of the community to continue having these resources and services available to assist individuals with navigating through their insurance and entitlement options.

Lastly, the Waimānalo Health Center strongly supports a CHC SPA. Section 6 of HB1751/1752 allocates \$2 Million in Community Health Center (CHC) funds to be used specifically for a Patient-Centered Health Care Home initiative in Medicaid. This funding to seed the project is CHC-specific, money already committed to CHCs for patient care that we will invest in this vital project. This \$2 Million, already allocated for health centers, will draw down \$18 Million in Federal matching funds, for a total of \$20 million for advanced, coordinated patient care with zero dollars from Hawaii's Medicaid program. These monies will be used to create a health home pilot in the Medicaid system targeted to patients who have a specific set of chronic illnesses. CHCs are the group to lead this effort, as they have demonstrated their focus on patient-centered care and have taken the lead in receiving NCQA recognition as patient centered medical homes.

The Waimānalo Health Center urges your support of HB1751/1752. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Anela Tamashiro	Waimanalo Health Center	Support	No

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From: Sid Hermosura <SHermosura@waimanalohealth.org>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 10:51 AM
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Subject: Strong support for hb1751 and hb1752

Aloha,

I am writing this e-mail in **STRONG** support for house bill 1751 and house bill 1752. As a psychologist at Waimanalo Health Center I know that community health centers provide high quality care to Hawaii's underserved and underinsured communities. This bill, particularly section 6 moves our Medicaid system forward in providing comprehensive and patient-centered reform. Please vote in favor of allowing community health centers in investing 2 million dollars of their own funding in creating patient centered health care homes for our vulnerable Medicaid population. These communities need the help and these funds could assist with providing an increase in outreach services and behavioral health services.

Mahalo,



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From: Melissa Ahlo <MAhlo@waimanalohealth.org>
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Subject: support for HB1751 AND HB1752

Aloha,

I am writing in strong support for House Bill 1751 and House Bill 1752. Community Health Centers in Hawaii serve a vital role in delivering high quality health care to our communities and this bill, particularly Section 6, helps move our Medicaid system forward with comprehensive and patient-centered reform.

Please vote in favor of permitting health centers to invest \$2 million of their own funding to create patient-centered health care homes for our vulnerable Medicaid populations.

Also, the vital outreach services provided by CHCs, health care for uninsured individuals, and the essential need for behavioral health care in our communities all warrant the allocation of funding to community health centers outlined in this bill.

Mahalo.



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January 29, 2014

TO: House Committee on Human Services
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FROM: Dr. Vija Sehgal, Director of Quality Assurance and Associate Medical Officer
Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center / 697-3457 or wcchc@wcchc.com

RE: **Support for HB1752: Relating to Health**

The Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (WCCHC) strongly supports HB1752: Relating to Health. Of WCCHC's 31,152 patients, 67% are at 100% of the federal poverty level or below, 11% are uninsured, and 58% are receiving coverage under QUEST, the State's Medicaid program. Morbidity and mortality indicators show that the Waianae coast ranks highest in the City and County of Honolulu, as well as the state, for obesity (43.5%), adults who smoke (26%), adults with diabetes (13.7%), diseases of the heart (260.4 deaths per 100,000), and cancer (197 deaths per 100,000).

The WCCHC has found from its own experience that an effective means of improving these dire statistics is through implementing the Patient-Centered Health Care Home (PCHCH) model, which has been shown to improve health outcomes, reduce long-term cost, and enhance the patient experience.

There are multiple and important components of this bill, all critical to improving the health and well-being of patients we serve throughout Leeward Oahu.

Related to the uninsured, 13.3% of the population on the Waianae coast is uninsured, which is the highest in the City & County of Honolulu.

Related to adult dental health services, 44% of the adult population on the Waianae Coast has not had a dental visit, which is the highest in the state. It is critical to restore adult dental benefits to address dental health needs and its relationship to other health conditions.

Outreach and eligibility is an essential component of the PCHCH. Restoration of state funding is needed to support our patients and families to stabilize not only their health care needs but also their life circumstances that often negatively impact their health.

With the dramatic reduction of state behavioral health services over the past years, WCCHC is the critical safety net on the Waianae coast for individuals suffering from a broad scope of behavioral health conditions.

One key feature of HB1752 is the allocation of \$2 million dollars from the Community Health Center Special Fund as a interdepartmental transfer from the Department of Health to the Department of Human Services to be used as the state match for a Medicaid health care home state plan amendment to provide health care home services to qualified patients at community health centers. This \$2 million dollars (already allocated for community health centers) will be drawn down for a federal match of \$18 million dollar, for a total of \$20 Million for advanced, coordinated patient care for those with the most complex and severe illnesses – all with \$0 dollars from Hawaii's Medicaid program.

This is a tremendous opportunity that comes along very rarely. We appreciate your consideration.



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Testimony in Support of HB1752

Relating to Health

Submitted by Dana Alonzo-Howeth, Executive Director

January 30, 2014, 10:30 A.M., Room 329

Mālama I Ke Ola Health Center formerly Community Clinic of Maui supports HB1752, making appropriations to the Departments of Health and Human Services for services to qualified individuals and families. We offer the following comments:

Mālama I Ke Ola serves as the primary safety net provider on Maui with the exception of the Hana Community Health Center in Hana. As such, at least 30% of our patients are uninsured or underinsured because they have nowhere else to go for care.

The need for dental services for the underserved on Maui continues to grow with the vast majority of patients we serve presenting without dental insurance coverage. Since we opened our new dental clinic June 2011, the number of adults served without dental insurance coverage has more than doubled.

We also support the opportunity for health centers to provide outreach and eligibility services given the significant number of patients served by health centers that require some sort of assistance with Medicaid enrollment or other State assistance.

We strongly support the ability for an interdepartmental transfer from the Department of Health, to the Department of Human Services to be used as the state match for Medicaid health home state plan amendment to provide health home services to qualified patients at community health centers. As a community health center who recently received level 2 recognition as a Patient Centered Medical Home from the National Committee for Quality Assurance, we know firsthand the level of time, energy and work it takes to become a patient centered medical home and have positioned ourselves to serve as medical home for our most vulnerable patients to not only improve their quality of life but reduce health care costs at the same time.

Lastly, we strongly support funding for behavioral health services at community health centers. Mental health services for many of our most needy patients are severely lacking or non-existent on Maui. Given that our health center has already integrated behavioral health services within our existing primary care model of care, this funding will continue to help us meet an ongoing need that many patients are currently going without.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

RE: Testimony in support of HB1751/1752
Agency: Waikiki Health Center

We are writing in strong support of HB1751/1752 asking legislators to permit CHCs to spend \$2 million to help improve the lives of patients and reduce the cost of care to Medicaid and the entire health care system. With the current 9-1 federal matching opportunity this is an unprecedented opportunity for CHCs in Hawaii to provide even higher quality of care and reach more individuals in need in our island community. This will address the portion of the population with the most complex and severe illnesses through help supporting health home transformation in Medicaid.

Section 6 of the bills provides \$2 million in Community Health Center special funds to be used to trigger \$18 million in federal funds, totaling \$20 million. These funds will specifically be used for outreach and eligibility. As of the end of 2013 there is currently no funding or resources for outreach and eligibility and this is a crucial component to community health. These services help individuals in need in our community connect to the proper resources including their eligibility for Medicaid and many other additional resources. The more individuals have access to services and less barriers to accessing care, we know they will visit the ERs less and are more likely to have continuity of medical care and include behavioral health and dental and be much more likely to have stable housing and employment.

Thank you for considering bills HB1751/1752 as they will ensure a vibrant and healthy community for all of our island residents.

kobayashi1-Joni

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bev harbin	The Wahiawa Center for Community Health	Support	No

Comments: Please support the Community Health Centers and the Patient Centered medical Home Model. It works and will help our people access coordinated health care.

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Terri Toki	West Hawaii Community Health Center	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am a patient and a board of director for the West Hawaii Community Health Center and urge passage of this valuable piece of legislation. By funding \$2mil from the CHC special funds, Hawaii will get an additional \$18mil of federal funds for expanded services and programs towards health care for our State and our people. I am in support of this measure and of the Hawaii Primary Care Association's advocacy for this bill.

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Testimony on House Bill 1752

Relating to Health

Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer

01/30/2014, 10:30 a.m., Room 329

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, also known as “community health centers,” supports House Bill 1752, making appropriations to the Departments of Health and Human Services for services to qualified individuals and families. We offer the following comments in addition to our overall support:

- Section 2 of this measure appropriates \$6 million dollars in general funds to provide direct health care for uninsured and underinsured individuals; we request the following amendment at page 5, line 1 “underinsured patients at community health centers, including but not limited to...”.
- Section 3 of this measure appropriates \$4.8 million dollars to restore an adult dental benefit in Medicaid. All fourteen of our community health centers provide dental services. Given the correlation between dental health with other health conditions, and the fact that 50% of community health centers patients are Medicaid enrollees, we have long advocated for the restoration of adult dental benefits (aside from emergency procedures) and see this as a start.
- Section 4 appropriates \$800,000 in funding for outreach and eligibility services at community health centers. Historically health centers have received funding for this important work from the State, however this ended in 2013. Outreach workers at community health centers provide an essential service to the State and communities by assisting individuals and families in applying for not just Medicaid, but other State assistance programs; we help identify services that may help the individual or family to stabilize their situation and improve the health of not only their person, but their circumstances...in other words this is one way in which we work to address the social determinants of health. At this time community health centers are not receiving any State funding to provide outreach or enrollment in Medicaid or other State assistance programs. We would also note that the KOKUA program administered by the Hawaii Health Connector only provides assistance in health insurance enrollment (Connector and Medicaid); in addition, not all fourteen health centers are participating in the Connector KOKUA program. Late last year there were

some nominal funds provided to community health centers by the federal HRSA for outreach assistance with insurance exchange (HI: Connector) and Medicaid enrollment. The appropriation in Section 4 provides for a need in our communities that is not provided by any other service or existing funding stream.

- Section 6 provides \$2 million dollars from the community health center special fund as an interdepartmental transfer from the Department of Health, to the Department of Human Services, to be used as the state match for a Medicaid health home state plan amendment to provide health home services to qualified patients at community health centers. Community health centers have been involved in health homes for over six years and completed our own health home pilot project last year with positive results. Thirteen of our fourteen health centers have applied for NCQA recognition as patient centered medical homes and five have been awarded Level 2 or 3 (3 being the highest) recognition in the past few months. Health centers are ready to implement health homes and appreciate the opportunity to leverage \$2 million dollars from the community health center special fund to draw down a federal match of \$18 million dollars.
- Section 7 provides funding for behavioral health services at community health centers. We recognize the critical need for these services in our communities; we are in crisis. Community health centers provide integrated primary care and behavioral health services and appreciate the support offered by Section 7. Behavioral health and its integration with primary care are key elements of the Governor's healthcare transformation plan and we look forward to continuing the discussion on how community health centers can support that effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Phil Kinnicutt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB 1752 and HB 1751. It makes a lot of sense to support the Community Health Centers who are spending \$2 Million of their own funding to help improve the lives of patients and reduce the cost of care to Medicaid and the entire health care system. Phil Kinnicutt Former Board President, Waikiki Health Center

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Mahalo.

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Mahalo. Joan Gannon

January 29, 2014

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Re: Support for House Bills 1751 and 1752

Members of the Committee,

Aloha, my name is Malia Paranada. I am a registered nurse and currently work at Waimanalo Health Center as the Pediatric Clinic Supervisor and Care Coordinator.

I am writing in strong support for House Bill 1751 and House Bill 1752.

Community Health Centers in Hawaii serve a vital role in delivering high quality health care to our communities and this bill, particularly Section 6, helps move our Medicaid system forward with comprehensive and patient-centered reform.

Please vote in favor of permitting health centers to invest \$2 million of their own funding to create patient-centered health care homes for our vulnerable Medicaid populations.

The vital outreach services provided by CHCs, health care for uninsured individuals, and the essential need for behavioral health care in our communities all warrant the allocation of funding to community health centers as outlined in this bill.

Once again, please vote in favor of House Bill 1751 and House Bill 1752. I thank you immensely for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bills 1751 and 1752.

Warmest Mahalo,

Malia Paranada BS, BSN, RN

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From: Anna Grills <annagrills@gmail.com>
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Mahalo.

Anna Grills

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From: Jean M. Gray <jeangray@konajeans.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2014 11:04 AM
To: HUS testimony
Subject: HB 1751/1752

Aloha!

As a director of the West Hawaii Community Health Center, Kailua Kona, I would like to strongly encourage you to support HB 1751/1752, and ask legislators to permit CHCs to spend \$2 million of their own funding to help improve the lives of patients and reduce the cost of care to Medicaid and the entire health care system. Please...we are doing an excellent job in reaching the parts of the community who need our assistance, and we need yours to continue!

With warmest Big Island regards ,

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Mahalo.

Anna Holt

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Scott Wall	Community Alliance for Mental Health	Support	No

Comments: to: House Health & Human Services Aloha Chairs Carroll, Belatti, and the members of their committees, On behalf of the Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help, strongly support HB1752. If we want people to grow out of poverty and re-enter the work force dental care is essential. Most jobs available for this population are service sector jobs and you just can't get counter work with gaps in your teeth. Scott Wall VP/Legislative Advocate Community Alliance for Mental Health

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