

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
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STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 2213

February 12, 2014

RELATING TO A WEST MAUI HOSPITAL

House Bill No. 2213 authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds (SPRB) to assist West Maui Hospital and Medical Center Foundation, Inc. in establishing a hospital in west Maui pursuant to Part II, Chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Department has no position on the issuance of SPRBs as contemplated in this bill. The Department would like to advise the Legislature and prospective issuers that should the legislation be approved, approval of SPRB issuance will still require further discussion and satisfactory review of the financing components involved in the transaction.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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TO: The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
House Committee on Health

FROM: Gladys C. Baisa
Council Chair *Gladys C. Baisa*

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2014; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2213,
RELATING TO A WEST MAUI HOSPITAL**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify **in support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds to assist West Maui Hospital and Medical Center Foundation, Inc. in establishing a hospital in West Maui.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. West Maui's increasing population requires the establishment of a nearby hospital to timely handle emergency situations to protect the health and safety of our residents and visitors.
2. Critical care patients often need lifesaving treatment within a small window of time. The travel time from West Maui to Maui Memorial Hospital can take anywhere from 40-90 minutes. Road closures, accidents, and landslides often increase this commute time significantly. The establishment of a West Maui hospital will ensure access to treatment until safe transport can be guaranteed for critical patients.
3. The Maui Island Plan calls for "the immediate development of a critical access hospital in West Maui" and describes "the need for long-term care beds" in the region as "particularly acute."

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

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FROM: Robert Carroll
Council Vice Chair

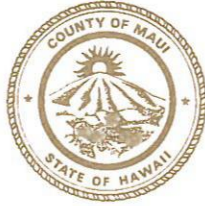
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DATE: Wednesday, February 12, 2014

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT HB 2213, RELATING TO A WEST MAUI HOSPITAL**

I support HB 2213 for the reasons cited in testimony submitted by the Maui County Council Chair, and urge you to support this measure.

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TESTIMONY OF ALAN ARAKAWA, MAYOR COUNTY OF MAUI

BEFORE THE HOUSE
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH



Wednesday, February 12, 2014, 8:30 a.m., Conference Rm. 329

HOUSE BILL 2213 RELATING TO A WEST MAUI HOSPITAL

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
Honorable Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair
And Members of the House Committee on Health

Thank you for this opportunity to testimony **IN SUPPORT** of **HB 2213**.

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds to assist West Maui Hospital and Medical Center Foundation, Inc. in establishing a hospital in West Maui.

I support this important measure for the following reason:

- Currently, there is no hospital to serve our West Maui community and visitors.
- West Maui has an increasing resident population, as well as an ever-increasing number of visitors from around the world. This increased population requires the establishment of a hospital in close proximity to our residential homes, businesses, and resorts in order to timely respond to emergency situations. This is vital to protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents and visitors.
- Critical care patients often need lifesaving treatment within a very small window of time. The travel time from West Maui to the existing Maui Memorial Hospital in Central Maui can take anywhere from 40 to 90 minutes. Road closures, accidents, brush fires, and landslides often increase the commute time significantly.
- The Maui Island Plan calls for “the immediate development of a critical access hospital in West Maui” and describes “the need for long-term care beds” in the region as ‘particularly acute.’
- Simply put, this measure and the development of a West Maui Hospital and Medical Center Foundation will save lives.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB 2213.

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Submitted on: 2/11/2014

Testimony for HLT on Feb 12, 2014 08:30AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stacy Helm Crivello	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Maui County Council Chair Gladys Baisa who submitted a SUPPORT testimony of HB2213, relating to a West Maui Hospital.

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Michael Victorino	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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