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January 28, 2013

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair, and
Members of the House Health Committee
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair, and
Members of the House Finance Committee

SUBJECT: **HB 362 RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE**

Dear Representatives Belatti and Luke, and the Members of the House Health and Finance Committees,

I am Patricia J. Dukes, Chief of Emergency Medical Services (EMS). I testify in **STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 362 RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE.**

City and County of Honolulu EMS began providing emergency medical care and ambulance services to the community of the Ewa Plains in July 2012. Since beginning service, the Ewa Beach EMS paramedics responded to over 1,300 9-1-1 calls for help, and in a more timely fashion. Additionally, the surrounding communities of Makakilo, Kapolei, Waipahu, and Waipio benefited from the new Ewa Beach EMS operations because their communities' EMS resources were available more often in their respective areas. The funding requested in **HB 362** enables the Ewa Beach EMS ambulance resource to remain in service for the communities in the Ewa Plains.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of **HB 362 RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia J. Dukes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Patricia J. Dukes, BS, AS MICT
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January 29, 2013

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair
And Members
Committee on Health
House of Representatives
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: HB 362, Relating to Emergency Medical Care

Dear Chair Au Belatti and Members of the Committee on Health:

My name is Mark Rigg. I am the Director Designate of the Honolulu Emergency Services Department.

I am writing in support of HB 362 as it relates to funding for continued ambulance service in Ewa Beach beginning July 2013. This Ewa Beach Unit has been critical in providing pre-hospital care to the residents, not only in Ewa Beach, but in the surrounding areas of Waipahu, Makakilo, Waipio and Kapolei.

The Ewa Beach Unit has played a key role in providing emergency medical care following the sudden closure of Hawaii Medical Center West Hospital. Following the closure, ambulance transport times increased significantly when travelling to hospital emergency rooms that were further away, causing a lack of coverage in the leeward plain. The cost of sustaining this unit will require the entire amount funded by this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions or require further information, I welcome you to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wayne Kruse".

Wayne Kruse, Assistant Chief
For Mark K. Rigg, Director Designate
Honolulu Emergency Services Department



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Wednesday, January 30, 2013 – 8:30 am
Conference Room 329

The House Committee on Health

To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

From: David Okabe
Executive Vice President (EVP)
Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer

Re: Testimony in Strong Support of HB 362 Relating to the Issuance of Special Purpose Bonds for Hawai'i Pacific Health

My name is David Okabe, EVP Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer for Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). HPH is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital on Kauai. HPH is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 49 outpatient clinics and service sites, more than 5,400 employees and 1,300 physicians on staff.

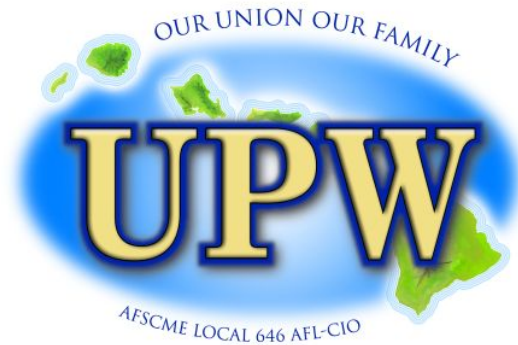
HB 362 would provide the authority for issuance of \$175 million in Special Purpose Revenue Bonds. Hawai'i Pacific Health will use the additional capital to materially fund the construction and renovation of the first phase of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children's Master Plan, and purchase medical equipment. This will allow us to provide health care services and meet the needs of our patients in a cost effective manner.

As you know, Special Purpose Revenue Bonds are specifically authorized by the State Constitution and by State law (Chapter 39A) to assist nonprofit corporations that provide health care facilities to the general public. Because the bonds are technically issued by the State, they are tax-exempt, even though the State is not obligated to pay them. The requesting corporation makes all payments and pays all expenses associated with the bond issuance. The bonds have no effect on the State's debt ceiling or debt rating.

We ask for your help and support in passing HB 362 from this committee. Thank you.



Affiliates of Hawai'i Pacific Health



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The Honorable Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair
The Honorable Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, January 30, 2013
TIME OF HEARING: 8:30 A.M.
PLACE OF HEARING: Conference Room 329

**TESTIMONY ON HB362 MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES AND AMBULANCE SERVICES IN EWA BEACH**

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 11,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW strongly supports HB362 that appropriates moneys for emergency medical services in West Oahu.

The closure last year of Hawaii Medical Center's hospitals in Ewa Beach and Liliha has continued to negatively impact emergency medical care for residents in West Oahu. The appropriation would help to ensure that residents have greater access to critical emergency medical services and accordingly, UPW is in strong support of HB362.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.