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February 19, 2013

TESTIMONY OF JAY FURFARO
COUNCIL CHAIR, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL

ON

H.B. NO. 417, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION
Committee on Finance
Thursday, February 21, 2013
11:00 a.m.
Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of H.B. No. 417, H.D. 1, Relating to the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation. As Council Chair of the Kaua'i County Council, we resolve to strengthen the State's provider workforce through the Hawai'i Health System Corporation (HHSC) Primary Care Training Program.

Support of this program and of family medicine graduate education will generate greater numbers of providers practicing throughout the islands. 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 the State's public hospital system, Hawai'i 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 portions in Hawai'i County compared to O'ahu and other areas of the State where there is greater access to primary care.
- The known economic multiplier effect of additional physicians in Hawai'i means each additional physician is expected to generate five (5) new jobs and new tax revenue. (Source: The Lewin Group)

We recognize that the HHSC Primary Care Training Program 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 (1) 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 HHSC Primary Care Training Program is training Hawai'i's future providers allows one (1) 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

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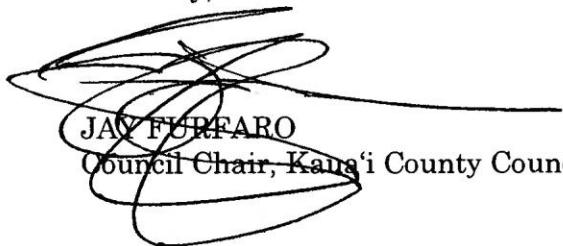
disease management such as pharmacists, certified diabetes educators, behavioral health providers, licensed nurses, and well trained non-licensed staff.

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.

We recognize that 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 Hawai'i.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly urge the Committee to support this measure. Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony for H.B. No. 417, H.D. 1.

Sincerely,



JAY FOREARO
Council Chair, Kaua'i County Council

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Testimony Presented Before the
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February 21, 2013 at 11:00 a.m.

by
Donald O. Straney, Ph.D.
Chancellor, University of Hawai'i at Hilo

HB417 HD1 RELATING TO HAWAII I HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Donald Straney, Chancellor of the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. I am testifying as a member of the Hawai'i island community and I support the intent of HB417 HD1 to fund an interdisciplinary Hawai'i health systems corporation primary care training program administered by the Hilo Medical Center.

Supporting rural health care programs is important to the mission of UH Hilo. Funding the primary care training program will greatly increase and improve the quality of health care for people on the Island of Hawai'i. This program is a solution to attract and train doctors, nurses, dental hygienist, clinical pharmacist and psychologist to be comfortable living in a rural setting, be more cognizant as well as understand the challenges that our island faces in terms of accessing and delivering quality health care.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB417 HD1. Aloha.



HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS

C O R P O R A T I O N

Quality Healthcare For All

**House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair**

Thursday, February 21, 2013
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11:00 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol

Testimony Supporting House Bill 417, HD1, Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Appropriates \$2,800,000 to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to implement and sustain its primary care training program at the Hilo Medical Center.

Bruce S. Anderson, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) supports the intent of HB 417, 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.

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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Testimony in Support of SB1220 & HB417 – HHSC Primary Care Medical Training Program

The Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii strongly supports this bill that would help bring more primary care doctors to our state and particularly, our neighbor islands.

Statistics have shown that many doctors choose to practice in the areas where they have completed their residency requirements. We need to aggressively pursue this opportunity to remain competitive with other areas of the country who are offering a variety of incentives to attract doctors.

Currently, many of our visitors and residents cannot find a doctor who will accept them as a patient because their practices are already overloaded. As a result, many of these patients go to our emergency rooms for basic treatments, and that significantly increases medical costs to the uninsured and “safety net” population. It also results in little preventative care and health education for this population.

We urge your support for this bill.

Written Testimony Presented Before the
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Thursday, February 21, 2013
by
Jerris Hedges, MD
Dean and Professor
John A. Burns School of Medicine
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

HB 417 RELATING TO THE HAWAI'I HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Aloha, Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker and members of the Senate Committee on Health. Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony.

The John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM), with the encouragement and support of the Hawai'i State Legislature, Hawai'i County and Hilo Medical Center, has invested time and expertise to promote the establishment of a post-MD residency training program for primary care medicine in Hilo. Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation's proposed interdisciplinary primary care training program is consistent with our hopes to increase the educational and training opportunities statewide for health careers.

Our Hawai'i Health Workforce Assessment, extended by the 2012 Legislature, continues to underscore the State's urgent need for healthcare providers. Right now, Hawai'i is short an estimated 635 physicians compared with average communities our size, including those on:

Hawai'i Island—175

Kaua'i—64,

Lana'i—10

Maui—84

Moloka'i—11

O`ahu —291

With growing health care needs in our rapidly aging communities and the pending retirements of as many as 30% or more of local physicians in the next five years, there is much to be done.

Among other things this past year, JABSOM has launched a website to connect physicians to MD openings in Hawai`i, begun an educational loan repayment program for health care providers who commit to serve in our rural areas and extended our training of MD students to all the major islands from `Ele`ele on Kaua`i to North Hawai`i on Hawai`i Island. We find that our MD students performing extended clerkship training on the neighbor islands are 45% more likely to choose to serve rural communities after they become physicians, and up to 80% of our MDs in post-MD residency programs remain to begin their own practices in the area. All over the country, enrollment at medical schools has outpaced growth in residency training programs. Additional graduate medical education, such as the program proposed in Hilo, is a priority need if our State hopes to retain and attract the health care workers our population needs now and will only need more urgently in the future.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Support of HB 417, HD 1

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

I support **HB417, HD 1** that appropriates funds to the interdisciplinary **HHSC Primary Care Training Program** administered by Hilo Medical Center. There is ample evidence that primary care physicians serve as a strong foundation for a more efficient and effective health care system. This measure will help to address the physician shortage in rural communities throughout our state.

The interdisciplinary HHSC Primary Care Training Program, administered by Hilo Medical Center, is a team care approach now recognized as an essential tool for constructing a more patient-centered, coordinated, and effective health care delivery system. It is part of a transition from being soloists to being a member of an orchestra in providing health care.

As a community member, I have witnessed the need for more primary care physicians in rural communities like Hawai'i Island. I support HB417, HD1, which authorizes appropriation of funds for the HHSC Primary Care Training Program administered by the Hilo Medical Center in coordination with Hawaii Health Care Systems.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,

Forrest Batz, PharmD
Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy Practice
University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lara Gomez, Pharm D
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Phoebe Lambeth	Hilo Medical Center Foundation	Support	No

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Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program

Hilo Medical Center Foundation

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

I am Lori Rogers, Executive Director for the Hilo Medical Center Foundation. I respectfully support **HB 417, HD 1** that appropriates funds to the interdisciplinary **HHSC Primary Care Training Program** administered by Hilo Medical Center. There is ample evidence that primary care physicians serve as a strong foundation for a more efficient and effective health care system. This measure will help to address the physician shortage in rural communities throughout our state.

The interdisciplinary HHSC Primary Care Training Program, administered by Hilo Medical Center, is a team care approach now recognized as an essential tool for constructing a more patient-centered, coordinated, and effective health care delivery system.

I support HB 417, HD 1, which authorizes appropriation of funds for the HHSC Primary Care Training Program administered by the Hilo Medical Center in coordination with Hawaii Health Care Systems. Through my work at the Hilo Medical Center Foundation, thousands of community members have personally expressed their need for more primary care physicians in rural communities like Hawaii Island. Weekly, I still hear the plea, “Do you know where I can find a doctor?”

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Rogers

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Comments: The University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy fully supports this bill. Our students have been on clinical rotation with this program for four years and value the interdisciplinary team work that this program brings and will continue to bring.

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Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
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by

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Dean and Professor
School of Nursing & Dental Hygiene

And

Jerris Hedges, MD
Dean, John A. Burns School of Medicine
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

HB 417 HD1 – RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

The UH Mānoa Nursing is in support of this bill, HB 417 HD1, to appropriate funds to the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) primary care training program at the Hilo Medical Center.

We agree that the HHSC primary care training program is an effective way to reduce the impact of the shortage of primary care providers and improve access to healthcare throughout the state. The HHSC interdisciplinary program benefits the Hawai'i Island Family Medicine Residency Program, as well as advanced practice registered nursing students from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, and nursing and pharmacy students from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

The UH Mānoa Nursing appreciates your continuing support of nursing and education in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Support of HB 417, HD 1

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

As member of East Hawaii Regional Board, I believe the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP).will strengthen the state's provider workforce.

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. The Hawaii health system faces three major challenges that impact health care we receive. They are access, quality and cost. In addition, our rural and island setting increases the challenge to access quality health care.

The Hawaii Health System Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSC PCTP) will address the challenge of ACCESS and have a positive impact on QUALITY and reduce COST. 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 a medical assistant and receptionist. The team model of care in which the HHSC PCTP is training Hawaii's future providers allows one physician and their team to care for up to 10,000 patients. The team is composed of a primary care physician, 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. **This advanced model of care delivery eliminates the need to train or attract unrealistically high numbers of physicians.**

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. **It will generate greater numbers of providers practicing throughout the islands.**

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.
- In rural areas of the state the Primary Care Training Program will create greater access to family medicine physicians and is projected to have a profound impact on lowering the costs of treating expensive and debilitating conditions.
- 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 believe quality of health care will improve with the team model of care. Communication, with the patient, throughout the cycle of prevention, diagnosis, treatment and recovery/rehabilitation will increase.

In addition:

- Family medicine residencies bring up the general quality of care in the institutions in which they operate by a) attracting higher quality physicians who like to teach, b) forcing all physicians with whom the residents interact to stay more current because either they must explain and justify what they are doing to the resident physicians or because the resident physicians teach them either informally in the clinic setting or at higher quality institutional “grand rounds” or continuing medical education sessions, and c) the academic focus on quality assessment and improvement permeates the institution.
- Team-based primary care is showing greater quality improvements in both delivering preventive services like cancer screening and flu shots and in chronic disease management such as controlling diabetes and preventing flare ups of congestive heart failure. To deliver all the recommended preventive services to a “panel” of 2500 patients would take a primary care doctor 27 hours per day working 5 days per week. Clearly this is impossible, but by employing a team approach it can get done.

The HHSC PCTP is a critical step in getting ALL of us access to medical care and treatment close to our homes, reduce our costs and improve the quality we receive.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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To: Committee on Finance
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Date: February 21, 2013, Conference Room 308, 11:00 a.m.

Re: **HB 417, HD1 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION**

Chair Luke and Committee Members:

My name is Barbara Kim Stanton, State Director for AARP Hawaii. AARP is a membership organization of people 50 and older with nearly 150,000 members in Hawaii. AARP fights on issues that matter to Hawaii families, including the high cost of long-term care; access to affordable, quality health care for all generations; providing the tools needed to save for retirement; and serving as a reliable information source on issues critical to Americans age 50+.

AARP supports HB 417, HD1 - Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. This bill appropriates funds for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Primary Care Training Program at the Hilo Medical Center. This measure will help address the shortage of primary care providers in rural communities through the implementation of a primary care training program. The HHSC Primary Care Training Program utilizes a team care approach that helps provide a more patient-centered, coordinated, and effective health care delivery system.

Our members are concerned about the shortage of primary care physicians in rural communities and this bill helps address their concerns.

We urge you to support HB 417, HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Support of HB 417

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program
Hilo Medical Center Foundation

The Hilo Medical Foundation Board supports **HB 417** that appropriates funds to the interdisciplinary **HHSC Primary Care Training Program** administered by Hilo Medical Center. We, the Hilo Medical Center Foundation, are witness to the need for more primary care physicians in rural communities like Hawai'i Island. It is with the voice of the people from rural communities like ours that we support HB 417 that authorizes appropriation of funds for the HHSC Primary Care Training Program administered by the Hilo Medical Center in coordination with Hawaii Health Care Systems.

The interdisciplinary HHSC Primary Care Training Program administered by Hilo Medical Center includes the Hawai'i Island Family Medicine Residency Program and training for advanced practice nurses from UH Manoa, nursing students from School of Nursing at UHH, clinical pharmacists from UHH College of Pharmacy, and post-doctoral psychology fellow from I Ola Lahui. This team care model is a transition from being soloists to being a member of an "orchestra" in providing health care. The team care approach is now recognized as an essential tool for constructing a more patient-centered, coordinated, and effective health care delivery system.

Our mission is to *"to support the Hilo Medical Center with projects that benefit the greater community"*, and HB 417 will benefit rural communities like those on Hawai'i Island.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 417.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Tulang
President, Hilo Medical Center Foundation
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February 20, 2013

House Committee on Finance

Dear Chair and Committee Members

RE: Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance strongly supports House Bill 2368

We understand that when resources are scarce, spending needs to be based on expected return on investment. Many rural states support primary care residency programs with consistent funding, because of the return on investment.

On behalf of the Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance, I strongly urge you to support HB417 which appropriates funds for the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (Rural Family Practice Residency Program, initially in Hilo), because of the clear need and because the residency program is expected to yield a substantial return on investment for the state. Investing in training family practice residents on neighbor islands where the primary care shortage is high is expected to yield a meaningful return on investment because:

- Residency programs reliably increase the number of practicing physicians in the location of the residency program. (80% of residents practice near where they train.)
- 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 through unreimbursed care by state HHSC hospitals in Kona and Hilo. (Hawaii County currently has a rate of hospitalization for diabetes which is two times higher than Honolulu County, despite having a similar rate of diabetes (Source: HHIC). 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)
- Because of 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)
- State funds will leverage additional community donations.
- Improving access to quality primary care will reduce one of the key barriers to economic development in Hawaii County- inadequate access to healthcare.

Funding HB417 will benefit the state economically as well as the people of Hawaii Island and eventually all neighbor islands.

Sincerely,

Sharon Vitousek MD,

Chair, Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance

HMSA



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February 21, 2013

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
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The Honorable Aaron Ling Johanson, Vice Chair

House Committee on Finance

Re: HB 417, HD1 – Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 417, HD1, which would appropriate funding to the Department of Health to provide a grant to the Hawaii Health System Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSC-PCPT) at Hilo Medical Center. HMSA strongly supports this legislation.

As you may be aware, in the past, HMSA has supported programs to build health care capacity. The HMSA Foundation, for example, has provided over \$500,000 to the Rural Family Practice Residency Program in Hilo to help train physicians who will remain and practice on the Big Island.

We are informed that the HHSC-PCPT would train primary care teams consisting of advanced practice nurses, pharmacist clinicians, and psychologists, as well as family physicians. Each team would be able to care for up to 10,000 patients, whereas a single doctor may only be able to manage 2,500 patients.

HMSA believes innovations like the HHSC-PCPT are laudable and consistent with our goal of creating a health care system that is efficient, as well as effective.

We thank you for allowing us to testify in support of HB 417, HD1, and we urge its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JD", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jennifer Diesman
Vice President
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RE: Testimony in Support of HB 417, HD1 Hawaii Health Systems Corporation –
Primary Care Training Program

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

As President-Elect of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, I support HB417, HD 1 which will appropriate funds to the interdisciplinary HHSC Primary Care Training Program administered by Hilo Medical Center.

Primary care physicians are critical to the health and well-being of our community, Island and State! This measure will help to address the physician shortage in rural communities throughout our state. The care-coordination approach to health care will expand our resources and improve the quality of health care throughout the State.

The Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, which includes more than 230 member businesses and over 500 member representatives, serves as an important voice of business in Hawaii and has clearly and consistently supported the Residency Program. We strongly support HB 417 HD1 which will provide funds for the HHSC Primary Care Training Program administered by Hilo Medical Center.

Access to medical care is a critical need for ALL RESIDENTS of the State of Hawaii. Without sufficient health care resources, we are putting our entire state at risk! We need to be pro-active! The voice of the business community is very clear that something needs to be done now. The time for rhetoric must come to an end and the time for ACTION must be now! The Primary Care Training Program seeks to encourage medical residents to consider the benefits of practicing medicine on the Island of Hawaii.



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The Chamber has consistently supported a local Primary Care Training Program. This program is aligned with our positions on Health Care which are as follows:

Health Care:

- The Chamber supports Health Care initiatives that assist Hawaii Island Communities:
- Recruit, retain, and train health care professionals and para-professionals
- Improve health care infrastructure and health care systems
- Provide access to quality health care for all community members.
- Provide preventative and general health care education to health care consumers

Nothing is more important to maintaining health, safety and welfare than having access to doctors in your own community. We urge you to support this HB 417 HD1 that allows funding for this Program to continue. These funds will be well spent as they will encourage more doctors to live and practice in our community.

We appreciate your consideration of this testimony and ask for the support of both Committees to move this important legislation forward. The paradigm must shift towards improved health care and more medical resources in our community and in the state. Please stand behind the health and well-being of our citizenry. They, - "WE", need your support. We must pass HB417 in order to move our community and state towards health care sufficiency.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Fox-Goldstein,
President-Elect, Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce



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Re: HB 417 HD1 Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chairs Nishimoto and Johanson and Members of this Committee:

My name is Vivian Landrum, and I am the President/CEO of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce (KKCC). KKCC represents over 520 business members and is the leading business advocacy organization on the west side of Hawai'i Island. KKCC also actively works to enhance the environment, unique lifestyle and quality of life in West Hawai'i for both residents and visitors alike.

The Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce strongly supports HB 417 HD1.

The shortage of physicians on Hawaii Island has been documented and discussed for the past ten years. As noted in several reports from the North Hawaii Outcomes Project as well as the Hawaii County Community Health Profile, the health of the people of Hawaii County is consistently worse than the state average. Factors attributing to this include genetics, social and economic conditions, health related behaviors and **access to healthcare**. Increasing the healthcare workforce was cited as one requirement to improve the health of Hawaii Island's people.

The HHSC Primary Care Training Program could help stem the current and projected shortage by increasing the chances for additional physicians on Hawaii Island as it is documented that many residents choose to remain where they are trained. This could have a positive domino effect as new physicians will require staff, thus supporting job growth as well.

The physician shortage also impacts hiring challenges for employers. Members of this Chamber have reported even though they have health care plans for their employees; new employees are struggling to find physicians who will take on new patients. Current practicing physicians are already overburdened and reluctant to bring on new clients. Qualified workforce candidates are therefore reluctant to upgrade to a new job if the change means a change in health care provider.

The Primary Care Training Program has the potential to impact Hawai'i Island via a multitude of positive outcomes. More primary care providers will decrease unnecessary hospital visits, increase ability to treat debilitating diseases and lower costs, are just a few to add to the list.

Hawaii Island is experiencing a gradual recovery from the past few years of economic turmoil. The appropriation of funding for a Primary Care Training Program is an action that is greatly needed for this Island now and for the future. I urge you to support HB 417 HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vivian Landrum".

Vivian Landrum
President/CEO



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RE: Testimony in Support of HB 417, HD1 Hawaii Health Systems
Corporation – Primary Care Training Program

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Vaughn Cook and I am the President of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce. With more than 230 member businesses and over 500 member representatives, the Chamber serves as an important voice of business in Hawaii.

The Chamber **strongly supports** HB 417 HD1 which will provide funds for the HHSC Primary Care Training Program administered by Hilo Medical Center.

Access to medical care is a **critical need** for ALL RESIDENTS of the State of Hawaii. Often, residents of the neighbor islands suffer from lack of doctors willing to establish their practices in our communities for a variety of reasons. The Primary Care Training Program seeks to reverse this trend and to encourage medical residents to consider the benefits of practicing medicine on the Island of Hawaii.

The Chamber has consistently supported a local Primary Care Training Program. This program is aligned with our positions on Health Care which are as follows:

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Supporting this program helps government fulfill one of its primary purposes – maintaining the health, safety and welfare of its citizens. Nothing is more important to maintaining health, safety and welfare than having access to doctors in your own community.

We urge you to support this HB 417 HD1 that allows funding for this Program to continue on the Big Island. These funds will be well spent as they will encourage more doctors to practice in our community. This will improve the Health of the ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

We appreciate your consideration of this testimony and ask for the support of both Committees to move this important legislation forward.

Very Truly Yours

Vaughn G. T. Cook
President

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Support of HB 417, HD 1

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

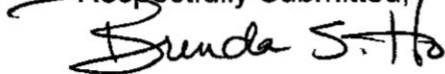
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The interdisciplinary HHSC Primary Care Training Program, administered by Hilo Medical Center, is a team care approach now recognized as an essential tool for constructing a more patient-centered, coordinated, and effective health care delivery system. It is part of a transition from being soloists to being a member of an orchestra in providing health care.

As a long term resident of Hawaii Island, a member of the East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) and the CEO of Hospice of Hilo, I have witnessed firsthand the need for more primary care physicians in rural communities like Hawai'i Island. **I strongly urge your support** of this legislation, which authorizes appropriation of funds for the HHSC Primary Care Training Program administered by the Hilo Medical Center in coordination with Hawaii Health Care Systems.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,



Brenda S. Ho, MS, RN
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As a community member, I have witnessed the need for more primary care physicians in rural communities like Hawai'i Island. I support HB417, HD1, which authorizes appropriation of funds for the HHSC Primary Care Training Program administered by the Hilo Medical Center in coordination with Hawaii Health Care Systems.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,

Walt Thistlewaite, PhD, MPH
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TO: Chairperson and Members, Committee On Finance, Hawaii State House of Representatives

FROM: Gary Yoshiyama, Director, HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board

SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of HB 417, HD 1 – Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program

I whole-heartedly support the purpose and intent of HB 417 HD1 which appropriates funds to the interdisciplinary HHSC Primary Care Training Program.

We on the neighboring islands are in desperate need of primary care and the funding of this team-care approach will go a long way to meet our needs in innovative and cost effective ways.

We will not be able to recruitment sufficient numbers of solo primary care physicians – our needs are too great and the national supply is too small. Two programs have proven to be effective in meeting this need for primary care: 1) Growing our own professionals, and 2) Teaching and implementing the team-care approach wherein interdisciplinary professionals work together to provide primary care to a greater population. The HHSC Primary Care Training Program is a patient centered medical care model as called for in our Affordable Care Act. The HHSC Primary Care Training Program is a proven high quality and cost effective primary care delivery system.

Please help us; please let's work together to improve our healthcare delivery system and improve the health of all in our communities by funding the HHSC Primary Care Training Program.

Thank you very much.

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HB 417 HD 1 - Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at the Hilo Medical Center.

I am Kaloa Robinson, Hilo Medical Center's Director of Marketing, and I thank you for this opportunity to provide comments relating to the HHSC Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center. The Primary Care Training Program is an effective means of increasing the number of primary care physicians and clinicians practicing in Hawaii. Studies have shown that in 5 years, 1-in-3 physicians currently practicing on Hawaii island will not be doing so. It is well known that due to the shortage of providers on the island, many Primary Care physicians are not taking new patients, and when a new Physician establishes a practice on the island, that practice is soon filled to capacity within 2-3 weeks.

With this new model of care being instituted, we anticipate being able to service 10,000 patients compared to 2,500 with the traditional model of a single Provider and his office staff. This paradigm of care includes advanced practice nurses, pharmacist clinicians, and psychologists, as well as family physicians. Disciplines train as primary healthcare teams and advance the model of Patient Centered Medical Homes, with a focus on pro-active care. Being able to provide preventative care will also help lower costs to families. The focus is on training for practices in smaller communities – where skills are different.

We are excited to implement this model because statistics have also shown that more than half of Residents trained at rural sites practice in rural areas, and the same is expected for other disciplines. This training model is also cost-effective because: a) no economics of scale are lost by not being University administered; b) all positions/functions being created would have to be created regardless of program sponsor; and c) the PCTP at HMC saves dollars by eliminating University overhead costs (i.e. Dean's taxes). We also anticipate that in the 2nd and 3rd year of the Residency program, Residents will be able to choose elective studies and work in other neighbor island (Hawaii, Maui, Kauai) facilities, in close consultation with their Resident Professors. The appropriation being requested is an investment in a model of healthcare that will best serve our rural and neighbor island communities.

Again, I thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaloa Robinson, Hilo Medical Center, Director of Marketing
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Support of HB 417, HD 1

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program

Boyd P. Murayama
Assistant Hospital Administrator
Medical Group Practice Director
Hilo Medical Center

I thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support of HB 417 HD 1; relating to appropriation of funds to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at the Hilo Medical Center.

As a member of the Hilo Medical Center's Executive Management Team, 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.

- 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.

I recognize that 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.

I wholeheartedly support the intent of HB 417 HD 1 and strongly urge your support for this critical legislation.



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From: Hawaii Medical Association
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Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: HB 417 RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

In Support.

The HMA appreciates the effort to enable health care providers to service rural and underserved areas.

Hawaii is currently experiencing a patient access to medical care crisis due to an inadequate supply of health care providers statewide.

Hawaii health systems corporation primary care training program is an effective way to reduce the impact of the shortage of primary care providers and improve access to healthcare throughout the State.

Economic incentives that reduce the financial burden of a medical practice can serve as meaningful incentive to practice in rural areas.

Financial burdens include:

- Overhead that can be as high as 75% of gross income;

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- Overhead includes, high medical malpractice insurance premiums (premiums vary by medical specialty);
- Overhead includes increasing manpower, office rent and other business expenses;
- Income is based on inadequate payment for services from private and public health plans; and
- For new physicians, typical student loan debt of \$150,000.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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Again, I thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted by: Edwin Montell, MD
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February 18, 2013

Re: House Bill 417 in support of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program

I am a Board member of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation which has supported this training program since its inception. I am submitting testimony because I am concerned about the need for more physicians in rural areas within the State of Hawaii.

In 1994, a Family Practice Residency Program was established here in Hilo in what is now the Kaiser Building near Hilo Medical Center. Family Practice Residents from the John A. Burns School of Medicine rotated to Hilo and were supervised by three faculty physicians. It opened just in time to service what was then the brand new Quest program. On day one, 2000 Quest patients were assigned to the Hilo Family Practice Residency program. It is truly unfortunate that this Residency program was shut down in 1999 due to funding issues. A great opportunity to train Family Practice doctors was lost at that time. We cannot afford to lose that opportunity again.

The program I am asking you to support, the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program, is far superior to the Family Practice Residency Program of the 1990s. It integrates the training of many disciplines and has the potential of improving health care in rural areas on all islands. Funding is critical during this period of accreditation and preparation prior to accepting it's first class of Residents...please do not let it fail again. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Amy F. Hamane
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HB 417 HD 1 - Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at the Hilo Medical Center.

Dear Madame Chair and Members of the House Finance Committee:

As the director of the HHSC Primary Care Training Program I wish to bring before you the state and national context that make your decisions to fund this program and to commit more broadly to primary care training in Hawaii ones that cannot be put off beyond the current legislative session.

Health care leaders in this state have long been aware of the approaching crisis in primary care. Since the 1990s they have been working to expand high quality primary care training. As a result of these efforts, we are now in motion training primary care team members in the advanced practice nursing, clinical pharmacy, and health psychology fields. We are also within 18 months of bringing to fruition the first primary care physician training expansion the state has seen in nearly two decades.

In terms of our individual pocketbooks, this is an expensive proposition—over \$2 million for the coming year and an increasing amount over the initial 3 years of physician training. In terms of healthcare dollars, this is small and wise investment equivalent to 20 or 30 uncomplicated intensive care units stays, the likes of which the state pays for regularly on behalf of state employees and enrollees in state sponsored insurance plans such as QUEST as well as in uncompensated care.

Three weeks ago US Senator Bernard Sanders released a report of the US Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions entitled *Primary Care Access: 30 Million New Patients and 11 months to Go: Who Will Provide Their Primary Care?* In this report he states

‘It is not only our moral responsibility to ensure primary care access now and into the future, but it is fiscally sensible to act quickly to expand this critical workforce.’

I contend that this statement applies to Hawaii and this body, as much as to the US Senate. Let me tell you why.

- Hawaii is currently 600 physicians short, nearly half of those primary care physicians. In just 7 years in 2020, the state is projected to be 1600 physicians short. (Hawaii Health Workforce Assessment, Report to the 2013 Legislature)
- 10% of Hawaii residents report having skipped medical care due to difficult access and 23% report a household member using the emergency room because they could not access their usual doctor. (Hawaii Health Workforce Assessment, Report to the 2013 Legislature)

- “The average primary care physician in the US is 47 years old and one-quarter are nearing retirement.” (US Senate HELP Report) In Hawaii, the average physician age is 52 years old and 45% will turn 65 in the next 10 years. (Hawaii Health Workforce Assessment, Report to the 2013 Legislature)
- One-third of Hawaii Island physicians in all specialties said they would no longer be in practice on Hawaii Island by 2017. (UH Hilo Survey, 2012)
- “Only 7% of the nation’s medical school graduates now choose a primary care career.” (US Senate HELP Report) JABSOM graduates are no exception, with JABSOM ranking 83/86 in the US News listing of graduates entering primary care specialties.
- “The Teaching Health Center Program (of the Affordable Care Act) ...is expected to produce 600 new primary care residents by 2015. Although these physicians will serve thousands of patients, the scope of need in this country is so great that this program must be dramatically expanded.” (US Senate HELP Report) Hawaii was not in a position to take advantage of this funding stream, so it is not likely to gain any of these physicians. The nation is expected to be 52,000 primary care physicians short by 2025, so these 600 physicians will be a drop in the bucket.

The HHSC Primary Care Training Program encompasses the best ideas in training that will bring a lasting primary care presence to the state. To share more concepts from Senator Sanders report:

- “Studies have shown that residents trained in community health centers or rural communities are more likely than those trained in other settings to make a career practicing in underserved or rural areas.” Neighbor Island based-rural health care is the foundation of the HHSC program, which will include training and community health centers such as the Hamakua Health Centers.
- “True primary care is comprehensive and is characterized by a continuity of coordinated care from prenatal care through the end of life. Primary care is not just provided by physicians but is also delivered by other members of the healthcare team including nurse practitioners and physician assistants. Primary care is intended to be, and should be, the foundation of the US health care system...Schools could be encouraged to train physicians alongside non-physicians for portions of their training to better prepare students for providing team-based approaches to care.”
- “We need physicians who are fluently bilingual and bicultural. We need doctors who know how to speak the language and show respect and earn the trust of their communities.” George Rust, MD, MPH, Morehouse School of Medicine. By working hand in hand with medical career development programs for Native Hawaiian youth and other underrepresented segments of Hawaii’s communities, the HHSC program will develop the providers best suited to staying and working in our communities.

Senator Sanders report concludes as follows. I urge you to take this to heart in the difficult decision-making that lies ahead as you make investments that wisely use the resources of the people of Hawaii.

“The primary health care system in America and its workforce is in significant need of a checkup. As the population grows and ages, as more doctors, retire, and as the primary care pipeline dries up, we face a severe shortage of providers. The result is that millions of Americans are not getting the care that they need now and the situation may only get worse. Although the ACA took important steps towards expanding access points ...the tremendous scope of the problem requires further attention and action. Just like an illness from which it will be more difficult and costly to recover from the longer we wait, we must take steps now to address the primary care access crisis in America.”

Again, I thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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HB 417 HD 1 - Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at the Hilo Medical Center.

I am Bill Brown, Chief Executive Officer at North Hawaii Community Hospital, and I thank you for this opportunity to provide comments relating to the HHSC Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center. The Primary Care Training Program is an effective means of increasing the number of primary care physicians and clinicians practicing in Hawaii. Studies have shown that in 5 years, 1-in-3 physicians currently practicing on Hawaii island will not be doing so. It is well known that due to the shortage of providers on the island, many Primary Care physicians are not taking new patients, and when a new Physician establishes a practice on the island, that practice is soon filled to capacity within 2-3 weeks.

With this new model of care being instituted, we anticipate being able to service 10,000 patients compared to 2,500 with the traditional model of a single Provider and his office staff. This paradigm of care includes advanced practice nurses, pharmacist clinicians, and psychologists, as well as family physicians. Disciplines train as primary healthcare teams and advance the model of Patient Centered Medical Homes, with a focus on pro-active care. Being able to provide preventative care will also help lower costs to families. The focus is on training for practices in smaller communities – where skills are different.

We are excited to implement this model because statistics have also shown that more than half of Residents trained at rural sites practice in rural areas, and the same is expected for other disciplines. This training model is also cost-effective because: a) no economics of scale are lost by not being University administered; b) all positions/functions being created would have to be created regardless of program sponsor; and c) the PCTP at HMC saves dollars by eliminating University overhead costs (i.e. Dean's taxes). We also anticipate that in the 2nd and 3rd year of the Residency program, Residents will be able to choose elective studies and work in other neighbor island (Hawaii, Maui, Kauai) facilities, in close consultation with their Resident Professors. The appropriation being requested is an investment in a model of healthcare that will best serve our rural and neighbor island communities.

Again, I thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted by: **Bill Brown, CEO, North Hawaii Community Hospital**
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As a community organization, we have witnessed the need for more primary care physicians in rural communities like Hawai'i Island. We support HB417, HD1, which authorizes appropriation of funds for the HHSC Primary Care Training Program administered by the Hilo Medical Center in coordination with Hawaii Health Care Systems.

We believe that support for this program is extremely important for our community as a whole. The Residency Program will help to insure that we will attract, and retain, an adequate amount of medical professionals here to the Big Island, as well as to other neighbor islands, which will be vital for our community's growth. Another factor that makes the timing of this critical is that we feel that the medical system throughout the Country will start to feel a crunch within the next few years due to an increased demand in regular visiting patients as a result of changes in our national health care system. Hopefully this will help

us get a head start on attracting medical professionals throughout our entire State.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Tyrin
President, Hawaii Island Portuguese Chamber of Commerce



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Support HB 417, HD1

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson & Members of the Finance Committee:

Please **support HB417, HD1** to fund the HHSC Primary Care Training Program here at the Hilo Medical Center. We have some amazing young physicians who have chosen to make Hawaii their home because they came to Hawaii for training. We need more! All the rural areas of Hawaii need more! Those that receive their training in our rural hospital that miss the big city have transferred to Oahu hospitals so Hawaii wins all the way around.

When I was attacked by a dog and required major surgery I was treated by a young, highly educated physician who would not have been in Hilo if not for our training program. Please recognize that this interdisciplinary HHSC Primary Care Training Program is an essential tool for all of us patients who are being required to be more aware of advocating for ourselves and our care. This program allows for better coordinated and effective health care delivery system.

Our community has put their money where their mouth is time and time again to fund specific projects and programs that the legislature or administration overlooked us for, please don't do that this time. We are running out of our own resources. We need you! Please pass HB417, HD1 so we may improve our ability to attract physicians to Hawaii.

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Carol A. VanCamp	Individual	Support	No

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Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Takahashi

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Robert Irvine	Individual	Support	No

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Robert Surber	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Honorable Committee Members, I am participating in what has become an annual ritual over the past five years of requesting the State of Hawaii to provide financial support for the Rural Family Practice Residency Program in Hilo. This year, as a member of the Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance I urge you to enact HB 417. There is no question that the residents of Hawaii Island have the worst access to healthcare and, as a result, the worst health outcomes in the State. There is no question that there is a severe shortage of healthcare providers, and especially physicians on the island. There is no question that this shortage of providers and poor health outcomes will worsen without effective action. There is no question that the Rural Residency Program is an effective strategy to bring physicians to Hawaii Island for years to come. There is no question that the program, in collaboration with many local and statewide partners, has been developing an excellent interdisciplinary training program that is set for accreditation with the capacity to train residents in the near future. However, there is also no question that this program will most likely fail and this opportunity will be lost without funding from State government. The only question is when legislators from all of our islands will support a small contribution toward the health of the residents of Hawaii Island. I suggest this year. Thank you for your consideration. Robert Surber Kea'au, Hawaii

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Robert Hanley	Individual	Support	No

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Nancy Knight	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Passing HB 417 will bring to the Big Island desperately needed medical access for the young and elderly. Currently, physician access is often obtained in the Emergency Department at great expense to the state health care system. The passage of funding for physician training will hopefully create a reversal of this process and provide consistent physician care of these populations.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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Fred J. Koehnen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: There are many fund requests for various projects, but there is nothing more important to an individual than good health. That is only possible if proper medical care can be obtained. The "residency program" is our best shot at making that care available.

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Jeannette Lesko	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of HB417HD1 so that appropriate funds to the Primary Care training Program administered by the Hilo Medical Center. There is adequate evidence the Primary Care physicians are extremely needed in Hilo, hawaii

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Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
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NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

Thursday, February 21, 2013

11:00 a.m.

Conference Room 308

Support of HB 417, HD 1

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support **HB417, HD 1** that appropriates funds to the interdisciplinary **HHSC Primary Care Training Program** administered by the East Hawaii Region of HHSC (Hilo Medical Center). Many of the families who move to the Big Island already report that they have difficulty in finding a primary care physician. As our population ages, we can also expect that there will be an increasing need for primary care. At the same time, many of the primary care physicians who have provided care in Hawaii's rural communities are reaching retirement age. There is a critical need to establish a residency program that will provide our communities with their successors.

I served on the East Hawaii Regional Board for two years. During that period, I saw the need to establish the rural primary care program so there would be a quality program to produce qualified family practice physicians for our rural communities who could work within the framework of an appropriate health care program. The interdisciplinary HHSC Primary Care Training Program, administered by Hilo Medical Center, is a team care approach that is well suited for future health care needs and will allow us to use our acute and long term health care services more effectively. It will provide a more patient-centered, coordinated, and effective health care delivery system. The program that was developed was the result of hard work by Hilo Medical Center's staff, the John A. Burns School of Medicine, the University of Hawaii at Hilo and the community's private physicians.

I support HB417, HD1, which authorizes appropriation of funds for the HHSC Primary Care Training Program.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Aloha,

Alan M. Okamoto

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 417 HD 1
Relating to The Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation

February 20, 2013

RE: Testimony in support of HB 417, HD 1

Honorable Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson and members of the committee, my name is Dr. Robin Miyamoto. I am a Clinical Psychologist and Past-President of Hawai'i Psychological Association. I would like to provide testimony in support of House Bill 417 HD 1.

As a founder and the Director of Training of I Ola Lāhui, a non-profit committed to increasing the availability and quality of mental health services available across the State of Hawai'i, particularly rural and underserved areas, I am very familiar shortage of primary care services.

HB 417 would support cutting edge interdisciplinary training administered by Hilo Medical Center. There is ample evidence that primary care physicians serve as a strong foundation for a more efficient and effective health care system. This measure will help to address the physician shortage in rural communities throughout our state.

The interdisciplinary HHSC Primary Care Training Program, administered by Hilo Medical Center, is a team care approach now recognized as an essential tool for constructing a more patient-centered, coordinated, and effective health care delivery system. It is part of a transition from being soloists to being a member of an orchestra in providing health care.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony in support of HB 417, HD1.

Respectfully submitted,



Robin E. S. Miyamoto, Psy.D.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gay Leah Barfield, Ph.D.,Lic.MFT	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The Big Island is disastrously in need of more support for the medical profession, for more and young doctors, as both our physician population ages and our elderly population increases and our general increase in growth. We are at great risk for increasing death rates if this health issue is not managed quickly. Please support this bill and expedite its activation in practice.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Ensey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Sir or Madame, The community of Hilo desperately needs this medical facility to be financially stable. I urge you to support our hospital and this legislation. Best regards, Charles Ensey

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support HB417 - HD1 that appropriates funds to the interdisciplinary HHSC Primary Care Training Program administered by Hilo Medical Center. Our state is in grave need of doctors, especially so in rural areas. This measure will help to address the physician shortage in rural communities throughout our state.

The interdisciplinary HHSC Primary Care Training Program is a team care approach used successfully in many clinics. This approach provides a more effective health care delivery system by being patient-centered and tightly coordinated. Its' strengths lie in the team's multi-disciplinary capacity, expertise, and communication to provide their clients with best possible care.

As a community member and a recent transplant, I have experienced the lack of and need for more primary care physicians here on Hawai'i Island. I support HB417 - HD1 and sincerely hope the committee members appreciate how badly the need is for doctors in the rural areas and the importance of supporting this program towards obtaining them.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Godzsak

Hilo, Hawai'i

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Thomas Yeh	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please look after the medical service needs of the neighbor islands. We do not have the benefit of choices for medical services in higher population centers such as Honolulu.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dawn S. Pung	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The Hawaii Island urgently needs professional healthcare workers, especially medical doctors who do family practice.

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Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and Members of the Committee:

I Mina Rose Kama, support **HB417, HD 1** that appropriates funds to the interdisciplinary **HHSC Primary Care Training Program** administered by Hilo Medical Center. There is ample evidence that primary care physicians serve as a strong foundation for a more efficient and effective health care system. This measure will help to address the physician shortage in rural communities throughout our state.

The interdisciplinary HHSC Primary Care Training Program, administered by Hilo Medical Center, is a team care approach now recognized as an essential tool for constructing a more patient-centered, coordinated, and effective health care delivery system. It is part of a transition from being soloists to being a member of an orchestra in providing health care.

As a community member, I have witnessed the need for more primary care physicians in rural communities like Hawai'i Island. I have personally seen how difficult it is for friends and family to obtain a family physician here in Hawaii. I support HB417, HD1, which authorizes appropriation of funds for the HHSC Primary Care Training Program administered by the Hilo Medical Center in coordination with Hawaii Health Care Systems.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mina Rose Kama

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Irene A. Nagao	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly urge support of HB417 as a means to address the shortage of primary care providers in our State. The appropriation of \$2,800,000 for the years of 2013-2015 to the interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems corporation primary care training program at Hilo Medical Center will be an effective way to reduce the impact of the shortage of primary care providers. Living in Hawaii for over 40 years, I find getting adequate health care for me and my family becoming more challenging and difficult, if not impossible. Some physicians are not taking any new patients as they are overwhelmed. I recently could not get an appointment with my primary doctor for over a week, even though the hospital emergency room recommended a follow-up in one day after my accident. Something must be done to help give people adequate health care. Please pass this HB417!!

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Wendell D. Serrao	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This bill is very important for all of Hawaii. Medical care on outer islands effect the whole State since not having available Doctors forces us to go to Honolulu for care and overloads their practice and deprive Oahu residents from having proper care. Medicaid patients will also be effect & the State will be obligated to pay more for their travel expences.

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415 South Beretania Street

HB 417 HD 1 - Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at the Hilo Medical Center.

My name is Susan B. Hunt. I reside in Kamuela and am a member of the East Hawai'i Regional Board of Directors for HHSC. I am also the former Executive Director for the Hamakua Health Center, Inc. and have years of experience recruiting primary care physicians. I thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of HB 417 HD1 relating to the HHSC Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center.

This training program is unique and well worth the investment of Hawai'i's taxpayers. Over the last decade there has been a call for change in the US health care system. Several reports by the Institute of Medicine, including *To Err is Human—Building a Safer Health Care System* and *Crossing the Quality Chasm*, have highlighted the critical need for developing a new approach to patient care that focuses on patient safety, the delivery of high-quality care and requires new physician competencies that include working in interdisciplinary teams.

This academic practice is successfully incorporating key attributes of the "Patient-Centered Medical Home" (PCMH) model of care into their delivery system while serving as a training site for family practice medical residents and other health professionals. The PCMH approach is to provide comprehensive, coordinated care to every age group – from infants to older adults. The key to the medical home is having a team of healthcare professionals, headed by a physician, working with patients to form partnerships to maximize health outcomes. This team includes the physician, nurses, social workers, dietitians, pharmacists, physical therapists and others – all working together for the individual care of patients.

Care is facilitated by electronic health records, patient registries, health information exchange and other information technology to assure that patients get the indicated care when and where they need and want it in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.

This approach is integral to the future of primary care delivery and a key element in recruiting medical residents to a state of the art practice environment. To maintain this caliber of training program in a rural Hawai'i community is something we should be striving for and be very proud of. It lays the foundation for a new generation of providers who are experienced when they come out of training to participate in the delivery of accountable care which emphasizes improved access, quality, population health outcomes and practice efficiencies which lower the cost of care.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 417 HD1.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Charlene Iboshi, Retired, Hawai'i County Prosecutor

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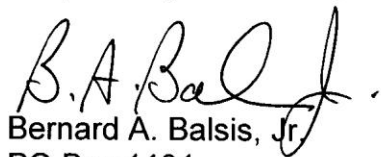
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