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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
George Greene	Healthcare Association of Hawaii	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS Senator David Ige, Chair March 22, 2013 at 9:05 a.m. Conference Room 211 Supporting HB 417 HD 2: Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation The Healthcare Association of Hawaii advocates for its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including all acute care hospitals, a majority of home health agencies and hospices, as well as long term care facilities and other health care organizations. Our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing nearly 20,000 people statewide, delivering quality care to the people of Hawaii. Thank you for this opportunity to comment in support of HB 417 HD 2, which appropriates funds for the Primary Care Training Program at the Hilo Medical Center. The unmet need for primary care practitioners in Hawaii has been well documented. In fact, the Legislature passed Act 18 in the Special Session of 2009, directing the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) to assess Hawaii's physician workforce. JABSOM issued a report in 2010 documenting a shortage of 600 physicians in Hawaii, particularly in the area of primary care. That shortage is expected to double if the current trend continues and no changes are made. Primary care is the foundation of health care because it is where most of the prevention and early intervention occurs, which results in better health and lower costs. The Primary Care Training Program at the Hilo Medical Center is an innovative, interdisciplinary program designed to train teams of primary care practitioners. Each team can care for up to 10,000 patients, whereas previously one physician could manage only 2,500 patients. This collaborative approach represents the future of health care. As the program is developed, it can be exported elsewhere in the state. Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of HB 417 HD 2.

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March 22, 2013

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: HB 417, HD2 – Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

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

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 417, HD2, 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, HD2, and we urge its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JDiesman".

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NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING

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State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

HB 417 HD2 - Addresses primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments relating to the HHSC Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center. I am hopeful this measure will receive the State assistance needed which will directly impact the need to get more Primary Care Physicians into the most rural areas of our State.

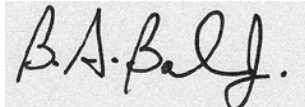
Upon introduction, this measure requested an appropriation of **\$2.8 million** for both 2013-14, and 2014-15. Our neighbor island medical members, county government officials, and local business leaders all agree that the appropriation is a much needed investment. Health manpower shortages, and recruitment and retention of primary care providers were identified as major rural health concerns among state offices of rural health. Access to quality health services was the most often identified rural health priority by state and local rural health leaders across the nation. According to the Community Health Profile - Report 2012, in 2010, 14.7% of adults in Hawaii County were uninsured, compared to 9.2% for the City and County of Honolulu. In addition, Hawaii County has the lowest ratio of licensed physicians per 100,000 population compared to the other counties, it has 14% of the State's Population - but only 10% of the State's Physicians, and more residents of Hawaii County do not have a personal doctor. And lastly, the Hawaii County rate of hospital admissions for uncontrolled diabetes in 2009 was nearly twice the City and County of Honolulu rate per 1,000 population.

The Primary Care Training Program uses a team approach which will train primary healthcare teams and advance the model of Patient Centered Medical Homes, with a focus on pro-active care. Some of the activity will be coordinating patient care with specialists. Within our Family Practice Residency model, the team will be physician-led, but utilizing advanced nurse practitioners, clinical community pharmacists, and behavioral specialists. This model of care and style of case management keeps the patient out of the hospital and more effectively manages the condition. The result is highly efficient, customized care that lowers costs long-term.

Our health care leaders in this State have long been aware of the approaching crisis in primary care. We have an opportunity to invest in and support a model of healthcare that is proven and will address the health needs of our rural and neighbor island communities.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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President



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Comments: The Big Island of Hawaii desperately needs to keep our medical centers open. We are in need of competent doctors that will replace the plethora of doctors that are retiring soon. Please help us in our endeavor.

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