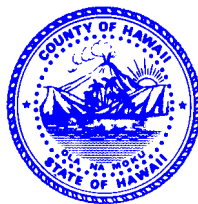


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February 21, 2013

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
and Members of the House  
Committee on Finance

Dear Chair Belatti and Committee Members,

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of House Bill 417 HD1.

The Hawai'i County Council, at its meeting in Hilo on January 23, 2013, unanimously approved Resolution 41-13, Draft 2, and a copy of this was also submitted to your committee.

In summary, the Council's resolution urges the Legislature to approve the \$2.8 million appropriation contained in House Bill 417 to address critical future shortfalls in the number of primary care physicians in Hawai'i's rural and underserved areas.

The bill pending before your committee has the unanimous support of Hawai'i Island's representatives, all of whom understand the importance of the passage of this bill.

The Hawai'i Healthcare System Corporation Primary Care Training Program will train four new primary care providers each year, most of whom will likely remain and practice on Hawai'i Island. By doing so, these new physicians will improve prevention, detection and management of chronic diseases. Your support of this program is essential for accessible, quality health care for Hawai'i. I ask that your committee support this bill.

Sincerely,

Dennis "Fresh" Onishi  
Hawai'i County Council  
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An important piece of the solution for our communities is the rural residency program, which is now undergoing national accreditation and will begin training residents in 2014. National research shows that 80 percent of residents practice near where they train, and we know this program will help ease the physician shortage in our county and in rural areas across the state.

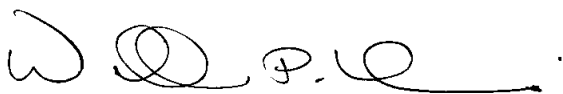
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The program is designed to allow second- and third-years residents to choose elective studies and work in a variety of communities on different islands, which help provide improved access to care in each of those areas.

Investing in training family practice residents on the neighbor islands is also expected to help decrease the number and rate of potentially avoidable hospitalizations. That will allow the state to save money by reducing unreimbursed care now paid for by Hawai'i's Medicaid program and the state's public hospital system.

We believe this is an important program that will benefit rural residents across the state. Mahalo for your consideration and support for this effort to help keep our families healthy.

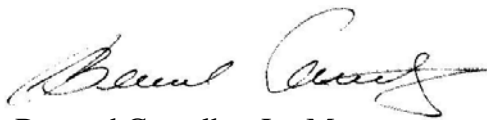
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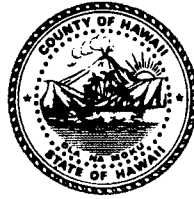
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RESOLUTION NO. 41 13  
(DRAFT 2)

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE HAWAI'I HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Hawai'i is facing a severe shortage of health care providers, especially in primary care; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation estimates that Hawai'i Island will have fewer than 300 physicians by 2020, less than half the number needed to fill demand; and

**WHEREAS**, a survey of island physicians released in February 2012 suggests that 32 percent of those surveyed would cease their practice within five years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program is a statewide program administered by Hilo Medical Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Primary Care Training Program includes the Hawai'i Island Family Medicine Residency Program and training for advanced practice nurses from the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and the School of Nursing at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, clinical pharmacists from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo College of Pharmacy, and post-doctoral fellows from I Ola Lahui, an organization that trains psychologists to meet the needs of those living in rural areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation East Hawai'i Regional CEO Howard Ainsley has called the residency program "the top priority for us for bringing needed programs to the community"; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of this program's training model will lead to the creation of interdisciplinary teams capable of caring for many more patients, helping to alleviate the physician shortage; and

**WHEREAS**, the health care needs of Hawai'i County will suffer without assistance from the State Legislature; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I** that the Hawai'i State Legislature is urged to appropriate \$2,800,000 for the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program for fiscal year 2013-2014, and the same sum for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Honorable Governor Neil Abercrombie, the Honorable Senate President Donna Mercado Kim, the Honorable Speaker of the House of Representatives Joe Souki, the Honorable Senator Gilbert Kahele, the Honorable Senator Russell Ruderman, the Honorable Senator Josh Green, the Honorable Senator Mālama Solomon, the Honorable Representative Mark Nakashima, the Honorable Representative Clift Tsuji, the Honorable Representative Richard Onishi, the Honorable Representative Faye Hanohano, the Honorable Representative Denny Coffman, the Honorable Representative Nicole Lowen, the Honorable Representative Cindy Evans and the Honorable Mayor William P. Kenoi.

Dated at Kona, Hawai'i, this 23rd day of January, 2013.

INTRODUCED BY:

  
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 COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

COUNTY COUNCIL  
 County of Hawai'i  
 Hilo, Hawai'i

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai'i on January 23, 2013.

ATTEST:

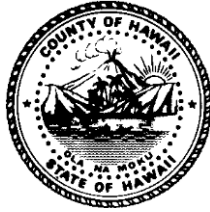
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 RESOLUTION NO. 41 13  
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**William P. Kenoi**  
*Mayor*



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February 21, 2013

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
and Members of the House Committee on Finance  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 308  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: House Bill 417 HD1, RELATING TO THE HAWAII' I HEALTH SYSTEMS  
CORPORATION

Aloha, Chair Luke and Committee Members:

The County of Hawai'i strongly supports House Bill 417 HD1, which would appropriate \$2.8 million for each of the next two fiscal years to fund the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation primary care training program.

This statewide program is administered by Hilo Medical Center, and includes the Hawai'i Island Family Medicine Residency Program as well as students participating in advanced practice nursing training from the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and the University of Hawai'i at Hilo. The program also includes clinical pharmacists from the UH-Hilo College of Pharmacy, and post-doctoral fellows from I Ola Lahui, which trains psychologists to meet the needs of rural communities.

The state and Hawai'i Island continue to face a severe physician shortage, with a recent study estimating that Hawai'i County needs 150 more doctors to provide an adequate level of access to health care for our residents. Projections by the John A. Burns School of Medicine show the physician shortage will dramatically worsen in the next five years as many doctors retire.

An important piece of the solution for our community is the rural residency program, which is now undergoing national accreditation and will begin training residents in 2014. National research shows that 80 percent of residents practice near where they train, and we know this program will help ease the physician shortage in our county and in rural areas across the state.

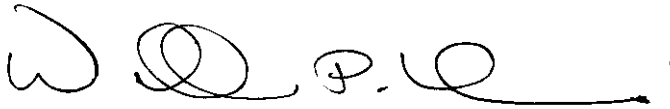
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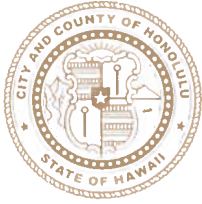
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We believe this is an important program that will benefit rural residents across the state. Mahalo for your consideration and support.

Aloha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. P. Kenoi', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

William P. Kenoi  
MAYOR



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February 20, 2013  
TESTIMONY OF STANLEY CHANG  
COUNCILMEMBER FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
On  
HB. No. 417 HD1, RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION  
Thursday, February 21, 2013  
11:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Luke and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony in support of H.B. 417 HD1 Relating to Hawaii Health Systems Corporation as a Councilmember for the City and County of Honolulu.

The purpose of this H.B. 417 HD1 is to address the state's shortage of primary care providers by appropriating \$2.8 million to Hawaii Health Systems Corporation for FY14 and FY15. This money would fund the primary care training program at the Hilo Medical Center. More primary care would increase prevention, intervention, and healthcare savings.

The Council recently adopted Resolution 13-26, CD1, Urging the Legislature to Appropriate Funds for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask for your favorable passage of H.B. 417 HD1 Relating to Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and thank the Committee for allowing me to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

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Stanley Chang  
Councilmember, District IV



**LATE**

February 21, 2013

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair  
and Members of the House Committee on Finance  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 308  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: House Bill 417, RELATING TO THE HAWAI'I HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Aloha, Chair Luke and Committee Members:

The Hawai'i Council of Mayors, which includes the mayors of Hawai'i, Honolulu, Kaua'i and Maui counties, supports House Bill 417, which would appropriate \$2.8 million for each of the next two fiscal years to fund the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation primary care training program.

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Rural areas of Hawai'i continue to face a very serious physician shortage, and many areas simply do not have enough doctors to provide an adequate level of access to health care for our residents. Projections by the John A. Burns School of Medicine show the physician shortage will dramatically worsen in the next five years as many doctors retire.



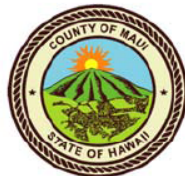
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DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2013  
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415 South Beretania Street

**Howard Ainsley**  
**East Hawaii Regional CEO**  
**Hawaii Health Systems Corporation**

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

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony 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.

The Family Practice Residents will train primary healthcare teams and advance the model of Patient Centered Medical Homes, with a focus on pro-active care. With this new model of care, 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. 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 anticipate that in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the Residency program, Residents will be able to 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: Howard Ainsley, East Hawaii Regional CEO  
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THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE  
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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 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 and retiree, I strongly believe there is a need for more primary care physicians in rural communities like Hawai`i Island and have demonstrated my support by making annual donations to the Hilo Medical Center Foundation. Unfortunately, personal donations are not enough so 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,

GALEN M. KUBA, PE

## FINTestimony

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### HB417

Submitted on: 2/20/2013

Testimony for FIN on Feb 21, 2013 11:00AM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teana Kaho'ohanohano	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony 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. The Family Practice Residents will train primary healthcare teams and advance the model of Patient Centered Medical Homes, with a focus on pro-active care. With this new model of care, 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. 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 anticipate that in the 2nd and 3rd year of the Residency program, Residents will be able to 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: Teana Kaho'ohanohano, MHPA, NHA Asst. Hospital Administrator

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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,

*Robert DeCoita*

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

Respectfully submitted by: Jennifer Kiko Camp, RN  
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I fully support this bill.

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

Respectfully submitted by:

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**HB417**

Submitted on: 2/21/2013

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Marie Ruhland	Individual	Support	No

Comments: PLEASE SUPPORT THE PASSAGE AND FUNDING OF THIS CRITICAL BILL IN ADDRESSING THE CRITICAL PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE IN THE STATE. IN HOME CARE WE ARE FACED WITH PATIENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS FOR THEIR HEALTH CARE. PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAMS WILL BRING POTENTIAL PHYSICIANS TO OUR ISLANDS AND THIS WILL ENABLE MANY TO STAY AND SERVE OUR COMMUNITIES. PLEASE SUPPORT HIS BILL. RESPECTFULLY, MARIE RUHLAND DIRECTOR, HILO MEDICAL CENTER HOME CARE HILO, HAWAII

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