



**HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS**

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*Quality Healthcare For All*

**Senate Committee on Health  
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair**

Friday, February 1, 2013  
Conference Room 229  
1:15 p.m.  
Hawaii State Capitol

**Testimony Supporting Senate Bill 1220, 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 SB 1220 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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The Honorable Josh B. Green, M.D., Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**S.B. 1220, RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION  
February 1, 2013, 1:15 p.m.**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for S.B. 1220, Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name Dr. Gerard Akaka, Vice President of Medical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer for The Queen's Medical Center.

In a recent Big Island survey, it was revealed that 32% of Big Island physicians intend to end their professional service within 5 years. As the area with one of the severest physician shortages statewide, this exodus will exasperate the problem. Improving the pipeline of medical students and residents is imperative to providing healthcare to rural areas across Hawaii.

Supporting and enhancing primary care training programs is a significant opportunity to promote the growth of medicine practice in rural areas. Studies have shown that up to 80% of doctors who go through similar rural residency programs remain to begin their own practices in the area. These programs promote financial sustainability, professional opportunities, and community support – all important factors in attracting new physicians to the area. This is, most certainly, Hawaii's best hope for attracting and retaining physicians.

Your support for S.B. 1220 and its funding requirements helps to ensure the primary care training programs long-range vision to provide all of Hawaii with ample and well trained physicians, statewide.



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To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Sen. Josh Green, Chair  
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From: Hawaii Medical Association  
Dr. Steven Kemble, MD, President  
Dr. Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair  
Dr. Joseph Zobian, MD, Legislative Co-Chair  
Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director  
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: SB 1220 RELATING TO HEALTH

Position: Support

Dear Chair Green and Vice Chair Baker and the Senate Committee on Health Members:

The Hawaii Medical Association is submitting testimony in support of SB 1220.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 1220. The Hawaii Medical Association fully supports the intent of this bill, which will enable the Big Island and other rural communities throughout the state of Hawaii improved access to quality health care.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important issue.

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*"Health care that is safe, health care that works, and health care that leaves no one behind"*

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**Friday, February 1, 2013**  
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**Testimony Supporting Senate Bill 1220 relating to appropriation of funds to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at the Hilo Medical Center.**

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

On behalf of the East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) and its Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support of SB1220, 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 Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, East Hawaii Region, 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.

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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 strongly urge your support of SB 1220.

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SB1220

Submitted on: 1/31/2013

Testimony for HTH on Feb 1, 2013 13:15PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Hugh Hazneifled, M.D., F.A.C.S.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As the Chief Medical Officer at Pali Momi Medical Center in Aiea, I am very concerned about the preent and predicted even larger physicina shortage in the State of Hawaii. This encompasses both primary care and the specialties. I believe that passage of SB 1220 will help alleviate this shortage on all islands. By doing so, this should help to prevent otherwise unavoidable hospital admissions, which are expensive not only for the hospitals but for the State of Hawaii because many are on Medicaid, and it should help to prevent serious complications of chronic disease. More primaary care physicians who hopefully would practice in rural areas are a necessity for this State. I urge you to pass SB 1220. Thank you. Hugh N. Hazenfield, M.D., F.A.C.S.

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Honorable members of the Senate, as a member of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation I strongly endorse S.B. No 1220 which has to do with the Hawaii Healthcare System Corporation Primary Care Training Program.

1. The HHSCPCTP supports improved access to health care by supporting a proven effective physician recruitment and retention strategy.
2. Nationally and locally, about 70% of the Residents stay and practice where they train.
3. HHSCPCTP effectively addresses the severe access to primary care issue resulting from the severe healthcare provider shortage in the rural areas of the State of Hawaii.
4. The HHSC Primary Care Training Program will train four new primary care providers each year who are most likely to remain and practice in the rural areas. This will improve access to high quality primary care improving prevention, detection, and the management of chronic diseases.
5. This HHSC Primary Care Training Program will help to reduce the onset and advancement of chronic diseases by early detection in the rural communities throughout the State which will eventually reduce the high cost of healthcare reducing the potentially avoidable emergency room and hospitalization.
6. Primary care Training Programs such as the Rural Residency programs have been shown to have a positive return on investments in other States therefore frequently supported by the states for the same reason.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Phoebe M. Lambeth, VP  
Hilo Medical Center Foundation

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**Support of SB 1220**  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program

*Isaac Lau*

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*I/We* thank you, Chairman Green and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health.

*I/We* urge you to pass SB 1220. Thank you.

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**Support of SB 1220**

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program  
Julie Adrian, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, College of Pharmacy

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**415 South Beretania Street**

**RE: Senate Bill 1220 Relating to Health**

Dear Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

The Hilo Medical Foundation Board supports **SB 1220 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. **State investment** would help to guide health system change to achieve optimal, cost-efficient health for everyone, and support primary care medical training.

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.

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 SB 1220 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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**Support of SB 1220**  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program  
**Kaloa Robinson, Director of Marketing, Hilo Medical Center**

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I urge you to pass SB 1220. Thank you.



January 30, 2013

To the Senate Committee on Health

Re: SB 1220 Hawaii Health Systems Corporation- Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP)

As the representative for the University of Hawaii Hilo College of Pharmacy, we support this program HHSC Primary Care Training Program for many reasons.

For the interest of healthcare for residents of these Hawaiian Islands , the program will generate greater numbers of providers practicing primary care medicine throughout the state. The impact will be especially felt in the rural areas that currently have difficulty accessing primary care for their health needs.

For the interest of the UHH College of Pharmacy (UHH CoP), this program would provide partnership for collaborative practice with physicians and other health care professionals and allow a continuance of a training site for our student pharmacists. Since 2009, CoP faculty pharmacists practice as clinical pharmacists at the Hawaii Island Family Clinic (HIFC) and precept intern pharmacists in their second and fourth year pharmacy experiential curriculum. Our faculty and students help the health care team with medication management for chronic disease such as diabetes, hypertension, hyperlipidemia, anticoagulation and asthma. In addition, the interaction of our profession with all the other health professions who work in the program will help address the multifactorial complexities of managing chronic disease for underserved populations in geographically remote areas. The HHSCPCTP will continue to serve as a key ambulatory care experiential site necessary for our college's success.

I encourage you and your colleagues to pass SB 1220. Thank you for your time and commitment.

Respectfully,

Cardyn Ma

Carolyn Ma, PharmD., BCOP  
Associate Professor and Chair  
Dept. of Pharmacy Practice  
University of Hawaii at Hilo  
College of Pharmacy

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**Support of SB 1220**  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program  
Forrest Batz, PharmD, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice

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*Lara Gomez, PharmD, Director of Clinical Education University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy*

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Patricia Juscak, University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy, Clinical Education Coordinator

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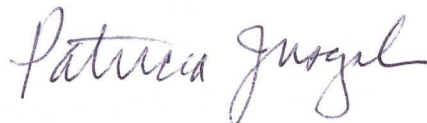
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Tasha Medeiros, Student Pharmacist - UHH College of Pharmacy class of 2013

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Leolinda Parlin	Family Voices/Hilopa'a F2FHIC	Support	No

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Lori Rogers

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Health  
Friday, February 1, 2013  
Conference Room 229  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street**

**RE: Senate Bill 1220 Relating to Health**

Dear Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lori Rogers, Executive Director of the Hilo Medical Foundation; our mission is to *"to support the Hilo Medical Center with projects that benefit the greater community."* I appreciate this opportunity to present testimony in support of SB 1220 that authorizes appropriation of funds for the HHSC Primary Care Training administered by the Hilo Medical Center in coordination with Hawaii Health Care Systems.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. If you have any questions, please contact me at [lrogers@hhsc.org](mailto:lrogers@hhsc.org) or 808-935-2957.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Rogers  
Executive Director, Hilo Medical Center Foundation

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Marie Ruhland	Hilo Medical Center Home Care	Support	No

Comments: As the Director of Hilo Medical Center Home Care in Hilo, Hawaii, I am requesting your full fledged support of SB 1220 which appropiates \$2,800,000.00 to the HHSC Primary Care Training program. This program is a critical component in easing the severe shortage of healthcare providers in the State of Hawaii, particularly impacted is the Big Island of Hawaii. I have been with HMC Home Care since 1987. I have seen a rapid decline of physicians and mid level providers available to care for the aging populations. The Bay Clinics on our island are very busy seeing patients that have no primary care physicians. Please support this HHSC Primary Care Training program which has the potential of bringing residents in Family Practice to our State and also giving them an opportunity to begin practice in Paradise. With Kind regards and aloha, Marie Ruhland Director Hilo Medical Center Home Care Hilo, Hawaii

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**Support of SB 1220**  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program  
*North Hawaii Community Hospital*

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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 Hawaii.

I strongly urge your support of SB 1220.

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Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program  
**WENDY YAMASAKI-HERRING, PHARM.D.**  
**INSTRUCTOR OF PHARMACY, UH HILO COLLEGE OF PHARMACY**

As member of the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy faculty and as a practicing clinical pharmacist at Hawaii Island Family Health Center, I resolve to strengthen the state's provider workforce through the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP).

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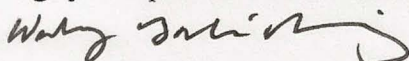
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Aloha,

My name is Alysia Osugi and I am currently a student at the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy. After doing a few rotation here in Hilo, I have recognized that there is a demand and need for healthcare professionals other than physicians. There also is a push for inter-disciplinary practice where nurses and pharmacists work hand-in-hand to develop the quality healthcare to the community. I would greatly appreciate it if the testimony could be taken into consideration.

Mahalo,

Alysia Osugi

Student Pharmacist, Class of 2015

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Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program  
*BLANCHE DUAROSAN, STUDENT PHARMACIST OF UHH COP CLASS OF 2015*

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**Brian M. Iwata**  
101 Aupuni St., #139  
Hilo, HI 96720

February 1, 2013

The Honorable Senator Josh Green, Chair  
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Capitol Rm #229  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: **Support for SB 1220**  
Relating to Hawaii Health Systems Corp. (HHSC)

Chair Green and Vice-Chair Baker and committee members:

I support the HHSC – Primary Care Training Program as it will help alleviate a critical shortage of health care providers by using an interdisciplinary training of doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other health care students.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian M. Iwata



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1/30/13

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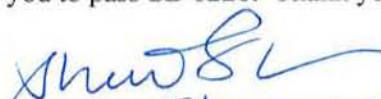
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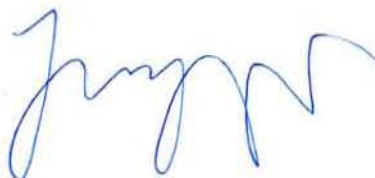
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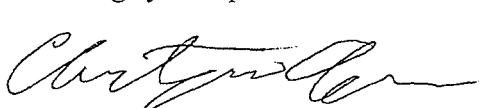
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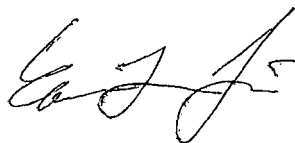
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*Candace Tan*     *YOUR NAME AND AFFILIATION/TITLE*  
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*I/We* thank you, Chairman Green and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health.

*I/We* urge you to pass SB 1220. Thank you.

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**Support of SB 1220**  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program

*Chao Cox Student Pharmacist*

As member of the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy, **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.
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**I** urge you to pass SB 1220. Thank you.

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**Support of SB 1220**

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program  
Deborah Taira Juarez, ScD, Associate Professor, College of Pharmacy, UH Hilo

This bill is important in that it will 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 and encourage you to support it.

Investing in training family practice residents in the neighbor islands is expected to yield a meaningful return on investment.

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Thank you, Chairman Green and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health.

I urge you to pass SB 1220. Thank you.

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**Support of SB 1220**  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program  
**Christina Mnatzaganian, PharmD**  
**Clinical Faculty, University of Hawaii-Hilo College of Pharmacy**

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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.

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I urge you to pass SB 1220. Thank you.

Honorable Senator J. Green, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health

January 30, 2013

Aloha Senator Green and distinguished Health Committee members;  
THE PUNA COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER (PCMC) WOULD LIKE TO OFFER ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR SB-1220, and THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENCY PROGRAM AT HILO MEDICAL CENTER.

PCMC was created to partially address the severe provider shortage in The Puna District of The Big Island. The shortage of physicians is severe and it is only going to get worse if we do nothing to replace the aging population of actively practicing physicians on Hawaii Island, and across the state. With no locally trained primary care physicians in the pipeline, who will be there to step into the roles the current physicians will retire out of in the next 10 years?

PCMC has successfully utilized the Physician/ Physician Assistant team model to increase access to care in Puna district; we have managed more than 20,000 visits in the four years we have been open. 70% of those visits were managed by PAs working with a single physician. Without the team leadership provided by physicians, that would not have been possible. The interdisciplinary team model works best when a variety of providers of care are present. We need to train Physicians, PAs, APRNs, and Midwives locally in order to have the grounding those teams need in the communities they will serve.

It is time to get the Family Physicians into the pipeline, and Hilo Medical Center is a wonderful place to base that program.

Thank you for this opportunity to support SB-1220.

Dan Domizio PA, MPH  
Clinical Programs Director, PCMC

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**Support of SB 1220**  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program

*Darian Oshiro*

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*I* thank you, Chairman Green and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health.

*I* urge you to pass SB 1220. Thank you.

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Della Lin, M.D.	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: THE SENATE THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2013 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH Senator Josh Green, Chair Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair February 1, 2013 Conference Room 229 State Capitol Support of SB 1220 Hawaii Health Systems Corporation - Primary Care Training Program Della Lin, M.D. Practicing Physician in Hawaii, National Patient Safety Foundation/HRET Patient Safety Leadership Fellow, Fellow with the Estes Park Institute As a physician practicing in Hawaii, it is imperative to strengthen the state's provider workforce. The HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP) seeks to provide one means to narrow the provider gap in Hawaii. 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. • Training more 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. • The impact of a Residency Program, particularly in rural areas of the state can improve access, thereby lowering the costs of treating expensive and debilitating conditions. By training in a rural location, there is a quantified probability that a significant number of these trainees will continue to practice in the rural communities. • Investing in one additional physician can generate 5 new jobs in the healthcare domain. Health care continues to be the major economic job source in America. (Source: The Lewin Group). In addition, by advocating a team model of practice, this investment will reach a four-fold increase in impact. The model projects one physician to care for a community of 10,000 individuals instead of a community of only 2500. Thank you, Chairman Green and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting SB 1220. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health.

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February 1, 2013 at 1:15 p.m.

by

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

SB1220 RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Chair Green. Vice Chair Baker 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 SB1220 to fund an interdisciplinary Hawai'i health systems corporation primary care training program at the Hilo Medical Center.

Supporting rural health care programs is an important part of my work on this island. Funding 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 SB1220. Aloha.

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Dr. Geri Young	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: THE SENATE THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2013 COMMITTEE ON HEALTH Senator Josh Green, Chair Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair February 1, 2013 Conference Room 229 State Capitol Support of SB 1220 Hawaii Health Systems Corporation - Primary Care Training Program Dr. Geri Young, CMO of Kaua'i Medical Clinic, as a member of the medical community 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 thank you, Chairman Green and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health. I urge you to pass SB 1220. Thank you. Dr. Geri Young, CMO Kaua'i Medical Clinic

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January 30, 2013

To Whom it May Concern,

I believe that with the shortage of health care providers in the state of Hawaii, it would be a great opportunity to utilize the resources that we have; the health care students, to be trained and serve the community. This would allow for improved health care by providing more individuals to care for others. Allowing individuals to interact with health care providers may improve the patient-health care provider relationship, which will positively affect the overall health care of the community.

Thank You,

Jennie Lim  
Student Pharmacist

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John and Liz Field	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Attracting new doctors to the Hilo area is critical and we totally support the efforts of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation - the local Kiwanis service group that my husband and I are members of worked on a home used by Hilo Medical Center to house new doctors so we've experienced first hand the dedication of the people involved in this foundation to providing better health care for the community

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John T. McVcicar	Individual	Support	No

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Judith Fox-Goldstein	Individual	Support	No

Comments: The medical care of our Island population must take TOP PRIORITY! As a resident of Hawai'i Island for over 30 years, I am extremely concerned about the declining physician related resources available in our community. As our population ages, the need for quality health and medical care will only escalate if we fail to act to support an effective plan that will recruit and retain a superior core of physicians. The HHSC Primary care Training Program is the best option we have! This plan will improve access to high quality primary care and improve prevention, detection and management of chronic diseases. Primary Care Training Programs are creative, innovative and a very necessary requirement if we are to provide a well-rounded and fully staffed medical core for our community. There is nothing more important than the HEALTH of a community and it starts with the foundation of a wide-variety of well-trained physicians who are willing to remain on the Island and provide a high quality of care. To debate this is NOT an option. We need to pro-active and demonstrate that we can be a model medical community! Please support the Rural Residency Program!

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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Health  
Friday February 1, 2013  
Conference Room 229  
State Capital  
415 South Beretania Street**

**Re: Senate Bill 1220 Relating to Health**

**Thank you Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker and Members of the Committee: My name is June Kunimoto a member of Hilo Medical Center Foundation Board and a retired District Health Officer for the Island of Hawaii. Before I say any more I'd like to thank you for passing SB 664 that supports the Hilo Medical Center's residency training program. We support SB 1220 that appropriates funds to the interdisciplinary HHSC Primary Care Training Program administered by Hilo Medical Center. There is evidence that primary care physicians serve as a strong foundation for a more efficient and effective health care system. State investment would help guide health system change to achieve optimal, cost-efficient health for everyone, and support primary care medical training. The interdisciplinary HHSC Primary Care Training Program administered by Hilo Medical Center is a team care model now recognized as an essential tool for constructing a more patient-centered, coordinated and more effective health care delivery system.**

**The Hilo Medical Center Foundation recognized the need for more primary care physicians in rural communities like Hawai'i Island. Residents are using urgent care physicians' offices as their primary care physician, since they are not able to access a physician for themselves and their family. It is with the voices of the people in rural communities like ours that we support SB 1220 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**

**Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
June Kunimoto  
Hilo Medical Center Foundation Board Member  
91 Kaulana Street  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
Phone: 808-959-9378**



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*Kelly Ishizuka AND Student Pharmacist*

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**Support of SB 1220**

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program  
*KrisiAnne Nishek - University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy, Student Pharmacist*

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I thank you, Chairman Green and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health.

I urge you to pass SB 1220. Thank you.



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Written Testimony Presented Before the  
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by

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### SB 1220 RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

The UH Mānoa Nursing is in support of this bill, SB 1220, to appropriate funds as a grant 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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Nancy Knight	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Big Island is in crisis. Very few physicians are available to new patients. This places our children and elderly in the position of using the emergency room as their source for routine and minor care. A viable solution is to train physicians on Big Island--some of whom will begin their practice here. It's possible that a reduction in emergency room use would offset the costs of the training program. Even if that is not the case, this training program will provide increased access for medical care. This program must be funded!

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Peyton Wong	University of Hawaii Hilo College of Pharmacy	Support	No

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THE SENATE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE,  
2013 STATE OF HAWAII  
Hawaii Island Family Health Clinic (HIFHC)  
Testimony on behalf of SB 1220

Aloha, My name is Remy Guirguis, a current student at the University of Hawaii College of Pharmacy. I have seen with my past rotation experience the extreme shortage of healthcare provided to the varying communities of Hawaii, especially those living in rural areas. The following program training model proposed will generate inter-disciplinary teams capable of caring many patients as independent practicing physicians. I would greatly appreciate the senate's help in providing more access to healthcare professionals.

Regards,

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Student Pharmacist  
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Robert DeCoito	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 SB 1220. 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 Keaau, Hawaii

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**Support of SB 1220**  
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Rochelle Ribbentrop, RN Retired

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I strongly urge you to pass SB 1220. Thank you.B1220

[Senate Health Committee](#)

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**RE: Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance strongly supports SB 1220:  
Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation**

The Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance fully 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 from supporting graduate medical education.

On behalf of the Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance, I strongly urge you to support SB 1220 which appropriates funds for the HHSC Primary Care Training Program, 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 Hawaii Island 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. Nationally, and in Hawaii 70% 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 prevalence 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 and currently has only **67% of physicians needed** for its population. ( 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)
- Improving access to quality primary care will reduce one of the key barriers to economic development in Hawaii County- inadequate access to healthcare.

Funding SB 1220 will benefit the state economically and will serve as a rural model to be expanded to other neighbor islands as soon as feasible.

Sincerely,



*Sharon Vitousek MD,*

Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance, Chair

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*Stephanie Sumner*

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**Support of SB 1220**  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program  
*Wayne Kanemoto*

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.**

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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. Therefore I urge you to pass SB 1220. Thank you.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.