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S.B. 1254, RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE
Senate Committee on Health
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
February 8, 2013, 1:35 p.m.
Room 229

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of S.B. 1254, Relating to Emergency Medical Care. My name is Cindy Kamikawa, Vice President, Nursing, Trauma, ED and Chief Nursing Officer of The Queen's Medical Center (QMC). This measure will provide the Ewa Beach Unit of ambulance services with permanent funding.

The Queen's Health Systems has successfully purchased the former Hawaii Medical Center West hospital. We are planning to re-open as The Queen's Health Systems – West Oahu in 2014. Still, even with the new facility in place, we believe that the growing population will continue to require the increased ambulance services augmented and supported through this measure.

We urge your support for this measure.

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The Senate Committee on Health

To: Senator Josh Green, M.D. Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

The Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental & Military Affairs

To: Senator Will Espero, Chair
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From: Jen Chahanovich
Chief Operating Officer

Re: SB 1254 RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE
Testimony in Strong Support

My name is Jen Chahanovich, Chief Operating Officer for Pali Momi Medical Center. Pali Momi Medical Center is a nonprofit hospital located in West O'ahu. It is dedicated to the health and well-being of all Hawai'i residents. With 126 beds and more than 370 physicians on its medical staff, Pali Momi offers a full range of services. It has delivered many medical firsts for the community, including West O'ahu's only interventional cardiac catheterization unit to detect and treat heart disease, a fully integrated minimally invasive surgical suite, CT scan and MRI services, emergency services, a Women's Center, and the state's first Retina Center. Pali Momi is the only medical facility in Hawai'i that utilizes a team triage approach in its Emergency Room, where patients are promptly evaluated by an emergency physician. The American Heart Association has recognized the hospital for excellence in the treatment of coronary artery disease and heart failure, one of only a few hospitals in the nation. Pali Momi was founded in 1989 and is an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health, the state's largest health care provider.

I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony supporting SB 1254 which appropriates funds to increase the on-call availability of emergency medical services and ambulance services in Ewa Beach.

For the last 23 years, Pali Momi has continued to respond to the medical needs of West O'ahu. Since the closure of Hawai'i Medical Center-West, we have responded to the growing need for emergency medical services as evidenced by the significant increase in emergency room patients we've cared for this year.

The Ewa Beach Unit is a critical resource and community partner which Pali Momi relies upon to provide timely emergency medical care for our patients. This appropriation will help ensure that our patients have greater access to critical emergency medical services in the Ewa plain.

Thank you for your time. We ask that you pass this measure.

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