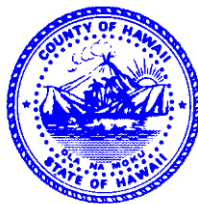


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HAWAI‘I COUNTY COUNCIL

25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai‘i 96720

February 11, 2013

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
and Members of the Senate
Committee on Ways and Means

Dear Chair Ige and Committee Members,

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Senate Bill 664.

The Hawai‘i County Council, at its meeting in Hilo on January 23, 2013, unanimously approved Resolution 41-13, Draft 2, copies of which were transmitted to the President of the Senate and the four Hawai‘i Island senators.

In summary, the resolution urges the Legislature to approve the \$2.8 million appropriation contained in Senate Bill 664 to address critical future shortfalls in the number of primary care physicians in Hawai‘i’s rural and underserved areas.

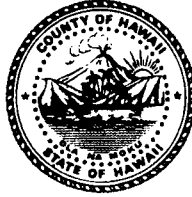
The Hawai‘i Healthcare System Corporation Primary Care Training Program will train four new primary care providers each year, most of whom will likely remain and practice on Hawai‘i Island. By doing so, these new physicians will improve prevention, detection and management of chronic diseases. Your support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

I humbly ask that you vote in favor of this bill.

Sincerely,

Dennis “Fresh” Onishi
Hawai‘i County Council
District 3

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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

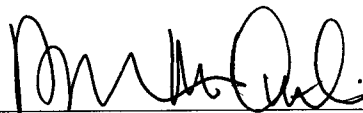
WHEREAS, the health care needs of Hawai'i County will suffer without assistance from the State Legislature; now, therefore,

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:

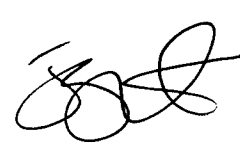


COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

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:

COUNTY CLERK

CHAIRPERSON & PRESIDING OFFICER

ROLL CALL VOTE

	AYES	NOES	ABS	EX
EOFF	X			
FORD	X			
ILAGAN	X			
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RESOLUTION NO. 41 13
(DRAFT 2)

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February 12, 2013

TESTIMONY OF JAY FURFARO
COUNCIL CHAIR, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON
S.B. NO. 664, S.D. 1, RELATING TO HEALTH
Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, February 14, 2013
9:05 a.m.
Conference Room 211

Dear Chair Ige and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments on S.B. No. 664, S.D. 1, Relating to Health. 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 on the neighbor islands are 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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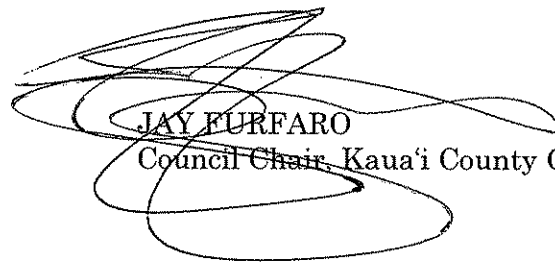
disease management such as pharmacists, certified diabetes educators, behavioral health providers, licensed nurses, and well trained non-licensed staff.

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 complete 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 profession students on the outer islands will also attract physicians who might otherwise not stay or come to Hawai'i.

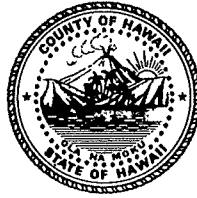
For the reasons stated above, I strongly urge the Committee to support this measure. Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit comments on S.B. No. 664, S.D. 1.

Sincerely,



JAY FURFARO
Council Chair, Kaua'i County Council

William P. Kenoi
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February 14, 2013

TESTIMONY TO: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: **SB 664, S.D. 1 - RELATING TO HEALTH**
Thursday, February 14, 2013
9:05 a.m.
Hawai'i State Capitol, conference room 211

Honorable Chairs and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in strong support of SB 664, S.D. 1 – RELATING TO HEALTH that appropriates funds for the Primary Care Training Program at the Hilo Medical Center. This program addresses the critical shortage of primary care providers in the State by developing interdisciplinary teams that will be able to care for many more patients than independent practicing physicians.

This program is especially important to the rapidly growing senior population in the County of Hawai'i. One in every five or 21.8% of residents on Hawai'i Island are over 60 years of age. By 2030, the 60+ population is expected to nearly double, from 40,376 to 80,000. Combined with the increased health needs of the senior population, sufficient and well-trained interdisciplinary teams of providers to serve this population are essential.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Alan R. Parker
Executive on Aging





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Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

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Thursday, February 14, 2013, 9:05 a.m.
Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

COMMENTS

SB 664 SD 1 - Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP) at the Hilo Medical Center.

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 a statewide initiative that will be an effective means of increasing the number of primary care physicians and clinicians practicing in Hawaii. The University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine has found that in the next 5 years, one in three physicians on the Big Island will not be in practice. It is well known that due to the shortage of providers on the island, many Primary Care physicians are not taking new patients. Additionally, when a new Physician establishes a practice on the island, that practice is soon filled to capacity within 2-3 weeks.

The HHSC PCTP will employ a Patient Centered Medical Home Model. This paradigm of care includes advanced practice nurses, pharmacist clinicians, and psychologists, as well as family physicians. 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. 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.

The appropriation being requested is an investment in a model of healthcare that will best serve our rural and neighbor island communities.

We urge you to support this critical program..

Respectfully submitted by: Howard Ainsley, East Hawaii Regional CEO
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COMMENTS

SB 664 SD 1 - Appropriates funds for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program (PCTP) at the Hilo Medical Center.

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

I thank you for the opportunity to present comments, 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.
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- 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).
- In the 2nd and 3rd year of a Residency program, Residents will be able to choose elective studies and work in other neighbor island (Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai) facilities, in close consultation with their Resident Professors.

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.

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HHSC Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center

- The PCTP is an effective means of increasing the number of primary care physicians and clinicians practicing in Hawaii
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TEAM approach applied in new Medical Training model

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- Why Rural Areas and Neighbor Island communities? More than half of residents trained at rural sites practice in rural areas, and the same is expected for other disciplines
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Respectfully submitted by: Kaloa Robinson, Director of Marketing, Hilo Medical Center
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Support of SB 664

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

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

I support **SB664** 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 SB664, 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,



Marcella Stroh
Vice Chair, Hilo Medical Center Foundation
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Julie Tulang	Hilo Medical Center Foundation	Support	Yes

Comments: Hilo Medical Center Foundation support SB 664

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Respectfully submitted by: Wayne Kanemoto, East Hawaii Regional Board Member

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carol VanCamp	Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: This measure is extremely important to our state's ability to recruit new doctors for the future and meet our growing needs for adequate primary care physicians, especially on our neighbor islands.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Angelina Rushton	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am a health care provider (RN) here in the Big Island of Hawaii, East side. We are faced with the problem of not having enough primary care providers for our patients. A lot of ER visits could have been prevented if there are pcps that oversee patients care and focus on prevention rather than emergency care.
ARushton, RN

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Support of SB 664

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As a community member, I have witnessed the need for more primary care physicians in rural communities like Hawaii Island. I support SB664, 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,
Breanne Miller

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carolyn Lancaster	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a Hawaii Island resident who is currently having to go Oahu to receive medical treatment, I am in total support of this bill. We here on this neighbor island desperately need all the training and upgrading of our health system that is possible. Please support this bill!

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

I support **SB664** that appropriates funds to the interdisciplinary **HHSC Primary Care Training Program** administered by Hilo Medical Center. As a newer community member of the Big Island, I have been alarmed by the lack of Medical Personal available to serve the communities of Hawai'i Island and the State. It is disheartening and shocking that there are so few local community and State programs to help train and grow medical personal. Because of the great need and lack of current programs, it is essential to support, nurture, and grow local programs such as the HHSC Primary Care Training Program. 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.

As a new community member, I have quickly had the opportunity to witness the need for more primary care physicians in rural communities throughout the State and Hawai'i Island. I support SB664, 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

Diane Hale RN, MSN

North Hawaii Community Hospital
Family Birthing Unit Director

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
February 14, 2013 at 9:05 a.m.

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

SB664 SD1 RELATING TO HEALTH

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani 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 SB664 SD1 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 SB664 SD1. Aloha.

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Edward Johnston	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Ige, Vice Char Kidani and Members of the Committee: I support SB664 to provide funds to the interdisciplinary HHSC Primary Care Training Program, Hilo Medical Center. Primary care physicians are essential for a more efficient health care system. The physician shortage in rural communities throughout our state is real! This SB664 will help remedy that shortage. The HHSC Primary Care Training Program, administered by Hilo Medical Center, is an important tool for a more patient-centered, effective health care system. I have known folks who cannot even find a primary care physician here in east Hawai'i Island. I support SB664, 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,

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John and Liz Field	Individual	Support	No

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John "Jack" Stevenson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Support of SB 664 Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program Hilo Medical Center Foundation You cannot go wrong supporting this Bill. Please do so.

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9:05 a.m.

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Support of SB 664

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Kaiana Haili	Individual	Support	No

Comments: THE SENATE THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2013 COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS Senator David Y. Ige, Chair Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair NOTICE OF DECISION MAKING Thursday, February 14, 2013 9:05 a.m. Conference Room 211 Support of SB 664 Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program Hilo Medical Center Foundation Dear Chair Ige, Vice Char Kidani and Members of the Committee: I support SB664 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 SB664, 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, Kaiana Haili

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Laura Reichhardt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Written Testimony Presented Before the Senate Committee on Health 02-14-13 9:05AM By Laura Reichhardt, R.N. SB 664 RELATING TO NURSING Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony. I support of this bill, SB 664, to appropriate funds as a grant to the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) primary care training program at the Hilo Medical Center. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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

I am Lori Rogers, Executive Director for the Hilo Medical Center Foundation. I respectfully support **SB664** 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.

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I support SB664, 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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Lynda Dolan MD		Support	No

Comments: As a practicing family physician in Hilo for the past 16 years, I have been a strong supporter of medical education and believe that a family medicine residency program is vital to our overall health and survivability in the state of Hawaii. Please support the bill as it stands now. Sincerely, Lynda M. Dolan MD

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Robert Hanley	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 664. 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, and Happy Valentine's Day to you all. Robert Surber Keaau, Hawaii

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