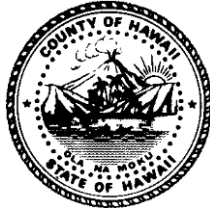


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January 30, 2013

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Health
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 229
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Senate Bill 664, Relating to Health

Aloha, Chair Green and Committee Members:

The County of Hawai'i strongly supports Senate Bill 664, which would appropriate \$2.8 million in grant funding 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.

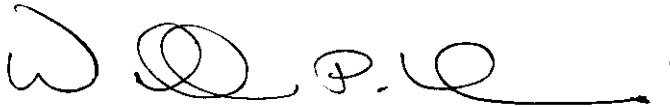
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The Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation primary care training program will produce inter-disciplinary teams that can care for four times as many patients as independent practitioners, and will expand to serve rural communities on each of the islands. We believe this is an innovative and effective strategy for improving access to primary care services.

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.

Aloha,

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William P. Kenoi
MAYOR



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**

Wednesday, January 30, 2013
Conference Room 229
1:15 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol

**Testimony Supporting Senate Bill 664, Relating to Health;
Appropriates Funds as a Grant to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation
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 664 to appropriate funds to support the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation 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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January 30, 2013, 1:15 p.m.

By

Anne F Scharnhorst, MN, RN-BC
University of Hawai'i Maui College, Allied Health Department Co-chair

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 am in 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.

I 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. Rural areas such as Hilo, and many areas in other outer islands, are particularly in need of these services. Keeping the populations healthy, versus treating them acutely once more serious health issues arise, is the future of health care and nursing.

I support the HHSC interdisciplinary program which includes the training for advanced practice registered nurses. I appreciate your continuing support of nursing and education in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Wednesday, January 30, 2013
State Capitol Room 229

Testimony Supporting Senate Bill 664 relating to appropriation of funds to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program 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 testimony in strong support of SB664, 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.
- 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 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 wholeheartedly support the intent of SB 664; however, I respectfully request that the \$2.8 appropriation be funded through the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and not the State Department of Health. In addition, language pertaining to "...a grant pursuant to Chapter 42F" or "...a grant" be omitted. I strongly urge your support for this critical legislation.

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

January 29, 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 664**
Relating to Hawaii Health Systems Corp. (HHSC) – Primary Care Training Program

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 using an interdisciplinary training of doctors, nurses, pharmacists and other health care students.

I would like to request that the bill be amended to include \$2.8 million appropriation be funded through the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and the State Department of Health and the language pertaining to "...a grant pursuant to Chapter 42F or ...a grant" be omitted from the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian M. Iwata

From: [Carol VanCamp](#)
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Subject: SB664 - HHSC Primary Care Training Program at HMC
Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2013 6:58:34 AM

Chair & Committee Members:

I strongly urge my support for Senate Bill 664 – the HHSC Primary Care Training Program at HMC. This program will aid efforts to attract more primary care physicians, and at the same time allow for a multidisciplinary training program for other healthcare workers, such as pharmacists. On our outer islands, we are experiencing severe doctor shortages, so many patients are using our emergency rooms for doctor visits, which is increasing costs significantly.

I urge your support for this important legislation.

Aloha,
Carol VanCamp

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Senate Committee on Health
January 30, 2013, 1:15 p.m.

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 am in 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.

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 by offering this interdisciplinary program which includes the training for advanced practice registered nurses.

I appreciate your continuing support of nursing and education in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



January 30, 2013

The Honorable Josh B. Green, M.D., Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813

S.B. 664, RELATING TO HEALTH; January 30, 2013, 1:15 p.m.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for S.B. 664, Relating to Health. 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. 664 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.

Written Testimony Presented to the
Senate Committee on Health
January 30, 2013, 1:15 p.m.

By

Dr. Linda Beechinor, APRN

in STRONG support of
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 am in strong 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.

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.

I support the HHSC interdisciplinary program which includes the training for advanced practice registered nurses. Your continuing support of nursing and education in Hawai'i is much appreciated.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Health

By

1/30/2013, 1:15 p.m.

SB __664__ RELATING TO ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSING

Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, and members of the House Committee on Health,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of bill, SB 664. My name is Elaine Kaneshiro and I am a registered nurse practicing in one of the local hospitals. I am also a student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Nursing enrolled in the Masters of Nursing degree program. In the near future I will be graduating as an APRN. I am in support of Bill SB664 as it will provide services that are greatly needed to support and provide care to the people of Hawaii in this time of financial and emotional hardship we are encountering.

The Hawaii health systems corporation 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. Administered by Hilo medical center in coordination with Hawaii health systems corporation regions, this interdisciplinary program includes the Hawaii island family medicine residency program and training for advanced practice nurses from the school of nursing and dental hygiene at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and the school of nursing at the University of Hawaii at Hilo; clinical pharmacists from the University of Hawaii at Hilo's 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.

This is an ideal way to meet the needs of the people in our state. The Act will address the shortage of primary care providers in the State by appropriating funds as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for the Hawaii health systems corporation primary care training program at the Hilo medical center which will be expanded to neighbor island health facilities. The success of this program's training model will generate interdisciplinary teams capable of caring for four times as many patients as independent practicing physicians. Hawaii will benefit greatly because this program eliminates the need to train or attract unrealistically high numbers of physicians.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Health
January 30, 2013, 1:15 p.m.

By

Glenda Tali, RN, APRN, MSN

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 am in 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.

I 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.

I further supports the HHSC interdisciplinary program which includes the training for advanced practice registered nurses.

The HSCN appreciates your continuing support of nursing and education in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Wednesday, January 30, 2013
State Capitol Room 229

Testimony Supporting Senate Bill 664 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 SB664, 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.

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).

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 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 wholeheartedly support the intent of SB 664; however, I respectfully request that the \$2.8 appropriation be funded through the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and not the State Department of Health. In addition, language pertaining to "...a grant pursuant to Chapter 42F" or "...a grant" be omitted. I strongly urge your support for this critical legislation. Mahalo.



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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Health
Wednesday, January 30, 2013
Conference Room 229
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415 South Beretania Street**

RE: Senate Bill 664 Relating to Health

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

My name is Julie Tulang, President 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 664 that authorizes appropriation of funds for the HHSC Primary Care Training administered by the Hilo Medical Center in coordination with Hawaii Health Care Systems.

I support SB 664, however, a change in the language is requested. That the \$2.8 appropriations being requested go to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) and not the Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. If you have any questions, please contact me at jtulang@hawaii.rr.com or 808-9691601.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Tulang
President, Hilo Medical Center Foundation

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Laura Reichhardt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: 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. My name is Laura Reichhardt and I am a registered nurse and master's student in nursing, working towards becoming a nurse practitioner in adult and geriatric primary care. The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing (HSCN) is in 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. I 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. I particularly am in favor of the the HHSC interdisciplinary program which includes the training for advanced practice registered nurses. Thank you for your continuing support of nursing and education in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Laura Reichhardt

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By

Lori Kaneshige, MSN, RN
Director of Clinical Services
Blood Bank of Hawaii

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. Blood Bank of Hawaii (BBH) is in 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.

BBH supports the HHSC primary care training program as an effective way to reduce the impact of the shortage of primary care providers and improve access to healthcare throughout the State through this interdisciplinary program which includes the training for advanced practice registered nurses.

Blood Bank of Hawaii appreciates your continuing support of nursing and education in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Lori Rogers

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Health
Wednesday, January 30, 2013
Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street**

RE: Senate Bill 664 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 664 that authorizes appropriation of funds for the HHSC Primary Care Training administered by the Hilo Medical Center in coordination with Hawaii Health Care Systems.

I support SB 664; however, a change in the language is requested. That the \$2.8 million in appropriations being requested go to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) and not the Department of Health.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Lori Rogers
Executive Director, Hilo Medical Center Foundation



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Legislative Testimony

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Health
Wednesday, January 30, 2013

by

Mary G. Boland, DrPH, RN, FAAN
Dean and Professor
School of Nursing & Dental Hygiene
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

SB 664 RELATING TO HEALTH

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 664, 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.

Testimony in Support of SB664 – HHSC Primary Care Medical Training Program

The Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry of Hawaii strongly supports this bill that would help bring more primary care doctors to our state and particularly, our neighbor islands.

Statistics have shown that many doctors choose to practice in the areas where they have completed their residency requirements. We need to aggressively pursue this opportunity to remain competitive with other areas of the country who are offering a variety of incentives to attract doctors.

Currently, many of our visitors and residents cannot find a doctor who will accept them as a patient because their practices are already overloaded. As a result, many of these patients go to our emergency rooms for basic treatments, and that significantly increases medical costs to the uninsured and “safety net” population. It also results in little preventative care and health education for this population.

We urge your support for this bill.

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator Josh Green, Chair
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January 30, 2013
Conference Room 229
State Capitol

Support of SB 664
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program
North Hawaii Community Hospital

As member of North Hawaii Community Hospital, we 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. We 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.

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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 wholeheartedly support the intent of SB 664, and respectfully request these amendments be made to the bill:

1. The \$2.8 appropriation be funded through the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and not the State Department of Health, and
2. Language pertaining to “...a grant pursuant to Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes” or “...a grant” be omitted.

I strongly urge your support of SB 664.

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To: Senate Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

From: Wayne Kanemoto

Amy Kanemoto
Re: Bill # 664 RELATING TO HEALTH
Chairs & Committee Members:

I support SB 664 intent of the legislation, but respectfully request a change in the language. The \$2.8 appropriation should be directed to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) , not the Department of Health.

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.**

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. **It 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.

- Increasing the number of family practice physicians is expected to decrease the number and rate of "potentially avoidable hospitalizations," which the state now pays.
- In rural areas of the state the Primary Care Training Program will create greater access to family medicine physicians and is projected to have a profound impact on lowering the costs of treating expensive and debilitating conditions.
- 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 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 first 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 appropriate state funds

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

January 30, 2013
Conference Room 229
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Support of SB 664
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program
Sharon Vitousek MD, Chair Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance

As member of the **Hawaii Island Healthcare Alliance**, we 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. We 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).

We 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.

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 completed their residency. The same can be expected for advanced practice nurses, psychologists, and clinical pharmacists.

I wholeheartedly support the intent of SB 664, and respectfully request these amendments be made to the bill:

1. **The \$2.8 appropriation be funded through the *Hawaii Health Systems Corporation* and not the State Department of Health, and**
2. **Language pertaining to “...a grant pursuant to Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes” or “...a grant” be omitted.** I strongly urge your support of SB 664.



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RELATING TO HEALTH

Date & Time of Hearing:

Wednesday, January 30, 2013, 1:15 p. m.

Position:

St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii supports
SB664

Dear Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, and Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Health,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony in support of this bill, SB664, which appropriates funds as a grant to the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) primary care training program at the Hilo Medical Center.

I am Gary Simon, Executive Director of St. Francis Hospice.

I am testifying as an individual who has worked in healthcare for over twenty-five years, and I am offering testimony on behalf of St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii.

St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii supports SB664.

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.

St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii supports the HHSC interdisciplinary program which includes the training for advanced practice registered nurses.

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We appreciate your continuing support of nursing and education in Hawai'i.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony.



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