

SB984

TESTIMONY

February 1, 2013

**TO: The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
Committee on Health, Hawaii State Senate**

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**SUBJECT: S.B. 984 - RELATING TO PACIFIC RENAL CARE FOUNDATION
Monday, February 4
1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 229, Hawaii State Capitol**

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

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

The Pacific Renal Care Foundation stands in support of this bill along with the 156,000 Hawaii residents suffering from Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD). In addition, there are over 3,000 patients currently receiving life-sustaining dialysis treatment throughout our State. These statistics indicate a higher than average incidence of this disease in our home state versus the national average according to the National Kidney Foundation. This bill provides needed funding to slow down the progression of this disease through prevention and wellness outreach programs.

Thank you for your kind attention and support of this measure.