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March 25, 2013, 2:05 p.m., Room 229

Comments on SCR 151 and SR 110: Urging the establishment of a work group to examine social determinants of health and risk adjustments for Medicaid, gap-group, and uninsured individuals

Testimony presented by: Beth Giesting, Healthcare Transformation Coordinator

The Governor's Office appreciates the concepts and actions expressed in these resolutions. To the extent that our resources allow, we agree that our office should facilitate this activity. Please note our request to the legislature to support additional staff, which would be needed for this effort, in our budget proposal for FY 2014 and 2015.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these resolutions.



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TESTIMONY ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 151 AND SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 110 – URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORK GROUP TO EXAMINE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND RISK ADJUSTMENT FOR MEDICAID, GAP-GROUP, AND UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS.

TO THE HONORABLE JOSH GREEN AND SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, CHAIRS, AND MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE:

My name is Gordon Ito, State Insurance Commissioner (“Commissioner”), testifying on behalf of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“Department”). The Department supports these resolutions.

The purpose of these resolutions are to establish a Work Group to examine social determinants of health and ways to better serve the Medicaid, gap-group, and uninsured populations in this State.

The Department is willing to participate in this Work Group.

We thank this Committee for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter and ask for your favorable consideration.

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Joan Gannon	West Hawaii Community Health Center	Support	No

Comments: I support SCR 151. It is important for our community Health centers to know and be able to identify the health needs and risks of our community. More than 50% of our patients are on medicaid. We need the support of this study to better serve our patients and the community as a whole. Thank You Joan Gannon Board Member WHCHC

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FR: Mary Oneha, APRN, PhD
Chief Executive Officer, Waimānalo Health Center

Date: Monday, March 25, 2013

RE: **Support for SCR151** - URGING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORK GROUP TO EXAMINE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND RISK ADJUSTMENT FOR MEDICAID, GAP-GROUP, AND UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS

The Waimānalo Health Center (WHC) supports SCR151, urging the establishment of a work group to examine social determinants of health and risk adjustment for Medicaid, gap-group, and uninsured individuals. The WHC served 4,312 individuals through 22,912 encounters in 2012. Sixty-six percent were at 100% and below the federal poverty level (FPL), 81% were 200% and below the FPL, 30% were uninsured, and 204 were homeless. Optimum or even good health is beyond access to medical care, receiving medical care, and genetics. Social determinants of health (SDOH) have considerable impact on an individual's health, in fact, 80% of life expectancy and health status is attributable to social, economic, environmental, and behavioral factors. Factors include poverty, education level, housing, language barriers, food security, unemployment, lack of insurance, lack of transportation, lack of safe places/spaces, etc...

While we have been challenged with making substantial improvements in health outcomes, WHC has been part of a pilot project which has demonstrated promising results with implementing care coordination within the context of the Patient Centered Health Care Home (PCHCH). Impacting the SDOH requires significant resources to work with individuals in addressing economic, transportation, housing, language, employment, and food security issues. It requires us to do more than provide an exam room for medical care – we must also provide support and resources for gardening, vehicles to transport patients, enabling services to address housing, employment, and interpreter services, etc...

Establishing a workgroup to examine the SDOH and risk adjustments for a high risk population is a first step to supporting individuals achieving good health. The Waimānalo Health Center urges your support of SCR151. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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To: The Hawai'i State Senate Committees on Health and Human Services
Re: SCR 151

To: The Honorable Senators Green, Chun-Oakland, and the members of their committees.

Aloha,

The Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help supports SCR 151. It might be folk wisdom but the first thing to know before one can fix something is what's broken and how it got broke. We believe that SCR 151 is a perfectly reasonable way to address discovering the social determinants of health and risk adjustments for Medicaid, the gap group, and the uninsured.

Mahalo,
Scott Wall
Vice-President