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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
ON  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2213, H.D. 1

March 25, 2014

RELATING TO A WEST MAUI HOSPITAL

House Bill No. 2213, H.D. 1, authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds (SPRB) to assist West Maui Hospital and Medical Center Foundation, Inc. in establishing a hospital in west Maui pursuant to Part II, Chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Department has no position on the issuance of SPRBs as contemplated in this bill. The Department would like to advise the Legislature and prospective issuers that should the legislation be approved, approval of SPRB issuance will still require further discussion and satisfactory review of the financing components involved in the transaction.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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### TESTIMONY OF ALAN ARAKAWA, MAYOR COUNTY OF MAUI



#### BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 9:10 a.m., Conference Rm. 211

#### **HOUSE BILL 2213, HD1 RELATING TO A WEST MAUI HOSPITAL**

The Honorable Sen. David Y. Ige, Chair  
Honorable Sen. Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
And Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Thank you for this opportunity to testify **IN SUPPORT** of **HB 2213, HD1** relating to a West Maui Hospital.

The purpose of this measure is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents and visitors to Maui by authorizing the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist West Maui and Medical Center Foundation, Inc. to finance the establishment of a hospital in West Maui.

As Mayor of Maui County I support this important measure for the following reason:

- Currently, there is no hospital to serve our West Maui community and visitors.
- West Maui has an increasing resident population, as well as an ever-increasing number of visitors from around the world. This increased population requires the establishment of a hospital in close proximity to our residential homes, businesses, and resorts in order to timely respond to emergency situations. This is vital to protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents and visitors.
- Critical care patients often need lifesaving treatment within a very small window of time. The travel time from West Maui to the existing Maui Memorial Hospital in Central Maui can take anywhere from 40 to 90 minutes. Road closures, accidents, brush fires, and landslides often increase the commute time significantly.
- The Maui Island Plan calls for “the immediate development of a critical access hospital in West Maui” and describes “the need for long-term care beds” in the region as ‘particularly acute.’

Simply put, this measure and the development of a West Maui Hospital and Medical Center Foundation will help save lives. Accordingly, I thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB 2213, HD1.