

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG  
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
ON  
HOUSE BILL NO. 2213, H.D. 1

March 17, 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.

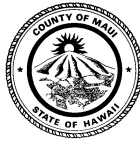
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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

FROM: Gladys C. Baisa  
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gladys C. Baisa".

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF MARCH 17, 2014; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 2213, HD1,  
RELATING TO A WEST MAUI HOSPITAL**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of** this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to authorize the issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds to assist West Maui Hospital and Medical Center Foundation, Inc. in establishing a hospital in West Maui.

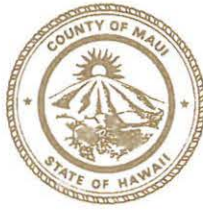
The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. West Maui's increasing resident population requires the establishment of a nearby hospital to timely handle emergency situations to protect the health, safety, and welfare of our residents and visitors.
2. Critical care patients often need lifesaving treatment within a small window of time. The travel time from West Maui to the existing Maui Memorial Medical Center in Central Maui generally takes anywhere from 40 to 90 minutes. Road closures, accidents, brush fires, and landslides often increase the travel time significantly. The establishment of a West Maui hospital will ensure access to treatment until safe transport can be guaranteed for critical patients.
3. The Maui Island Plans 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."

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

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

#### BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Monday, March 17, 2014, 1:45 p.m., Conference Rm. 229

#### HOUSE BILL 2213 RELATING TO A WEST MAUI HOSPITAL

The Honorable Sen. Josh Green, Chair  
Honorable Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
And Members of the Senate Committee on Health

Thank you for this opportunity to testify **IN SUPPORT** of **HB 2213**.

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 save lives. Accordingly, I thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB 2213, HD1.

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**HB2213**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Councilmember Stacy Helm Crivello	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Maui County Council Chair Gladys Baisa submitted a testimony on the measure and I support her testimony for the reasons she stated. Thank you.

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**TO:** Honorable Josh Green, Chair  
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**FROM:** Robert Carroll  
Council Vice Chair

**DATE:** Monday, March 17, 2014

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT OF HB 2213 H.D. 1, RELATING TO A WEST MAUI HOSPITAL**

I support HB 2213 HD1 for the reasons cited in testimony submitted by the Maui County Council Chair, and urge you to support this measure.