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In reply, please refer to:
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House Committee on Health

HCR163/HR123, Strongly Urging the Department of Health and the University of Hawaii Windward Community College to Negotiate a Land Exchange so that Windward Community College Will Gain Ownership of the Land Along the Southern Boundary of its Campus

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Friday, 3/21/14, 8:30 a.m., Conference Room 329

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) has concerns with this concurrent resolution
2 and respectfully opposes its adoption.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to (1) strongly urge the DOH
5 and the University of Hawaii Windward Community College to negotiate a land exchange to allow
6 Windward Community College to gain ownership of the land along the southern boundary of its
7 campus; (2) require the HSH to include the proposed land exchange in discussions and development of
8 the hospital's updated long range development plan; (3) require the DOH and the University of Hawaii
9 to submit a report on the land exchange and a report on the HSH updated long range development plan
10 to the Legislature at least twenty (20) days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015 and
11 2016; and (4) require certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
12 Director of Health, Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, Interim President
13 of the University of Hawaii, and Chancellor of Windward Community College.

1 The HSH continues to address the need for space to expand and improve its facilities and
2 services as the census at the hospital continues to increase. The HSH plans to use this particular parcel
3 next to its current facility to address the critical needs of its aging inpatient population, as well as the
4 substantial needs of the community for these services. Over the course of the past six years, the DOH
5 and the HSH has been developing a public-private partnership to address these needs. As part of this,
6 the HSH plans to demolish the Bishop Building and build a new long-term care facility on this parcel of
7 land. While progress has been slow, collaboration with the DOH, Department of Accounting and
8 General Services, and the Director of Land and Natural Resources continues to move in the right
9 direction. There is a risk for lost opportunity with a change in location.

10 The HSH has an updated development plan and so far, Capital Improvement Project funds have
11 been expanded for the planning, design and construction of various facility and property improvements.

12 We are committed to continued collaboration with the University of Hawaii Windward
13 Community College. We have met and worked together when issues about land and facilities of mutual
14 concern have needed to be addressed.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.