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**Senate Committees on Health and Human Services**

**S.B. 2009, RELATING TO HEALTH**

**Testimony of Gary L. Gill  
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**January 28, 2014**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department defers Sections 3, 4, and 5 to the DHS and supports Sections  
2 1, 2, 6, and 7 of this measure, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities  
3 indicated in our Executive Supplemental Budget.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure requests the following sums of monies: a) Section 2 - \$6,000,000 for  
5 the provision of direct health care for the uninsured and underinsured; b) Section 3 - \$4,800,000 to  
6 restore basic adult dental benefits to Medicaid enrollees; c) Section 4 - \$800,000 to provide outreach and  
7 eligibility services; d) Section 5 - \$2,000,000 to establish health care homes as provided by the federal  
8 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act ("ACA") of 2010; e) Section 6 - \$2,000,000 of community  
9 health centers special funds to be transferred to the Department of Human Services ("DHS") to be  
10 expended to establish health care homes for Medicaid enrollees at Federally Qualified Health Centers  
11 ("FQHCs"); and f) Section 7 - an undisclosed sum of monies to provide behavioral health services at  
12 FQHCs.

13 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose of this Act is to provide quality, cost-effective health care for  
14 Hawaii residents who are uninsured, newly uninsured, underinsured, potential Medicaid enrollees, or

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1 Medicaid enrollees. This measure seeks to synchronize the growth of community health centers with the  
2 State's implementation of the ACA and its health care transformation efforts.

3 The Department defers Sections 3, 4, and 5 to the DHS and supports Sections 2, 6, and 7,  
4 provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive  
5 Supplemental Budget. For purposes of clarity, the intent of Section 2 is to restore the nearly \$6,000,000  
6 in State funds that was reduced by the Director of Health due to severe budgetary reductions in fiscal  
7 year 2010. As a result of the reductions, funding for contracts with thirteen (13) FQHCs for the  
8 provision of primary care services (medical, behavioral, dental treatment) and contracts with Hana  
9 Health (urgent/primary care services) and Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center (emergency  
10 room services) were switched to the community health centers special fund. If the \$6,000,000 is  
11 restored to its original intended purpose which is to fund the aforementioned contracted services, the  
12 community health centers special fund will be used to provide capacity and infrastructure expansion for  
13 the FQHCs.

14 Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair

**Re: Testimony in Support**  
**SB 2009 — Relating to Health**

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My name is Virginia Pressler, Executive Vice President, Strategic Business Development for Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). HPH is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital on Kauai. HPH is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 49 outpatient clinics and service sites, more than 5,400 employees and 1,300 physicians on staff.

We are writing in support of SB 2009 which provides funding to the Department of Health and Department of Human Services to expand certain health care services to qualified individuals.

This bill will enable the State's implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and assist in the State's Health transformation effort by securing funds and enabling the Department of Human Services to obtain maximum federal matching funds. These funds will be used for outreach & eligibility services for families and children, restoration of basic adult benefits to Medicaid enrollees, and to establish a health care home for Medicaid enrollees at federally qualified health centers.

The Community Health Centers are essential and vital components of our health care infrastructure in Hawai'i. By providing comprehensive care management in our most medically underserved areas, CHCs provide significant savings to the health care system by providing timely, effective care and care management that reduces unnecessary emergency room visits, inpatient admissions, and specialty utilization.

We ask for your help and support in passing SB 2009 from this committee. Thank you.



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