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**Senate Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair**

Wednesday, February 5, 2014
Conference Room 229
1:30 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol

**Comment on Senate Bill 2237, Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.
Addresses primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the
interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation primary care training
program at Maui Memorial Medical Center.**

Alice M. Hall
Acting President and Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Corporate Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present comment on SB 2237.

HHSC supports the intent of this bill which provides training for the HHSC Maui Region.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment before this committee.

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**TO: SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE
RE: SB 2237**

ALOHA SEN. GREEN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE,

**ON BEHALF OF THE COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOR MENTAL HEALTH
ALONG WITH UNITED SELF HELP STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE PASSAGE
OF SB 2237.**

**THE DEARTH OF MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES IN THE
NEIGHBOR ISLANDS IS ONE OF THE GREATEST PROBLEMS WE FACE. TO
BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS ON MAUI IS ONE OF THE THINGS
NECESSARY FOR US TO ACHIEVE THE TRANSFORMATION OF OUR
HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.**

**SCOTT WALL
VP/LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE
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TO:
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FROM: Hawaii Medical Association
Dr. Walton Shim, MD, President
Dr. Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Ron Keinitz, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: SB 2237 RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Position: Strongly Support

This measure addresses primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii health systems corporation primary care training program at Maui Memorial medical center.

HMA believes that increasing the potential pool of physicians and other health care providers is an important step forward in addressing Hawaii's worsening catastrophic shortage of health care providers. Data shows that Hawaii will have at least a 50% shortage of physicians in the next decade.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important issue.

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The Senate Committee on Health

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

From: George Greene
President & CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**
SB 2237 — Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH) is a 116 member organization that includes all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, the majority of long term care facilities, all the Medicare-certified home health agencies, all hospice programs, as well as other healthcare organizations including durable medical equipment, air and ground ambulance, blood bank and respiratory therapy. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing nearly 20,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2237, which appropriates funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation primary care training program at Maui Memorial Medical Center. HAH supports SB 2237, which addresses the severe shortage of primary care providers in the State by training interdisciplinary teams capable of caring for four times as many patients as independent practicing physicians. SB 2237 furthers HAH's vision of a healthy Hawaii where every resident has convenient access to appropriate, affordable, and high quality healthcare.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 2237.

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SB2237

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Testimony for HTH on Feb 5, 2014 13:30PM in Conference Room 229

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melvin D Burton	MMMC Medical Staff	Support	No

Comments: Members of the Committee on Health, As Chief of the Medical Staff at MMMC and representative of the Medical Staff, we strongly support SB2237. In 2013 the medical staff voted and embraced the vision of becoming a teaching medical center. We see this as a process to elevate the standard of care within our community and a pathway for the development of new providers who will take our place as many of us retire or decrease our patient load. A teaching environment creates a vibrant energy that attracts and retains young physicians which are needed to have a sustainable provider workforce. We thank you on the behalf of our community for a favorable response on this measure. Sincerely, Mel Burton, MD
MMMC, Chief of Staff

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HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 2237
Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation
Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer
February 5, 2014, 1:30 pm, Room 229

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports Senate Bill 2237, making an appropriation for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program.

The HPCA is a staunch believer in the social determinants of health, those economic and social conditions that influence an individual and a community's health status. These conditions serve as risk factors endemic to a person's living and working environment, rather than their behavioral or genetic histories. Factors such as income, education, access to recreation and healthy foods, housing, and employment, can and do have measurable impacts on a person and a community, both in health and financial outcomes.

Senate Bill 2237 speaks to two of these major determinants by seeking to alleviate the shortage of primary care providers and improve access to care across the state. For that reason, we strongly support this measure and thank you for the opportunity to testify.