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**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 2264
RELATING TO CAREGIVING**

The ILWU Local 142 supports S.B. 2264, which requires hospitals to allow patients to designate a caregiver and to include the designated caregiver in the patient's medical record, notify the caregiver prior to the patient's transfer or discharge, consult with the caregiver about the patient's discharge plan, and instruct the designated caregiver in after-care tasks.

Whenever a person of any age is hospitalized, a plan should be discussed with the patient and his or her family. But when the patient is elderly and cannot fully care for himself, it is imperative that the hospital involve a caregiver in discharge planning. S.B. 2264 will require hospitals to determine who the caregiver is and consult with the caregiver about how the patient will be cared for upon discharge.

Indeed, it is in the hospital's best interest to ensure that the patient is discharged to an environment that will provide care to prevent re-hospitalization. We understand that the Affordable Care Act allows for penalties to be imposed if patients are readmitted too soon after discharge. Hospitals then will have a financial incentive to involve any and all who can care for the patient and keep them from being readmitted.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 2264. Thank you for the opportunity to share our views on this bill.



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Testimony on Senate Bill 2264

Relating to Caregiving

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The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports Senate Bill 2264, requiring hospitals to allow patients the opportunity to designate a caregiver, include the designated caregiver in the patient's medical record, notify the caregiver prior to the patient's transfer or discharge, consult with the caregiver about the patient's discharge plan, and instruct the designated caregivers in after-care tasks.

The concepts and roles described in this measure are very similar to roles that family members assume in the patient centered health care home model (PCHCH.) Community health centers have invested time and resources to transform our health care delivery system into one that is patient centered and embodies the PCHCH model. Therefore, we strongly support the intent of this measure to include caregivers in the team approach of after-care following a hospital discharge as well as planning and preparation for a hospital discharge. We offer the following comment along with our support:

- Page 7, line 6: concerns to whether four hours notice is sufficient for the caregivers; is it possible to notify caregivers as soon as the hospital is aware of the discharge time/date.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.