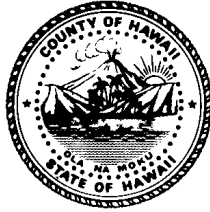


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February 5, 2014

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Health
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 229
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Senate Bill 3091, RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS
CORPORATION PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

Aloha, Chair Green and Committee Members

Mahalo for this opportunity to express our strong support for Senate Bill 3091, which appropriates funding for the interdisciplinary Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center.

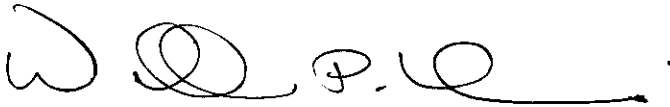
The state and Hawai'i Island continue to face a severe physician shortage, with a recent study estimating that Hawai'i County needs 150 more doctors to provide an adequate level of access to health care for our residents. Projections by the John A. Burns School of Medicine suggest the physician shortage will dramatically worsen in the next five years as many doctors retire. An important piece of the solution for our communities is the Hawai'i Island Family Medicine Residency Program, which was recently notified that it has met the requirements for two-year accreditation. The program is actively recruiting, and will welcome its first class in July. The program will also offer training to advanced practice nurses from programs at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and Hilo, and to students from the UH-Hilo College of Pharmacy. This program will produce inter-disciplinary teams that can care for four times as many patients as independent practitioners and will expand to serve rural communities across the state. It is well documented throughout the nation that physicians attending rural training programs are much more likely to practice in a rural area. More than half of residents

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trained at rural sites stay and practice in this setting after they completed their residency. The same can be expected for advanced practice nurses, psychologists, and clinical pharmacists. We believe this program will help ease the physician shortage in our county and in rural areas across the state.

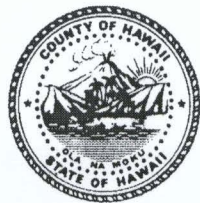
Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,

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William P. Kenoi
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DENNIS "FRESH" ONISHI
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HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL
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February 4, 2014

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
and Members of the Committee on Health

Dear Senator Green and Members of the Committee,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Senate Bill 3091.

By continuing the funding for a program to train primary care physicians, this bill will help to relieve the acute physician shortage in rural areas across the State. The program has received a two-year accreditation and will begin its first class this summer.

There is a critical need for more physicians statewide, and especially on our Neighbor Islands.

Approval of this \$2.8 million appropriation will improve health care options for thousands of patients, and will provide a model to tackle the growing need for physicians in underserved areas. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dennis "Fresh" Onishi
Hawai'i County Council Member



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Testimony to the Senate Committee on Health
Wednesday, February 5, 2014
1:30 p.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

Re: SB3091 Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program

Aloha Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker and Members of this Committee:

My name is Vivian Landrum, and I am the President/CEO of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce (KKCC). KKCC represents over 525 business members and is the leading business advocacy organization on the west side of Hawai'i Island. KKCC also actively works to enhance the environment, unique lifestyle and quality of life in West Hawai'i for both residents and visitors alike.

The Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce strongly supports SB 3091.

The shortage of physicians on Hawaii Island has been documented and discussed for the past eleven years. As noted in several reports from the North Hawaii Outcomes Project as well as the Hawaii County Community Health Profile, the health of the people of Hawaii County is consistently worse than the state average. Factors attributing to this include genetics, social and economic conditions, health related behaviors and **access to healthcare**. Increasing the healthcare workforce was cited as one requirement to improve the health of Hawaii Island's people.

The HHSC Primary Care Training Program could help stem the current and projected shortage by increasing the chances for additional physicians on Hawaii Island as it is documented that many residents choose to remain where they are trained. This could have a positive domino effect as new physicians will require staff, thus supporting job growth as well.

The physician shortage also impacts hiring challenges for employers. Members of this Chamber have reported even though they have health care plans for their employees; new employees are struggling to find physicians who will take on new patients. Current practicing physicians are already over burdened and reluctant to bring on new clients. Qualified workforce candidates are therefore reluctant to upgrade to a new job if the change means a change in health care provider.

The Primary Care Training Program has the potential to impact Hawai'i Island via a multitude of positive outcomes. More primary care providers will decrease unnecessary hospital visits, increase ability to treat debilitating diseases and lower costs, are just a few to add to the list.

Hawaii Island is experiencing a gradual recovery from the past few years of economic turmoil. The appropriation of funding for a Primary Care Training Program is an action that is greatly needed for this Island now and for the future. I urge you to support SB 3091.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

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Vivian Landrum
President/CEO



Wednesday – February 5, 2014 – 1:30pm
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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 3091 — Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 3091.

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**Senate Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair
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Wednesday, February 5, 2014

1:30 p.m.

Conference Room 229

Hawaii State Capitol

Testimony Supporting Senate Bill 3091, Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program. Appropriates funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center.

Alice M. Hall

Acting President and Chief Executive Officer

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) fully supports SB 3091 to appropriate funds to sustain our primary care training program. This program will be based at the Hilo Medical Center and will support primary care training throughout the State.

The purpose of the program is to recruit, train, and retain family practice physicians and primary care teams to meet the State-wide shortages. Primary care physicians and family practice physicians, advanced practice nurses, pharmacists and others are integral to the delivery of quality care in Hawaii. As they promote healthy lifestyles and identify and treat chronic and acute conditions, like severe flu and pneumonia, they are the front-line in supporting the delivery of quality care in any health care system. They prevent more serious illnesses, which are costly and much more difficult to manage. Primary care is the foundation of any efficient health care system.

The recruitment and retention of physicians, advanced practice nurses and support teams in Hawaii's rural areas is an on-going challenge. An interdisciplinary residency program is not a panacea to our recruitment problem. However, it is an important step toward in alleviating our physician and nursing shortages. We respectfully request funds to support the program.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in support of this measure.

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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 3091 RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM

Position: Strongly Support

This measure addresses primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at Hilo 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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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 3091.



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HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

Senate Committee on Health

The Hon. Josh Green, Chair

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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 3091
Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corp Primary Care Training Program
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 3091, 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 3091 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.

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Support of SB 3091

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program
Marilyn Harris
Administrator,
Ka’u Hospital

As administrator of Ka’u Hospital, one of the most rural hospitals in the state, I resolve to strengthen the state’s provider workforce through the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP).

Support of this program and of family medicine graduate education will generate greater numbers of providers practicing throughout the islands. I endorse the HHSCPCTP as a Means of Closing the Provider Gap in Hawaii.

Investing in training family practice residents in the neighbor islands is expected to yield a meaningful return on investment.

- Increasing the number of family practice physicians is expected to decrease the number and rate of “potentially avoidable hospitalizations,” which the state now pays for through both its Medicaid program and unreimbursed care by state’s public hospital system, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.
- In rural areas of the state the impact of the Residency Program and greater access to family medicine physicians is projected to have a profound impact on lowering the costs of treating expensive and debilitating conditions. For example, diabetes and coronary heart disease have reached epidemic proportions in Hawaii County compared to Oahu and other areas of the state where there is greater access to primary care.
- The known economic multiplier effect of additional physicians in Hawaii means each additional physician is expected to generate 5 new jobs and new tax revenue. (Source: The Lewin Group).

I recognize that the HHSCPCTP uses an advanced model of care delivery that eliminates the need to train or attract unrealistically high numbers of physicians. The current predominant model of care throughout the country involves one primary care physician caring for 2,000-2,500 individuals with a small staff, usually including a medical assistant and receptionist. The team model of care in which the HHSCPCTP is training Hawaii’s future providers allows one physician and their team to care for up to 10,000 patients. Critical team components include a nurse practitioner or physician assistant and specialists in chronic disease management such as pharmacists, certified diabetes educators, behavioral health providers, licensed nurses, and well trained non-licensed staff.

I recognize that it is well documented throughout the nation that physicians attending rural training programs are much more likely to practice in a rural area. More than half of residents trained at rural sites stay and practice in this setting after they completed their residency. The same can be expected for advanced practice nurses, psychologists, and clinical pharmacists.

I thank you, Chairman Green and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health.

I strongly urge your support in appropriating \$2.8 million for SB 3091 and have it included as a budgetary line item in the Hawaii State Budget of HHSC.

I urge you to pass SB 3091. Thank you.

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Carol A. VanCamp	Japanese Chamber of Commerce & Industry	Support	No

Comments: This bill is critical to our state to attract new primary care physicians and meet the healthcare needs of our island communities.

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Relating To The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program
Appropriates funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care
Training Program at Hilo Medical Center

By Boyd P. Murayama
Assistant Hospital Administrator
Medical Group Practice Director
Hilo Medical Center
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB3091 to appropriate funds for rural integrated primary health care training program

As the Medical Group Practice Director at Hilo Medical Center, my responsibility is to oversee the daily operations of the clinic and work with all disciplines to coordinate the training and education component.

The Hilo Rural Residency Program is an effort to align primary care workforce development with the needs of the state of Hawaii.

On Tuesday, October 22, 2013 the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) informed Hilo Medical Center officials that the Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency program has met the requirements for a 2-year accreditation, effective July 1, 2014. We will welcome the first class of four residents in the coming summer. News of the accreditation was met with excitement throughout the Hilo Medical Center.

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We are actively recruiting candidates who are interested in learning the art of Family Medicine along with a team of pharmacists, nurses, nurse practitioners and psychologists for the spring. We look forward to welcoming the first class of four residents July 2014. In the initial application process, we received a total of 115 applications for our 4 family medicine residency positions. Of the 115 applicants we narrowed the pool and interviewed 30 applicants via skype and have selected 18 applicants for on-site interviews in Hilo. We will be notified March 21, 2014 of who has been chosen based on the combined preferences of applicants and our scores.

The program's unique interdisciplinary team approach will serve our community by providing greater access to primary care medicine and is designed to address access to primary care medicine. The physicians and their teams will provide routine screenings and proactive care for debilitating diseases, such as diabetes and coronary heart disease, that when caught early can prevent avoidable emergency room visits and hospitalizations and keeping our community healthy.

The practice provides a full range of services including maternity care, primary gynecological care, newborn care, outpatient pediatrics, adolescent health, and adult acute, consultative psychiatry services, chronic and preventive services as well as outpatient procedures.

According to a report by the "Hawai'i Physician Workforce Assessment Project" presented at the 2013 Legislative Session, Hawaii Island saw a 34 percent physician shortage in 2012 with 341 physicians in supply compared to 514 physicians in demand or needed to adequately care for the island's population. Statewide, the shortage was 18 percent or 2,955 physicians in supply compared to 3,590 physicians in demand. Among other findings, the report concluded the physician shortages were especially acute in the area of primary care.

Your support for SB3091 is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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Julie Tulang	Hilo Medical Center Foundation	Support	No

Comments: this TEAM training approach has good possibilities for health care in our rural communities going forward.

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Appropriates funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at
Hilo Medical Center

Julie Tulang, President
Hilo Medical Center Foundation

Hilo Medical Center Foundation, supports of this program that invest in training family practice residents who will eventually work in rural communities through out the state. We endorse the HHSCPCTP as one of the ways to provide more primary care physicians that will hopefully:

1. Decrease the number and rate of “potentially avoidable hospitalizations,” which the state now pays for through both its Medicaid program and unreimbursed care by state’s public hospital system, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.
2. Provide greater access to family medicine physicians in rural area of our state, lowering the costs of treating expensive and debilitating conditions. For example, diabetes and coronary heart disease have reached epidemic proportions in Hawaii County compared to Oahu and other areas of the state where there is greater access to primary care.

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We are aware from personal experience that residents trained at rural sites stay and practice in this setting after they completed their residency. The same can be expected for advanced practice nurses, psychologists, and clinical pharmacists.

This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the our state with this TEAM approach in community health.

We urge you to pass SB 3091. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 3091.



Community Alliance for Mental Health

February, 5, 2014

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To: the Senate Health Committee
Re: SB 3091

Aloha Sen. Green and members of the committee,

On behalf of the Community Alliance for Mental Health along with United Self Help we strongly support passage of SB 3091.

The shortage of medical personnel is one of the greatest task this state faces. On the Neighbor Island the problem is even worse. Addressing this shortage is necessary for us to complete the transformation of our health care system.

Scott Wall
VP/Legislative Advocate
Community Alliance for Mental Health

February 2, 2014

**To: Senate Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair
Conference Room 229
State Capitol**

Re: Senate Bill 3091 Relating to Health

Dear Chair Green and Members of the Committee:


As a business with offices on both Oahu and Hawaii Islands, we want a healthy workforce with access to the best care no matter where our employees and their families live.

The residency program will help alleviate shortage and this team approach makes sense, from both health and business points of view.

I am guessing we don't need to give you all the reasons. You have them at your fingertips. Our purpose here is to offer public support. We are sending a similar letter of support for SB 2107.

Thank you for your service to our State.

Sincerely,


Barbara A. Hastings

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February 5, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.

by
Donald O. Straney
Chancellor, University of Hawai`i at Hilo

**SB 3091 - RELATING TO THE HAWAI'I HEALTH SYSTEMS
CORPORATION PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM**

Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Donald Straney, Chancellor of the University of Hawai`i at Hilo. I am testifying as a member of the Hawai`i Island community and I support the intent of SB 3091 to fund the interdisciplinary Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center.

This proposal will help to expand and strengthen workforce development opportunities in healthcare through an interdisciplinary model that attracts and trains doctors, nurses, dental hygienists, clinical pharmacists and psychologist who understand the challenges our island faces in terms of access to and delivery of quality health care. UH Hilo views the proposal as a positive solution to increase and improve the quality of health care for people on the Island of Hawai`i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2368 HD1. Aloha.

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Juvir Martin, Hilo, Hawaii

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- Increasing the number of family practice physicians is expected to decrease the number and rate of “potentially avoidable hospitalizations,” which the state now pays for through both its Medicaid program and unreimbursed care by state's public hospital system, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.
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- The known economic multiplier effect of additional physicians in Hawaii means each additional physician is expected to generate 5 new jobs and new tax revenue. (Source: The Lewin Group).

I recognize that the HHSCPCTP uses an advanced model of care delivery that eliminates the need to train or attract unrealistically high numbers of physicians. The current predominant model of care throughout the country involves one primary care physician caring for 2,000-2,500 individuals with a small staff, usually including a medical assistant and receptionist. The team model of care in which the HHSCPCTP is training Hawaii's future providers allows one physician and their team to care for up to 10,000 patients. Critical team components include a nurse practitioner or physician assistant and specialists in chronic disease management such as pharmacists, certified diabetes educators, behavioral health providers, licensed nurses, and well trained non-licensed staff.

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I thank you, Chairman Green and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health.

I strongly urge your support in appropriating \$2.8 million for SB 3091 and have it included as a budgetary line item in the Hawaii State Budget of HHSC.

I urge you to pass SB 3091. Mahalo for your time.

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Liz Field	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: As a resident of Hilo I highly support SB3091 and what it is trying to accomplish

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Support of SB 3091
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program
Mary K. Nordling, MD FAAFP

As member of Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency, I resolve to strengthen the state's provider workforce through the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP).

Support of this program and of family medicine graduate education will generate greater numbers of providers practicing throughout the islands. I endorse the HHSCPCTP as a Means of Closing the Provider Gap in Hawaii.

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I have also witnessed first hand the impact that a residency training program can have on a community. In 1994, a family medicine residency training program was started in Lawrence to help serve one of the poorest communities in Massachusetts as they were having difficulty attracting doctors. I worked at the Lawrence Family Medicine Residency from 2001-2013 and knew it grew from humble beginnings and now has expanded to eight clinics with over 100 clinicians who care for almost 50,000 patients. Residents stayed on after graduation to continue to care for their patients, faculty were attracted to the mission which in turn attracted stronger and stronger medical students. Lawrence was awarded the Society for Teachers of Family Medicine Program Innovation Award in 2012. The cycle there continues and my hope in moving to Hilo is to be a part of something similar.

I thank you, Chairman Green and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health.

I strongly urge your support in appropriating \$2.8 million for SB 3091 and have it included as a budgetary line item in the Hawaii State Budget of HHSC.

I urge you to pass SB 3091. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program
Wayne Kanemoto, East Hawaii Region Board Member

As member of East Hawaii Regional Board , I believe that ACCESS to Quality Health Care at a sustainable cost will be improved with the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP).

Support of this program and of family medicine graduate education will generate greater numbers of providers practicing throughout the islands. I endorse the HHSCPCTP as a Means of Closing the Provider Gap in Hawaii.

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I thank you, Chairman Green and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health.

I strongly urge your support in appropriating \$2.8 million for SB 3091 and have it included as a budgetary line item in the Hawaii State Budget of HHSC.

I urge you to pass SB 3091. Thank you.

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It is imperative that the state invests in training family practice residents who will eventually work in rural communities through out the state. As an aging senior who faces the lose of my primary care because he is retiring, I am concerned that there will not be a primary care physician who will take old new patients like me. I hope that the bill will help to provide more primary care physicians that will:

1. Decrease the number and rate of “potentially avoidable hospitalizations,” which the state now pays for through both its Medicaid program and unreimbursed care by state’s public hospital system, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.
2. Provide greater access to family medicine physicians in rural area of our state, lowering the costs of treating expensive and debilitating conditions. For example, diabetes and coronary heart disease have reached epidemic proportions in Hawaii County compared to Oahu and other areas of the state where there is greater access to primary care.

The proposed team model of care in which the HHSCPCTP is training Hawaii’s future providers allows one physician and their team to care for up to 10,000 patients. Critical team components include a nurse practitioner or physician assistant and specialists in chronic disease management such as pharmacists, certified diabetes educators, behavioral health providers, licensed nurses, and well trained non-licensed staff.

This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the state with this TEAM approach in community health.

I urge you to pass SB 3091. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 3091.

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Lori Rogers	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I respectfully thank all of you for considering my testimony and providing funds for this program. Lori Rogers, Executive Director Hilo Medical Center Foundation

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Relating To The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program.
Appropriates funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center

Lori Rogers, Executive Director
Hilo Medical Center Foundation

Hilo Medical Center Foundation, supports of this program that invest in training family practice residents who will eventually work in rural communities through out the state. We endorse the HHSCPCTP as one of the ways to provide more primary care physicians that will hopefully:

1. Decrease the number and rate of “potentially avoidable hospitalizations,” which the state now pays for through both its Medicaid program and unreimbursed care by state’s public hospital system, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.
2. Provide greater access to family medicine physicians in rural area of our state, lowering the costs of treating expensive and debilitating conditions. For example, diabetes and coronary heart disease have reached epidemic proportions in Hawaii County compared to Oahu and other areas of the state where there is greater access to primary care.

We recognize that the HHSCPCTP uses a model of care delivery that eliminates the need to train or attract unrealistically high numbers of physicians. The team model of care in which the HHSCPCTP is training Hawaii’s future providers allows one physician and their team to care for up to 10,000 patients. Critical team components include a nurse practitioner or physician assistant and specialists in chronic disease management such as pharmacists, certified diabetes educators, behavioral health providers, licensed nurses, and well trained non-licensed staff.

We are aware from personal experience that residents trained at rural sites stay and practice in this setting after they completed their residency. The same can be expected for advanced practice nurses, psychologists, and clinical pharmacists. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the state with this TEAM approach in community health.

We urge you to pass SB 3091. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 3091.

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Vaughn Cook	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Chair Green and Vice Chair Baker, My name is Vaughn Cook and I was born and raised in Hilo as a 4th generation resident of Hawaii Island. After living on the mainland for college and work, I chose to return home to Hawaii to raise my family. I volunteer with various organizations including the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce as well as other community groups that make our community a better place to live and work. I urge you and the other members of the Committee on Health to SUPPORT SB 3091. This Bill will fund the HHSC Primary Care Training Program which will encourage more physicians to practice on the Big Island and other rural communities. The support of the public health, safety, welfare and morals is the primary mandate for government. The State of Hawaii should be supporting this program that will train doctors in the local community and encourage them to stay. It is well documented throughout the nation that doctors attending rural training programs are much more likely to practice in a rural area. More than half of residents trained at rural sites stay and practice in this setting after they completed their residency. The same can be expected for advanced practice nurses, psychologists, and clinical pharmacists. Thank you, Chairman Green, Vice Chair Baker and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands due to this new paradigm of a TEAM approach in community health Thank you for supporting doctors in rural areas. Vaughn Cook Hilo, Hawaii 96720 (808) 937-1031

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Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program
Kristine I McCoy, MD, MPH
Program Director

Dear Senate Committee on Health:

In 2011 I was recruited by the John A Burns School of Medicine to come to Hawaii to complete the work that they had begun over twenty years ago with the community of East Hawaii and Hilo Medical Center—to bring family medicine physician training to Hilo and coordinate a larger interdisciplinary primary care training program.

The need for this program had been recognized in the early 1990's and the worsening state of primary care access on Hawaii's neighbor islands had been emphasized by the high utilization rates of the emergency rooms and citizens advertising in the newspapers for primary care providers. The 2010 and 2012 reports to the Hawaii State Legislature* provided numerical estimates of the current and projected physician shortages-700 now and 1500 in 10 years, and the UH-Hilo study conducted in 2011** showed that 1/3 of the Big Island's physicians no longer planned to be in practice on the island by 2016.

The HHSC Primary Care Training Program takes a new approach to this dilemma, by not trying to solve the problem with doctors alone. Instead it brings together physicians, nurses, pharmacists, and psychologists who together can provide effective and efficient care teams, multiplying the power of each physician. This is a cost effective way to give Hawaii's citizens the care that they need, keeping them healthier, and reducing the burden on our state funded hospitals and other care facilities in the neighbor islands.

Today, this program is a reality, but only with your continued support. A primary care physician costs over \$3/4 million to train, and with Hawaii's low insurance payments,

only about one third of this can expect to be earned by the physicians in training and their faculty during that training period. Federal money is available for new programs at hospitals that have never had resident physicians before—such as Hilo Medical Center—but it takes a while to start flowing, and is not expected to be substantial until 2017, with the annual amount finalized in 2019. In the meantime, we have a budget of \$2.8 million per year to get the Hilo program off the ground and expand it to train physicians throughout the neighbor islands—including possible substantial rural training “tracks” on Maui, Kona, and Kauai. Beginning July 1st of this year, our first four physicians in training will get started on their three year training program. They will join the I Ola Lahui psychology students and fellows and University of Hawaii medical students, pharmacy students, and nursing students already training in Hilo at Hilo Medical Center and the Hawaii Island Family Health Center.

We greatly appreciate your support and know that it will benefit your family, friends, and neighbors in the years to come as our graduates spread throughout the state to the communities who need them the most. In ten years’ time, we estimate that teams of our graduates will be caring for 140,000 of Hawaii’s citizens. Please ensure that this will be a reality and not simply our dream.

Sincerely,

Kristine I McCoy, MD, MPH

We all know that healthcare is changing and for some becoming not only difficult to obtain, but too expensive for many to afford. There is a doctor shortage. Although Hawaii has a safety net program, that program is in jeopardy without newly skilled physicians to replace those that retire/leave, but also to fill shortages. Hawaii's future, especially its rural area, depends on strengthening the health provider workforce. The Family Medicine Program (HHSCPCTP) can help do that, but it must be funded properly to be successful. An investment in this Program will provide better care for residents plus increase the number of high quality jobs for our island communities.

I thank you, Chairman Green and Committee members, for your foresight in supporting this measure. This legislation will make a significant impact in the rural communities throughout the neighbor islands. I strongly urge your support in appropriating \$2.8 million for SB 3091 and have it included as a budgetary line item in the Hawaii State Budget of HHSC. Thank you.

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Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Primary Care Training Program

Teana Kaho’ohanohano, MHPA, NHA

Hilo Medical Center

As member of Hilo Medical Center, ***I/we*** resolve to strengthen the state’s provider workforce through the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP).

Support of this program and of family medicine graduate education will generate greater numbers of providers practicing throughout the islands. ***I/We*** Endorse the HHSCPCTP as a Means of Closing the Provider Gap in Hawaii.

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I/We strongly urge your support in appropriating \$2.8 million for SB 3091 and have it included as a budgetary line item in the Hawaii State Budget of HHSC.

I/We urge you to pass SB 3091. Thank you.