

The Senate Committee on Ways and Means
April 5, 2016
9:00 a.m.
Room 211

HB 1700, HD1
TESTIMONY REQUESTING THE RESTORATION OF FUNDING FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CANCER CENTER

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ben Cayetano, and I am writing to request that the appropriation for the UH Cancer Center which was part of the Governor's original budget be restored and reinserted into HB 1700, HD1. As the former governor of the state, I understand the importance of the UH Cancer Center and the important role it plays in Hawai'i's community. Hawai'i has the distinction of having an NCI-designated cancer center which serves not only Hawai'i, but the Pacific basin as well.

The UH Cancer Center is one of only 69 institutions in the United States that hold the prestigious National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, and is the only NCI-designated center in the Pacific. The NCI designation provides cancer researchers in Hawai'i with greater access to federal funding and research opportunities. More importantly, it gives the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific region access to many innovative and potentially life-saving clinical trials without the necessity of traveling to the mainland.

Each year more than 6,000 Hawaii residents are diagnosed with cancer, and more than 2,000 will die from the disease. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in Hawaii, and accounts for one of every five deaths statewide. Hawaii's racial/ethnic mixture makes us unique (as compared with national norms) in the types and incidents of cancer. As a NCI-designated cancer research center, the UH Cancer Center brings ground-breaking studies and new cancer-fighting drugs and treatment to our community, making it possible for Hawaii's people to receive the most advanced treatments for cancer without the need to travel to the mainland away from home and at great expense.

The UH Cancer Center works to reduce the burden of cancer through research and patient care. In 2014, the UH Cancer Center, working with Hawaii's hospitals, gave Hawaii's adult and pediatric cancer patients approximately 100 different national clinical trials locally. Currently there are about 100 ongoing clinical trials enrolling both adults and children. These clinical trials always guarantee the national standard of best care and the opportunity to benefit from a better treatment. The Cancer Center is actively following over 1,000 patients who have enrolled in clinical trials in the past. The Cancer Center is also working on identifying potential cancer drugs from Hawaii's natural resources, including compounds from plants, such as poha berry, noni and sea sponge, all of which have shown promise against cancer. Several patents are pending based on the UH Cancer Center's findings and research.

A number of Cancer Center researchers focus on key cancers that impact Hawaii.

Our work contributes to a global knowledge that leads to the development of new life-saving treatments and therapies. Ongoing research at the Center provides important insights on the use and impact of e-cigarettes and other tobacco products in Hawaii. For example, our research found Hawaii teens used e-cigarettes at nearly triple the rate of mainland teens. The Center has established a partnership with the state Department of Health to educate Hawaii residents on smoking cessation and the risks of tobacco use.

As the types and incidence of cancer among our local population varies significantly from populations on the mainland, the focus of our research has been to target our diverse ethnic groups. For instance, we have found that colon cancer in Native Hawaiian men is higher than in other ethnic groups. Our researchers are investigating ways to reduce the high rate of cancer deaths in this population.

The funds requested for the UH Cancer Center will be used to reduce the annual shortfall in current operations at the Cancer Center caused by a reduction in the cigarette tax revenue. Cigarette tax revenue is statutorily provided for debt service and (as available) for operations of the facility the Cancer Center occupies in Kaka'ako. Cigarette tax revenue has declined over the years from approximately \$20 million to approximately \$14.8 million currently. In light of the fiscal shortfalls, management has been working diligently to implement operational restructuring to reduce the shortfalls. Although the initial restructuring has been positive, more time is needed for the UH Cancer Center to implement other aspects of its business plan. At this juncture, additional funding support is required to address the operational needs of the Cancer Center which were planned when the facility was envisioned. In order to be successful so that it can continue to serve the needs of Hawaii's population, we must maintain the NCI designation of Hawaii's cancer center.

The incidence of cancer is increasing significantly and may double during the next twenty years, according to recent estimates by the International Agency for Cancer. It is imperative that the UH Cancer Center maintain its NCI designation to foster research relevant to those in Hawai'i and to provide our state's residents with access to the most innovative clinical trials here in Hawai'i, in order to reduce the incidence of cancer in Hawai'i.

I respectfully urge this Committee to restore the funding for the UH Cancer Center which was originally contained in HB 1700.

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Hearing Date: April 5, 2016

9:00 a.m. – Conference Room 211

HB 1700, HD1, Relating to the State Budget

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of Bishop Museum in support of HB 1700, HD1, relating to the state budget

Bishop Museum was founded in 1889 by Charles Reed Bishop in honor of his late wife, Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, the last descendent of the royal Kamehameha family. The Museum was established to house the extensive collection of Hawaiian artifacts and royal family heirlooms of the Princess, and has expanded to include millions of artifacts, documents and photographs about Hawai'i and other Pacific island cultures.

Bishop Museum is designated by state statute as the State Museum of Cultural and Natural History. As "The Museum of Hawai'i," Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum's mission is to be a gathering place and educational center that actively engages people in the presentation, exploration and preservation of Hawai'i's cultural heritage and natural history, as well as its ancestral cultures throughout the Pacific. Bishop Museum is recognized throughout the world for its cultural collections, research projects, consulting services and public educational programs. It also has one of the largest natural history specimen collections in the world. Serving and representing the interests of Native Hawaiians is a primary purpose of the Museum. We mahalo the legislature for its continued support for the Museum which is essential to ensure that it will continue to serve the people of the state of Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment in support of HB 1700, HD1.



**Conservation Council
for Hawai'i**

Hawai'i's voice for wildlife

Kō Hawai'i leo no nā holoholona lōhiu



Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Hearing: Wednesday, April 5, 2016 9 am
Conference Room 211

In Support for HB 1700 HD 1 Relating to the State Budget

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee.

Aloha. Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports increased funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to manage our essential watersheds, recover endangered and threatened species, provide outdoor recreation opportunities for residents and visitor, and other DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife programs.

We ask you to support the following budget items for DLNR DOFAW:

1. Restore \$2 million for DOFAW priorities, which was removed by the House Finance Committee (\$800K for wildfire prevention and control, \$450K for endangered species, \$450K for Na Ala Hele, \$150,000 for the Kure Atoll State Wildlife Sanctuary, and \$150K for the Kawanui Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary);
2. A total amount of \$5.1 million for watershed CIP, which was reduced by \$2.5 million by the House Finance Committee; and
3. A \$1.7million ceiling increase for the Legacy Land Conservation Program to at least cover the perpetual annual request of \$1.5 million for debt service for the Turtle Bay purchase.

The DLNR's budget is less than 1% of the entire state budget, even when federal and private grants are included. The DLNR's mandate is huge, and it is a stewardship agency. With all due respect, the legislature is not providing enough funding for our land and other public trust resources, which are held in trust by the State for the people. We are concerned about the legacy we leave for our kids and generations to come.

Every Hawai'i resident and visitor to the islands is affected by the lack of funding for DLNR programs. We urge you to increase funding for the DLNR to meet its needs.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

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April 5, 2016

TO: HONORABLE JILL TOKUDA, CHAIR, HONORABLE DONOVAN DELA CRUZ, SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF H.B. 1700, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET; SUPPORT OF WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL; AND SUPPORT OF UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII REQUEST FOR REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FUNDING.** To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2015--17 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

Hearing

DATE: TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

ROOM: CR 211

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of approximately five hundred seventy general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. The GCA's mission is to represent its members in all matters related to the construction industry, while improving the quality of construction and protecting the public interest. Although GCA is not taking a position on the overall Executive Budget, **GCA is in support of the request for funding for Wahiawa General Hospital and the University of Hawaii's request for repair and maintenance funding and positions requested.**

Support of Wahiawa General Hospital Temporary Funding

GCA recently learned of the dire straits that the Wahiawa General Hospital is facing and is sensitive to the fact that it serves one of our most rural communities with an aging population. The location of the Wahiawa General Hospital has been strategic in serving its surrounding communities particularly the Waialua, North Shore and Wahiawa areas and without such a presence that community along with other surrounding resources may be negatively impacted. For these reasons, GCA supports efforts to sufficiently fund the hospital to support its current financial situation.

Support of University of Hawaii Repair and Maintenance Funding

In particular, GCA is also in support of the University of Hawaii's request for funding of its ongoing and backlogged repair and maintenance issues for all campuses. The University of Hawaii at Manoa campus is facing an unprecedented backlog of repair and maintenance issues that need to be addressed in order to avoid further added cost in the future. The Board of Regents

along with the Administration has been exercising positive changes for the University as a whole to address efficiency of its operations.

It is important to recognize the significant role that the University of Hawaii system plays for our State. The maintenance and upkeep of the facilities should be a high priority since it is the only public higher education institution in our state. It is evident that without proper operating facilities an instructor's method of teaching and a student's learning capacity could be compromised. Furthermore, as a cutting edge research facility, the University of Hawaii deserves top notch infrastructure to remain internationally competitive. The University of Hawaii through its student body, administration and Board of Regents are making concerted efforts to address the backlog in the repair and maintenance issues at the Manoa campus and the funding and additional positions should help resolve these issues.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your consideration in appropriating the funding request of the University for repair and maintenance funding and Wahiawa General Hospital.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our support.



April 3, 2016

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: Proposed amendment to HB1700 HD1: Relating to the state budget – Appropriation for Wahiawa General Hospital

Testimony in SUPPORT, with a request for amendment

Dear Senator Tokuda and Committee Members:

I am the president of the Hawaii College of Emergency Physicians, and an emergency physician currently serving at Wahiawa General Hospital. We respectfully ask for favorable consideration of an amendment to HB1700 HD1, appropriating \$3 million for Wahiawa General Hospital.

The Wahiawa General Hospital Emergency Department provides incredibly valuable service to the people of Oahu. The hospital serves a catchment area of almost a third of the geography of the island, and often cares for patients from west Oahu when other emergency departments are diverting patients. The closest hospital, the Queens Medical Center, West Oahu, is almost 20 minutes away by private auto, and other emergency departments in west Oahu are already working at or above capacity. The loss of the WGH emergency department and hospital capacity would be a catastrophe for our island and state.

To put the loss of an Oahu emergency department and hospital in context, we ask that the committee consider that the American College of Emergency Physicians in 2014 gave an F grade for *Access to Emergency Care*, “primarily due to a lack of adequate hospital capacity.” Further, our national organization gave Hawaii an F grade for *Disaster Preparedness* because of the state’s poor health care infrastructure, including the second lowest bed surge capacity in the nation.

I have worked at Wahiawa General for almost ten years. I have numerous personal stories of people I cared for that would quite possibly have not survived if they were transported another 20 minutes before receiving care. I have placed breathing tubes for patients within minutes of their arrival because they were unable to breath and on the verge of dying because of asthma, heart failure, and foreign bodies obstructing their airway. Our teams of nurses and physicians have delivered shocks on my order to patients without a heartbeat in order to restore circulation when they otherwise would have passed away. I have delivered three newborn children in the first 20 minutes of their mother arriving to our department, when they otherwise would have been born in ambulances or on the side of the road if Wahiawa General Hospital had not been open.

The Hawaii College of Emergency Physicians is primarily concerned with access to emergency care for Hawaii's residents and visitors. It was not long ago that we as a community felt the pain of losing one of our emergency departments. The domino effect of reduced emergency department and inpatient beds on Oahu affected us all. Patients waited longer to see physicians to have their emergencies treated and their pain improved. Families throughout the state waited with their loved ones as emergency physicians and nurses tried to arrange transport to other, already full facilities so they could receive appropriate care. We ask that you protect Hawaii's emergency health care safety net by amending HB1700 HD1 to include financial support for Wahiawa General Hospital so that we as emergency physicians and nurses can continue to serve our patients in central, west, and north Oahu.

Sincerely,

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President, Hawaii College of Emergency Physicians



HAWAII APPLESEED

CENTER FOR LAW & ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Testimony of Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice

HB 17000 Relating to the State Budget

Supporting BED 160 – HHFDC: Rental Housing Revolving Fund + Alder Street Project

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Scheduled for Hearing Monday, April 5, 2016, 9:00AM, Conference Room 221

Hawai'i Appleseed Center for Law and Economic Justice Hawai'i Appleseed is committed to a more socially just Hawai'i, where everyone has genuine opportunities to achieve economic security and fulfill their potential. We change systems that perpetuate inequality and injustice through policy development, advocacy, and coalition building.

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means,

Thank you for an opportunity to testify in strong support of BED 160, for funds to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) including: \$75 million to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF), and \$15 million for the construction of the Alder Street Project.

Hawaii's housing needs are well documented: 27,224 rental units are needed by 2020 for people under 80% of the Area Median income (AMI). Furthermore, Hawaii has the highest homelessness rate in the nation, and the problem continues to worsen.

To address the current housing and homelessness crisis, we need to be devoting all available resources toward creation of affordable housing. Without affordable, stable, and decent housing, low-income individuals and families will continue to face insurmountable barriers to their financial self-sufficiency. Almost 80 percent of extremely low-income households are paying more than half of their income toward housing, an immense strain on their budgets. The consequences of their inability to make ends meet include worse health and educational outcomes, as well as the most visible consequence, homelessness.

Hawai'i Appleseed strongly supports allocating \$75 million to the RHRF, a major tool for the creation of affordable housing with a long record of success, funding over 5,000 units since its creation, and functions as an economic driver. The availability of these affordable housing units gives low income individuals and families in Hawai'i an alternative to becoming homeless, and also provides infrastructure for programs which rehabilitate those who are currently homeless.

Hawai'i Appleseed also supports the \$15 million allocation to the Alder Street Project. This state land is underutilized and ideal for redevelopment. It already is zoned A-2 which allows apartment buildings up to 150 feet. It has adequate sewer and water capacity in a convenient urban location. The \$15 million would enable the construction of 180 units of rental housing for families, serving as a model for future state TOD initiatives.

Thank you very much for hearing and considering these important appropriations, necessary to address Hawai'i's affordable housing and homelessness crisis.



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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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April 5, 2016

State Capitol Room 211

HB 1700 Relating to the State Budget

Hawai'i Association for the Education of Young Children (HAEYC) has more than 800 members statewide. Our mission is to promote, support, and expand quality and professionalism in early childhood programs and services for Hawai'i's children (0-8) and their families.

HAEYC **supports** funding for one of the great programs for our at-risk youth, Preschool Open Doors (POD). We ask that you restore funding for POD. \$6 million in funding meant to restore POD was switched from state to federal funds in the HD1 approved in the House. Please consider funding this program so it can continue to serve Hawai'i's families.

HAEYC supports efforts to help assure that all keiki and their 'ohana have equitable access to important early childhood services, care, and education.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Our mission is to promote, support, and expand quality and professionalism in early childhood programs and services for Hawai'i's young children (0-8) and their families.



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Building a unified voice for Hawaii's children

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April 5, 2016

To: Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair
Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Senate Ways and Means Committee

From: Deborah Zysman, Executive Director
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Re: **HB 1700 HD1 - Relating to the State Budget HMS 305 and EDN 700
- Support and Requested Amendments**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 211, April 5, 2016 - 9 AM

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), formerly Good Beginnings Alliance, we are writing in strong support of HB 1700, HD1 Relating to the State Budget. HMS 305 includes \$6 million to continue Preschool Open Doors (POD) at the current level of funding and respectfully request a change to appropriate state General Funds in place of federal funds incorporated the HD1 version. POD is a critical safety net program that helps underserved and at-risk children gain access to Department of Human Services-licensed childcare. State general funds are required to continue this program continues serving children and families around the state.

HCAN is also writing in support of \$176,163 to restore two positions and administrative services for the state Executive Office on Early Learning (EOEL) in EDN 700 with state General Funds instead of federal funds as requested in HD1 version. EOEL provides prekindergarten instruction for up to 420 eligible children in 21 classrooms located in Hawaii Department of Education elementary schools across the state. Qualifying families must meet prekindergarten age and income requirements (up to 250 percent above the poverty).

HCAN is committed to improving lives and being a strong voice advocating for Hawai'i's children. Last fall, HCAN convened input in person and online from

more than 50 organizations and individuals that came forward to support or express interest for a number of issues affecting children and families in our state that resulted in the compilation of 2016 Hawai'i Children's Policy Agenda, which can be accessed at <http://www.hawaii-can.org/2016policyagenda>.

We are seeking continuation of POD funding for FY 2016-17. Last session, the legislature passed Act 191 (SB64) to appropriate \$6 million for POD in the FY15-16 budget. Currently, the state's FY16-FY17 biennium budget includes funding for \$1.6 million. Governor David Ige requested \$6 million in HMS 305 in his supplemental budget for FY 16-17, which HCAN strongly supports. Keeping the Governor's request in tact will ensure a restoration of \$6 million, which is equal to the current FY15-16 level funding of \$7.6 million for the POD program.

In Hawaii, access to childcare is especially challenging with average childcare costs ranging from \$7600-\$9300/year. For most families, childcare is the second highest cost for families after rent or mortgage. The average POD subsidy is \$540/month to families with a median annual income of \$33,000 in 2015. Now 51 percent of families served come from single-parent households. POD is especially critical to help bridge the financial gap for as many low- and low-moderate income families in the state.

POD provides access to affordable and quality care for young children and serves two main purposes by:

- Providing families with young children the needed childcare so they can seek employment or higher education opportunities to improve their family's economic status; and
- Providing young children with a stimulating and safe environment that boosts cognitive, social and emotional development that supports school readiness in our state, where only 14.5 percent of children display comprehensive readiness for Kindergarten and one out of three children are not reading at grade-level by the time they enter 3rd-grade, which is a key indicator to high school graduation and later success outcomes.

Historically, the POD program provided childcare subsidies for 3- and 4-year-olds. In 2013, Act 169, restructured POD to focus on four-year olds to get as many into a childcare program the year before kindergarten, so help them prepare for school. The DOE Junior Kindergarten program was also eliminated at the end of SY 2013-14.

POD is now in its 26th year and currently serves approximately 1,300 4-and 5-year-olds throughout the state. Prior to the Great Recession, POD served as many as 1,571 children in 2006. In 2010, POD saw drastic cuts and by 2012 and 2013, POD served fewer than 350 families.

DOE's prekindergarten program was established in the 2014-15 school year and provides instruction for 420 qualifying 4-year and 5-year olds across the state. Funding for this

program was decreased by the elimination of several administrative positions and operating budget, part of which will be restored through this appropriation request.

According to a 2016 report: 50-State Review by Education Commission on the States,¹ states across the nation increased spending by \$1 billion or 12 percent on average in 2014. In the same period, Hawaii spending declined. Today we are still at work restoring past levels of resources for both POD and EOEL programs.

For these reasons, HCAN respectfully requests that the Senate Ways and Means Committee support \$6 million for POD in HMS 305 and \$176,163 for EOEL in EDN 700 with general funds in the FY16-17 Supplemental Budget.

¹ State Pre-K Funding for 2015-16 Fiscal Year: National trends in state preschool funding, by Emily Parker, Bruce Atchison And Emily Workman, http://www.ecs.org/ec-content/uploads/01252016_Prek-K_Funding_report-4.pdf



Hawai'i Green Growth is a public-private partnership that coordinates across government, non-governmental and cultural organizations, business, academia and philanthropy to achieve Hawai'i's Aloha+ Challenge 2030 sustainability goals.

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Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth In Support of HB1700 HD1 Relating to the State Budget Senate Committee on Ways & Means 5 April 2016, 9:00am, Room 211

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) strongly supports three critical budget items in HB1700 HD1 that will significantly advance action on the Aloha+ Challenge – a joint leadership commitment to six sustainability 2030 goals unanimously endorsed by the State Legislature (SCR 69) and signed by Hawai'i's Governor, Mayors and Office of Hawaiian Affairs:

- 1. Re-insert the Hawai'i State Sustainability Coordinator position and funding into DBEDT/Office of Planning's budget.** This is an essential statewide position to coordinate policy and action across state departments and work in partnership with the counties, federal agencies and multi-sector partners to achieve the *Aloha+ Challenge* goals. The State Sustainability Coordinator position is the Legislature's liaison on the state's sustainability investments, and adds immense value to the State of Hawai'i by serving as the state point of contact and ensuring effective leadership on sustainability and the *Aloha+ Challenge*. We strongly encourage the Legislature to continue funding for the State Sustainability Coordinator position to ensure this legacy of leadership and critical investments have the state continuity and capacity to be successful.
- 2. Funding to DLNR for watershed protection and management** is essential to protecting Hawai'i's unique environment, improving the quality of life for residents and visitors, and maintaining important revenue streams in Hawai'i's economy. We strongly support the Governor's \$2 million request for wildfire prevention, public access, and endangered species protection, \$5.143 million for Watershed Initiative Capital Improvement Projects to protect 5,600 acres statewide. Watershed protection significantly increases fresh water availability, which is especially urgent in the face of climate change and projected long-term decline in rainfall. As the host of the upcoming IUCN World Conservation Congress in September 2016, this legislative session is an important opportunity for Hawai'i to showcase leadership on conservation, sustainability and resilience.
- 3. Re-establish and appropriate funding to the DOH Vector Control Branch** to mitigate the spread of disease from animals, rodents and insects, including mosquitoes. The outbreak of Dengue on Hawai'i Island and increased threats from Zika and other mosquito vector diseases have highlighted the critical need to re-establish the vector control branch. In 2009, the Department of Health faced drastic personnel reductions; it is imperative to restore the state's capacity to adequately respond to current and new threats. HGG supports the request for 36.0 FTE and \$2.6 in General Funds to revitalize vector control services statewide.

As a public-private partnership, Hawai'i Green Growth agreed these are top priority investments for Hawai'i's people, environment and economy.



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April 4, 2016

Hon. Committee Chair, Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Hon. Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Hon. Committee on Ways and Means
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Dear Hon. Committee Chair Tokuda and Hon. Committee Members,

On behalf of the registered nurses represented by the Hawaii Nurses' Association, including the 57 RNs employed at Wahiawa General Hospital, I write in support of HB 1700 HD1. HB 1700 HD1 will provide critically needed funding for Wahiawa General Hospital to continue to operate. Wahiawa General Hospital provides vital healthcare services to Wahiawa and surrounding communities. The Hospital serves a largely low-income and elderly population, with a large amount of its revenues coming from treating Medicare and Medicaid patients. The revenue provided by these services does not support the actual cost of providing treatment, which necessitates additional funding for continued operation of the Hospital.

As we understand, Wahiawa General Hospital will close within six months if it does not receive immediate financial assistance from the State. The closure of the Hospital would be a tragic loss for the entire Wahiawa area and North Shore community. The loss of emergency medical services could impact the safety of residents of a geographical area that encompasses a large portion of the island of Oahu. If Wahiawa were to close, the nearest emergency room would be some 13 miles away. For someone living in Waialua, Haleiwa, or Kahuku, the distance would be approximately 20 miles instead of approximately 8 miles to Wahiawa General. Further, the closing would not only severely limit these communities access to healthcare, but also eliminates the jobs of those who work at the Hospital. Wahiawa General Hospital is the largest employer in Central Oahu, providing more than 600 jobs, including those of some of Hawaii's finest nursing professionals. Many of these nurses have been in the service of Wahiawa for many years. We are very proud of the quality service these nurses provide Wahiawa patients on a daily basis. Most live in the Wahiawa area and therefore contribute to the local economy. The loss of access to local healthcare and the economic effect thereof would be a two pronged catastrophic blow to all the Central and North Shore affected communities. The last thing Hawaii needs is unemployment for numerous skilled professionals and less access to healthcare for its rural and shoreline residents. We strongly urge your support for this imperative measure. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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HAWAII PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, April 5, 2016
Conference Room 211 9:00 AM
House Bill 1700, HD1
Relating to the State Budget
for

Aloha Tower Complex and Irwin Memorial Park

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

Hawaii Pacific University (HPU) strongly supports the Department of Transportation's FY 2016-2017 Capital Improvement goals for the Aloha Tower Complex, TRN 301,#40.03 under Section 5 on page 85 of HB 1700. This funding is an important step towards realizing the restoration of historic Irwin Memorial Park to its original beauty and purpose. As a community that values spaces for all ages to gather and connect – it is our collective responsibility to return this area to its intended purpose.

Constructed in 1930, William G. Irwin Memorial Park celebrated its 85th anniversary on September 3, 2015. The park is a two-acre park encompassing a total of 95,768 square feet and was set aside specifically for dedicated public park purposes, as such, this open space also serves to protect and preserve important view planes to other historic resources in the surrounding area.

The park and surrounding Aloha Tower Complex is significant for its pivotal role in the beautification of the Honolulu waterfront as a world-renowned passenger cruise ship destination. It has also provided an important aesthetic dimension to Honolulu's downtown waterfront.

Today, HPU, the state's largest non-profit university, has invested significantly in the Aloha Tower Complex and include the Aloha Tower Marketplace as one of our core facilities. As a university we seek to create a place where our students and the community are welcome and thrive. Notable and iconic, Aloha Tower and Irwin Park, represent both Hawaii's history and future. The history - as a welcoming place for those arriving and departing Oahu, and the future - as a community that honors the land and the people by restoring and preserving significant places.

We are very pleased that the Department of Transportation supports the plan and is willing to support the plan and efforts to restore the grounds to benefit the public and future generations.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to share our support of this bill.

Mahalo,

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Vice President for University Relations



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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

HB 1700 HD1

Improvements to Aloha Tower Complex and Irwin Memorial Park

April 5, 2016

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

Hawaii's Thousand Friends writes in strong support of Department of Transportation's FY 2016 -17 Capital Improvement Projects, item #40.02.J47, Improvements to Aloha Tower Complex and Irwin Memorial Park.

Today Irwin Park is only seen as a parking lot. This is a far cry from Mrs. Helene Irwin Fagan's vision of a "beautiful park" as a landscaped companion to Aloha Towers' beacon to trans-Pacific voyagers when, in the early 1930s, she donated two acres to the Territory of Hawai'i.

In the hay-day of boat travel Irwin Memorial Park was used as envisioned by Mrs. Fagan, a green open place for residents, lei makers, and visitors to gather and celebrate such events as Boat Day. But decades of changes have left Irwin Memorial Park forgotten, neglected and misused.

The requested DOT funds, which will be used to replace the very old and original irrigation system is the first step in improving the historic landscape and ensuring that the majestic banyan trees have adequate water so that once again Irwin Memorial Park can be a green open space oasis for all to enjoy.



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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Date: April 5, 2016

Where: State Capitol Room 211

TESTIMONY

By Ka'ano'i Walk

Kamehameha Schools

To: Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee

RE: **HB 1700, HD1, Relating to the State Budget**

Aloha! My name is Ka'ano'i Walk and I serve as the Senior Policy Analyst of the Kūamahi Community Education Group of Kamehameha Schools.

We are writing to support HB 1700, HD1, relating to the state budget, and offer the following comments:

Early childhood education and parental support is the cornerstone of the Kamehameha Schools Education Strategic Plan adopted in 2005, which seeks to foster long-term intergenerational change in the way Native Hawaiian families approach learning. Research demonstrates that early education is a key factor in lifelong success for all children, and we strongly urge the legislature to promote, enhance and support the efforts of the State of Hawai'i to appropriately address the needs of Hawai'i's pre-kindergarten children, including restoring funding for Preschool Open Doors and providing funding for the state's Early Learning Advisory Board.

Kamehameha Schools also advocates for the achievement of Hawai'i's Native Hawaiian public school students and has served as a collaborator with the Hawai'i public charter schools for over a decade. Through our work with Hawaiian-focused public charter schools, we hope to significantly impact more children and their families through education. We believe that Hawaiian-focused charter schools provide quality educational choices for our families and ultimately enhance both academic achievement and engagement for students. As such, we strongly support funding for public charter schools, including facilities funding.

Further, driven by the third goal of our strategic plan for 2015-2020, Kamehameha Schools strongly supports measures, including funding necessary to implement them, that promote Hawaiian language. Hawaiian language remains highly endangered even after decades of dedicated revitalization efforts and an ever-growing population of Hawaiian language speakers. We respectfully ask for your support.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is a statewide educational system supported by a trust endowed by Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, whose mission is to improve the capability and well-being of Native Hawaiian learners. We believe that by continuing to engage in dialog around important educational policy decisions, we can contribute in a positive and meaningful way. Mahalo nui.



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April 4, 2016

To: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Ways and Means

From: S Kaleimakamae Kaauwai, Executive Director – Kawaikini New Century Public Charter School

Re: HB 1700 HD1 – SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET – To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2015—17 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs - SUPPORT

Conference Room 211 – Hawaii State Capitol – April 5, 2016, 9:00 A.M.

On behalf of 137 students and 90 `ohana of Kawaikini New Century Public Charter School, we are writing in support of HB1700, Relating to the State Budget.

Included in this bill is a Grant-In-Aid for \$50,000 for Supporting the Language of Kawa'i, which is the non-profit arm of Kawaikini New Century Public Charter School.

This Grant-In-Aid will provide funding to do planning and design for a future multi-purpose building. This building will provide for (1) our cafeteria needs, which we currently use two tents to provide covered space for all of our students, since the inception of Kawaikini in 2008, and (2) future expansion of the school, including recreational and space that may be shared with the community.

Kawaikini has already secured the required matching funds for this Grant-In-Aid as required by the State of Hawai'i.

Unfortunately the Grant-In-Aid was submitted in the category of construction and should have been included in the category of planning and design. Hence, we respectfully request that this Grant-In-Aid be re-categorized from construction to planning and design.

Finally, we thank you for the opportunity to testify and your consideration on behalf of all the children, `ohana, and community we serve,

Ke aloha mau,

S Kaleimakamae Kaauwai, Executive Director



April 4, 2016

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Comments in Support of Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's Requests regarding HB 1700, HD1 Relating to the State Budget. (To adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.)

WAM Hearing: Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., Conference Room 211

The Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii (LURF) is a private, non-profit research and trade association whose members include major Hawaii landowners, developers and a utility company. LURF's mission is to advocate for reasonable, rational and equitable land use planning, legislation and regulations that encourage well-planned economic growth and development, while safeguarding Hawaii's significant natural and cultural resources, and public health and safety.

LURF appreciates the opportunity to express its **strong support** of the portions of HB 1700, HD1 (the Executive Supplemental Budget request), which pertain to Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation's (HHFDC) request for adjustments to its base operating budget within the state budget for the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (BED). HHFDC's budget requests relate to affordable housing financing, capital improvements, construction and development; and federal funding for affordable housing.

HB 1700, HD1. This bill has been proposed by the Governor and the State Executive Branch Agencies to adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2015-17 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs.

LURF's Position. LURF **strongly supports** the portions of HB 1700, HD1, which pertain to HHFDC's request for adjustments to its base operating budget relating to affordable housing financing (HF), capital improvements, construction (HC) and development (HD), and federal funding for affordable housing (N), as follows:

- **HOME Program Ceiling Increase, Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui (BED 160/HF) \$100,000 (N = Federal funds).** This is a request to increase the federal funds expenditure ceiling to match the actual amount of federal HOME funds received by the State of Hawaii to expand the supply of affordable housing in the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui.

The HHFDC administers the federal HOME program which is intended to expand the supply of decent, safe, affordable and sanitary housing. HOME funds may be used for a variety of activities including tenant-based rental assistance, down payment loans for first-time homebuyers, rehabilitation loans for existing homeowners, property acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, moderate or substantial rehabilitation, site improvements, demolition, relocation expenses, loan guarantees, and other reasonable and necessary expenses related to development of affordable housing. HHFDC receives approximately \$3 million in federal HOME funds from HUD each year. Funds are allocated on an annual rotating basis to the Counties of Hawaii, Kauai and Maui. As explained above, this request is to conform the federal funds expenditure ceiling in HHFDC's base budget to the actual amount of the federal HOME Program allocation for the State, to ensure that those funds are fully expended and not lapsed.

- **902 Alder Street, Honolulu, Oahu (BED 160/HD) \$15,000,000 (C).** This request is the next step in following the 2015 legislative appropriation of \$1.7 million for plans and design for the Alder Street mixed-use affordable rental housing project.

The proposed Alder Street project will redevelop the former Juvenile Detention Home site into approximately 180 affordable rental housing units for families at 60% and below the HUD area median income and a juvenile services center/shelter. HHFDC is requesting \$15 million in CIP funds to finance phase 1 of the juvenile shelter/services component of this mixed-use development. This includes the prorated cost for approximately 24,000 square feet of completed office and shelter space and approximately 10,000 square feet of "shell" space with utility rough-ins on the bottom 3 floors of a high-rise tower and 50 of approximately 250 parking stalls that would be set aside to the Judiciary.

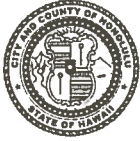
- **Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF), Statewide (BED 160/HF) \$75,000,000 (C).** For every \$10 million dollars infused to the RHRF, it is estimated that approximately 60 new affordable rental housing units would be produced. This Supplemental request would therefore help produce up to 510 new units.

These figures are based on the assumption that 9 percent Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects will utilize approximately \$15-20 million dollars from the RHRF to produce 150-175 new affordable rental units annually at a cost of approximately \$110,000 per unit, and that any additional CIP funds infused into the RHRF would help produce rentals in 4 percent LIHTC projects at an average cost of approximately \$165,000 per unit.

- **Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF), Statewide (BED 160/HD) \$25,000,000 (C).** An infusion of funding into the DURF will provide additional opportunities to facilitate the development of affordable housing, including transit-oriented development projects along the planned rail transit line, and to help finance regional infrastructure improvement projects as contemplated in HB 2305, HD1, Relating to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund.
- **Waiahole Water Systems Improvements, Oahu (BED 160/HD) \$6,500,000 (C).** This request is for a re-appropriation of funds previously appropriated in FY2014-2015 due to project delays. The funds are intended for repairs to the access bridge to the Waiahole well pumps and to upgrade the potable water system in Waiahole Valley, Oahu, which services residential and agricultural water users, the Waiahole Elementary School and area fire hydrants.
- **Low Income Housing Tax Credit Loans, Statewide (BED 160/HF) \$8,459,000 (C).** This request will provide continued funding for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Loan Program. The LIHTC program encourages the development and preservation of rental housing for lower income households by providing a cost-effective financing mechanism for projects that are awarded State LIHTCs. Projects which have been awarded State LIHTCs that demonstrate the inability to find investors for their State tax credits may exchange their credits for a LIHTC loan instead.

For the above reasons, LURF **supports portions of HB 1700, HD1**, and respectfully urges your favorable consideration.

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



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TO: Senate Ways and Means Committee
Tuesday, April 5, 9 a.m., Conference Room 211
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96789

FROM: Dick Poirier, Chair
Mililani, Waipio, Melemanu Neighborhood Board No. 25

SUBJECT: Support for HB 1700, HD1 Requesting Emergency
Funds to Keep Open Wahiawa General Hospital

CHAIR TOKUDA AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS,

Neighborhood Board #25 is in support HB 1700, HD1 as evidenced by the following motion which was adopted unanimously at our board meeting of March 23, 2016 as follows:

NB #25 strongly supports HR 73, and accompanying HCR, which requests the Governor and the Hawaii State Legislature to provide immediate and emergent financial assistance to Wahiawa General Hospital.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, April 5, 2016
State Capitol, Conf. Room 211**

**RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1700, HOUSE DRAFT 1,
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET – APPROPRIATION FOR WAHIAWA
GENERAL HOSPITAL**



Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

Royal Contracting Co., Ltd is a general engineering contractor that does work in Mililani, Mokuleia, Haleiwa and Kahuku.

Although we are safety conscious, it takes only one accident to occur and the need for emergency services will be required.

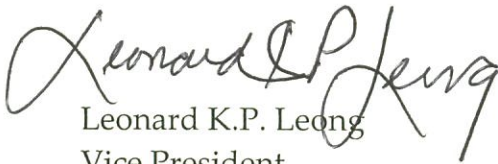
Immediate response is key to the recovery of our workers therefore we support HB NO 1700 HDI.

Wahiawa Hospital is the closest facility that can provide immediate care for any accidents in the area between Mokuleia to Kahuku.

More tourist are also visiting this side of the island, therefore there is more demand for emergency services.

Your vote will help to save a life.

Sincerely,


Leonard K.P. Leong
Vice President

To: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Ways and Means

From: Paula Yoshioka, Senior Vice President, The Queen's Health Systems

Date: April 4, 2016

Hrg: Senate Committee on Ways and Means Hearing; Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 9:00am in
Room 211

Re: Support with comments for HB 1700, HD1, Relating to the State Budget

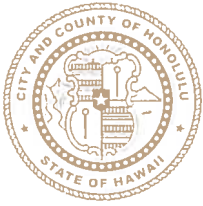
My name is Paula Yoshioka, and I am a Senior Vice President at The Queen's Health Systems (QHS). I would like to express my support for appropriating the original amounts in operational funds for the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) and the University of Hawaii Cancer Center within this measure.

The Queen's Medical Center is part of the University of Hawaii Cancer Consortium, of which members have a common goal to eliminate cancer through research. The UH Cancer Center is one of only 69 institutions in the United States that hold the prestigious National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, and is the only NCI-designated center in the Pacific. The NCI designation provides cancer researchers in Hawaii with greater access to federal funding and research opportunities. More importantly, it gives the people of Hawaii and the Pacific region access to many innovative and potentially life-saving clinical trials without the necessity of traveling to the mainland.

It is imperative that the UH Cancer Center maintain its NCI designation to foster research and provide our state's residents with access to the most innovative clinical trials in order to reduce the incidence of cancer in Hawaii.

I respectfully request this committee to approve the original appropriations for JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center within this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.



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TESTIMONY OF
COUNCILMEMBER RON MENOR
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House Bill 1700 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

I am testifying in strong support of funding for Wahiawa General Hospital.

In 2012, Wahiawa was designated as a Medically Underserved Population by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. It is critically important for the Wahiawa General Hospital to remain open to serve the community. Its emergency room is an important lifeline for all. The hospital is a major employer in Central Oahu and the hospital's closure would directly affect 600 employees.

I urge you to support funding for Wahiawa General Hospital. Mahalo for your consideration.

From: clizzihawm@gmail.com on behalf of [Christina Lizzi](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Late Testimony for WAM 9:00am April 5 -Medicaid Buy-In Program Support
Date: Monday, April 04, 2016 4:30:04 PM

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

I am writing to support Governor Ige's line item in the budget for the Medicaid Buy-In program.

This program is critical to ensure that working adults with disabilities are able to remain in the workforce without fear of losing much needed benefits. The Medicaid Buy-In program allows working persons with disabilities to buy-in by paying a premium that will allow them to maintain their benefits even if they earn above the meager cap on earnings. Many people with disabilities remain in poverty and out of the workforce because the threat of losing much needed support. The Medicaid Program Buy In allows them to work without losing Medicaid Eligibility and to work themselves out of poverty.

Hawaii is one of only four states that DO NOT have a Medicaid Buy-In program. It's time for us to remove the obstacles for persons with disabilities in the workforce and allow them the same meaningful opportunity as others to achieve financial stability that the current caps on Medicaid eligibility deny them.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Christina Lizzi

J.D. Candidate Entering Class of 2014
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William S. Richardson School of Law
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Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

HB 1700, HD1, Relating to the State Budget

Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Hearing Time/Place: 9:00am, Conference Room 211, State Capitol

Position: Please reinstate state dollars as the source of funding for Preschool Open Doors subsidies and the Executive Office of Early Learning staff and budget request

Dear Senator Tokuda, Senator Dela Cruz, and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Hawaii's approximately 1300 young children who can attend preschool or a child care program because of financial assistance provided through Preschool Open Doors (POD) subsidies.

I am Karen Worthington, Project Coordinator for Early Childhood Action Strategy, an initiative that brings together state departments, county agencies, community-based organizations and private providers to align priorities for children prenatal to age eight. We work together to strengthen and integrate Hawaii's early childhood system by streamlining services, maximizing resources and improving programs to support our youngest keiki.

The outcomes desired from an effective early childhood system are increases in the percentage of

- Babies born healthy
- Young children whose development is on track
- Children who enter kindergarten ready for school
- Children who are proficient learners by third grade.

High Quality Early Learning Programs are a critical component of Hawaii's early childhood system because high quality early learning programs:

- support parents and families in nurturing their children
- help track children's development and recommend when screening should occur for developmental delays or developmental differences
- help parents and children benefit from interventions that follow developmental screenings
- help families identify needed community resources

- allow parents to work or pursue their education
- promote the social and emotional development of young children
- prepare children to enter school as kindergarteners.

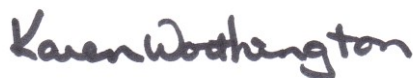
The average cost of child care in Hawaii is \$7,600 - \$9,300 per year. For most families, child care is their second highest expense after paying for housing. The POD subsidy allows families with low and low-moderate incomes to afford a high quality early learning setting for their children. Access to stimulating, safe child care in a licensed setting would not be possible for these families without POD subsidies.

The current budget bill, HB177 HD1, includes \$6 million for POD, but instead of being funded from state general funds, the allocation is from an unidentified federal funding source. This critical piece of Hawaii's early childhood system must be funded from state funds in order to continue to be a stable resource for our most vulnerable children. **Please restore the state general fund as the source of the POD allocation and please maintain the funding level at a minimum of \$6 million.**

Another critical piece of Hawaii's comprehensive early childhood system is the Executive Office of Early Learning (EOEL). EOEL's mission is "to coordinate efforts to help ensure a solid foundation for Hawaii's young children, prenatal to age five, by working with partners, families, and communities, and connecting policies, programs, and funding in relation to health, safety, early childhood education, and school readiness and success." EOEL is the state entity responsible for administering the DOE-EOEL public prekindergarten program. The source of funding for the EOEL budget in HB177 HD1 was changed from the state general fund to unidentified federal funds. EOEL must have stable, state funds to continue preparing young children to enter kindergarten ready to learn. **Please restore the state general fund as the source of the EOEL budget for the upcoming fiscal year.**

Please feel free to contact me for additional information about how POD and EOEL fit into the state's vision of children who are valued, safe, healthy and ready to succeed. I can be reached at 808-214-9336 or karen@clnhawaii.org.

Sincerely,



Karen Worthington, JD

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
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Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1700 on Apr 5, 2016 09:00AM
Date: Monday, April 04, 2016 11:22:00 PM

HB1700

Submitted on: 4/4/2016

Testimony for WAM on Apr 5, 2016 09:00AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Poulos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. It will assist our most frail and vulnerable loved ones needing long term professional care. I understand that many programs need funding but our Kupuna must come first. Mahalo

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April 4, 2016

Hon. Committee Chair, Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Hon. Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Hon. Committee on Ways and Means
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Dear Hon. Committee Chair Tokuda and Hon. Committee Members,

On behalf of the registered nurses represented by the Hawaii Nurses' Association, including the 57 RNs employed at Wahiawa General Hospital, I write in support of HB 1700 HD1. HB 1700 HD1 will provide critically needed funding for Wahiawa General Hospital to continue to operate. Wahiawa General Hospital provides vital healthcare services to Wahiawa and surrounding communities. The Hospital serves a largely low-income and elderly population, with a large amount of its revenues coming from treating Medicare and Medicaid patients. The revenue provided by these services does not support the actual cost of providing treatment, which necessitates additional funding for continued operation of the Hospital.

As we understand, Wahiawa General Hospital will close within six months if it does not receive immediate financial assistance from the State. The closure of the Hospital would be a tragic loss for the entire Wahiawa area and North Shore community. The loss of emergency medical services could impact the safety of residents of a geographical area that encompasses a large portion of the island of Oahu. If Wahiawa were to close, the nearest emergency room would be some 13 miles away. For someone living in Waialua, Haleiwa, or Kahuku, the distance would be approximately 20 miles instead of approximately 8 miles to Wahiawa General. Further, the closing would not only severely limit these communities access to healthcare, but also eliminates the jobs of those who work at the Hospital. Wahiawa General Hospital is the largest employer in Central Oahu, providing more than 600 jobs, including those of some of Hawaii's finest nursing professionals. Many of these nurses have been in the service of Wahiawa for many years. We are very proud of the quality service these nurses provide Wahiawa patients on a daily basis. Most live in the Wahiawa area and therefore contribute to the local economy. The loss of access to local healthcare and the economic effect thereof would be a two pronged catastrophic blow to all the Central and North Shore affected communities. The last thing Hawaii needs is unemployment for numerous skilled professionals and less access to healthcare for its rural and shoreline residents. We strongly urge your support for this imperative measure. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Maureen Meehan-Golonka



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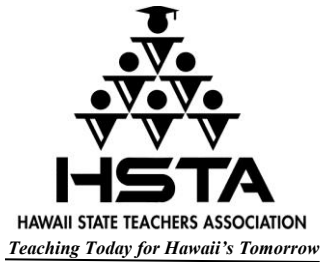
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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

RE: HB 1700, HD1 - RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports HB 1700, HD1**, relating to the state budget.

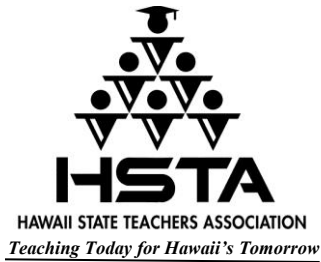
Classrooms should be landmarks for learning. Inside their walls, we should hear an audible susurrus of scholarly enquiry, as students critically question the world around them and the received wisdom of generations gone by. Yet, too often, our overheated and overcrowded schools stifle creativity. Drenched in sweat from 100-plus degree temperatures, teachers and students together struggle to breathe life into school buildings that are, on average, 65-years-old, an age that in the fast-paced education profession is not just unmodern, but Paleolithic.

Nowhere is this clearer than at Campbell High School. Founded in 1961, the 55-year-old school was initially built to accommodate 1,700 students. At the beginning of this year, however, Campbell enrollment reached 3,049 keiki. It has since grown higher. Therefore, we mightily implore you to include funding for a new Campbell High School building in the state budget at the level of \$35 million, as requested by Gov. David Ige. Under current plans, the proposed Campbell High School facility will include approximately 30 classrooms, including so-called “specialty” rooms, like science labs. Money from the \$35 million appropriation will also be used to upgrade aging underground utilities and relocate equipment and infrastructure on the Campbell campus.

We understand that, during January budget briefings, lawmakers raised concerns about the cost of the Campbell building. Noting that Kapolei's Ho'okele Elementary, which opened its doors to students in July of 2015, was constructed for \$38.3 million, fiscal policymakers questioned whether or not a similar price tag for a single high school building is cost effective. Overall capacity and usage of the new Campbell building would be equal to or greater than that of an elementary school, however, and will not likely employ a "design-build" strategy that consolidates design and construction under a single contractor. What the new building will advance, though, is student achievement. A recent study conducted by University of California at Los Angeles researchers showed that the percentile gap between students being educated in comfortable classrooms can reach as much as 17 percent on achievement tests, clearly evincing the impact of a modern learning environment on student success, an impact made all the more urgent by Campbell's chronic overcrowding. Overstuffed classrooms, in turn, increase class size and teacher turnover, as educators seek more manageable workloads or leave the profession entirely. Additionally, the new building satisfies projected population growth in the Campbell complex area, ensuring that new families do not further overload the high school's capacity. Installation of fifteen portables during winter break was, quite simply, not nearly enough to assuage Campbell's congestion.

That said, we urge you to see this as a "stopgap" measure, as Rep. Matthew Lopresti has called it, and pass future increases in public school funding to provide, among other things, a new high school for the 'Ewa Plain and Kapolei region. According to executive estimates, a new high school would cost \$150-\$200 million, far more than the prudent request being made to quickly expand Campbell's current capacity. Ultimately, though, a new school is needed to bring 'Ewa children's education into the 21st Century.

Beyond Campbell High School, Hawai'i shortchanges its public schools. While our state's per-pupil spending of \$11,823 ranks 17th in the nation when compared to other states in raw dollars, comparison with school districts of similar size and demographics yields different results. Mainland districts with high costs of living are typically urban and averaged with with rural districts experiencing lower costs of living in statewide analyses. When comparing school districts of similar size, Hawai'i, the nation's only statewide school district, ranks 227th in per-pupil funding *before* adjusting for cost of living. A comparison of spending per pupil in America's largest school districts shows the following:



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DISTRICT	Wash. D.C.	New York City, NY	Boston, MA	Pittsburgh, PA	Cincinnati, OH	Detroit, MI
AMOUNT	\$26,661	\$25,061	\$22,762	\$22,600	\$22,157	\$18,361

Hawaii’s major private schools, on the other hand, average \$15,173 in per-pupil spending. When Catholic schools, subsidized by the Roman Catholic Diocese, are removed, private school spending jumps to nearly \$19,173 dollars per student, sans endowment funds that further boost private school baselines. As Punahou President Jim Scott revealed in 2014, "The real cost of our education per student is \$26,000," with the school’s endowment standing then at \$235 million and fundraising operations generating an additional \$12-\$15 million each year.

We must find funds for public preschool, comprehensive classroom cooling, supporting class materials for special education teachers, providing debit cards for classroom supplies to all public school educators, expanding arts and vocational education, lowering class sizes, and subsidizing professional pay that attracts and retains effective educators. Since a measure is moving through the Legislature, this year, to repeal annual step increments from state law, we are extremely interested in seeing the supplemental budget include funds to align teacher step raises with actual classification levels, which we estimate would cost approximately \$73 million in total. We also ask that you ensure this year’s education budget—especially for EDN 100 and EDN 150—is at least as much as last year’s departmental appropriation, thereby showcasing our state’s commitment to a robust and well-funded learning system.

To give our students’ dreams a chance to become reality, we urge you to **support funding for educational programming and facilities** in the state’s supplemental budget.

Testimony to the Senate Committee of Ways and Means
Tuesday, April 5, 2016
State Capitol, Conf. Room 211

RE: Proposed Amendment to House Bill no. 1700, House Draft 1, Relating to the State Budget—
Appropriation for Wahiawa General Hospital

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Ronette M. Kawakami, and I am a former resident of the Wahiawa area.

I am in strong support of House Bill 1700, H.D. 1, and ask that you appropriate \$3 million for Wahiawa General Hospital. (WGH)

WGH is a small country hospital that does a big job of providing emergency services to an area that covers nearly one-third of the island. Mililani, Wahiawa, Waialua, Sunset, and Kahuku are as deserving of having a local, convenient emergency room that is closer to them than downtown Honolulu or Pali Momi in Pearl Ridge.

I grew up in the Wahiawa area, and because my late mother was the Emergency Room head nurse in the early 1960s to the early 1980s, I am very familiar with how WGH served the community. Having access to medical care close by is one of the most important features of WGH. When my brother broke his arm (twice) the WGH's emergency room was able to quickly stabilize and cast his arm without having to travel more than three miles. When I tore my knee ligaments, the WGH ER physicians were able to diagnose and stabilize it, preventing further injury. When my grandfather was gravely ill, and when my grandmother became too frail to live at home, WGH was there to help care for them both. The hospital's proximity to our home made it easy for family to visit regularly so that they could spend their last days with their loved ones without the family having to travel the 40 mile round trip to Honolulu on a daily basis, or have the expense of renting rooms in town.

The closure of WGH would truly be devastating to the families of Central Oahu, and the North Shore, both economically for those who work there, and for the many patients that depend on WGH for emergency and long term care.

It is for these reasons that I urge your support for an amendment to HB 1700, HD 1, which would include \$3 million appropriation for Wahiawa General Hospital.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this matter.

Aloha,

Ronette M. Kawakami

April 4, 2016

Dear Senator Tokuda and Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

The purpose of this letter is to explain why the amendments made to the funding mechanism in HB 1700, HD1 as to UOH100 (UH Mānoa) and UOH110 (John A. Burns School of Medicine) are inappropriate. These changes would have a significant negative impact in research, the administration of vital programs and services that benefit the students underserved populations and those suffering from chronic diseases, and would significantly reduce opportunities for students to participate in research required of their undergraduate studies or to go on to graduate school.

HB 1700, HD1 removed A funds and replaced them with N funds in UOH100 and UOH110. Removing A funds and replacing them with N funds amounts to a loss of:

- \$45 million from UH Mānoa and
- \$5.2 million from JABSOM.

This change in funding would:

- Result in the loss of jobs as numerous staff and faculty (not just those who do research) would have to be terminated or leave;
- Result in a rapid exodus of faculty members as other institutions recruit and receive the grants that are held by the faculty member;
- Result in student enrollment declining as opportunities for undergraduates and graduate students to engage in research diminish;
- Reduce instruction that incorporates lab and technical experiences as they become unsustainable due to the loss of funds that provide equipment;
- Impede the institutional commitments that are needed to be considered competitive for federal grants;
- Result in the loss of a tremendous amount of federal dollars that the UH Cancer Center and JABSOM receive as we will not have the infrastructure in place to utilize the federal funding.
- Negatively impact many of the administrative, professional and technical staff who support the departments, instructional programs and research programs;
- Result in a revenue loss from the federal grants awarded to JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center of over half a billion dollars per year in economic stimulus;
- Result in the loss of jobs in the state as both JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center have led to the creation of nearly 6000 new jobs.

In the House's version of HB 1700, N funds represent funds from federal grants. However, those grants are limited in nature.

- Federal grants provide funding for the principal researcher for 2-3 months of employment-related research;

- Receipt of grant funds takes 12-18 months from the time of writing;
- Funding from the state is still needed to sustain staff and infrastructure.

Therefore, we respectfully request that this Committee restore HB 1700, HD1 to its original version.

Sincerely,

Jerris Hedges, Dean of JABSOM and interim director, UH Cancer Center

THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF
John A. Burns School
of Medicine and the
University of Hawai'i
Cancer Center

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I
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John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) and the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center (UH Cancer Center) influence the medical community, the lives of students and residents, and the O'ahu economy as a whole. They facilitate new research and company developments and draw clinical patients, their guests, and other visitors to the region, generating new dollars and opportunities for O'ahu. JABSOM also impacts the economy through its residency program spending, improves higher education delivery throughout the region, and helps students become experts in the medical field.



*Together, JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center added **\$510.6 million** to the O'ahu economy in FY 2014-15, equivalent to creating **5,972** new jobs.*

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa supports one of the leading medical education institutions in the United States, JABSOM. The Kaka'ako campus' state-of-the-art health sciences facilities allow JABSOM to retain its Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) medical doctorate degree accreditation. Also located on the Kaka'ako campus is the UH Cancer Center, which is one of 69 National Cancer Institute (NCI) designated cancer centers in the United States.

As Hawaii's only medical school and research-focused cancer center, JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center provide community-based health education, research, and service on behalf of the people of Hawai'i. This study investigates the economic impacts created by JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center on the regional community through increased consumer spending and enhanced business productivity. While the school and center serve the entire state of Hawai'i, this analysis focuses on their contribution to O'ahu. When exploring these impacts, we consider the following hypothetical question:

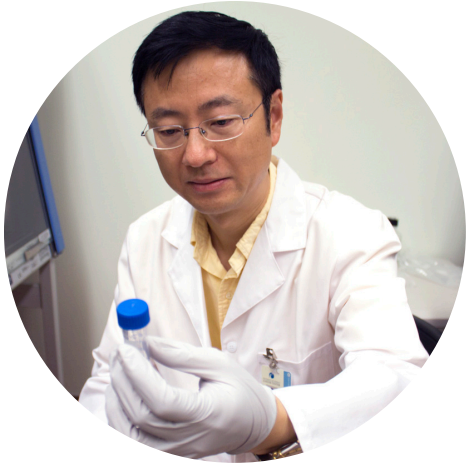
How would economic activity change in O'ahu if JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center did not exist in FY 2014-15?

Results are stated in terms of net impacts, or what would not have existed in the O'ahu economy if not for JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center. The economic impacts stem from initial rounds of spending from JABSOM and UH Cancer Center activities. We then capture the multiplier effects that occur as the initial rounds of spending create more spending across regional businesses.

Multiplier effects are derived using Emsi's Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) input-output model that captures the interconnection of industries, government, and households in the region. The SAM contains industry sectors at the highest level of detail available, and supplies industry-specific multipliers required to determine the impacts associated with increased activity within the region.

Results are measured in terms of the change in income across O'ahu. This measure is referred to as the commonly used gross regional product (GRP). Also reported are the number of new jobs created as a result of this change in income. Results are presented in two sections: one for the collective impacts of JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center and one for impacts of JABSOM's student body.

Collective impact of JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center



JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center promote economic growth in O'ahu through their direct expenditures and resulting expenditures of their clinical patients and guests, visitors, and entrepreneurial relationships. The school and center serve as employers and buyers of goods and services for their day-to-day and research operations. Numerous start-up and spin-off companies have formed through programs and intellectual property at JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center. The reputation of the school and center attract clinical patients and their guests, as well as other visitors to the region, whose expenditures benefit vendors.

All JABSOM and UH Cancer Center results reflect financial data for FY 2014-15. Results are organized according to the following impacts: (1) impact of day-to-day operations; (2) impact of research expenditures; (3) impact of start-up and spin-off companies related to JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center; (4) impact of the spending by their clinical patients and guests; and (5) impact of the spending of their out-of-region visitors.

OPERATIONS SPENDING IMPACT

JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center are important employers in O'ahu. Excluding research and residency program activities, the school and center employed 625 full-time and part-time faculty and staff in FY 2014-15, all of whom lived in the region. Payroll at the school and center was \$28.2 million, much of which was spent in the region for groceries, eating out, clothing, and other household expenses. In addition, JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center are large-scale buyers of goods and services. In FY 2014-15, the school and center spent \$24.4 million to cover their general expenses for facilities, professional services, and supplies.

JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center added \$45.8 million in income to the region during the analysis year as a result of their day-to-day operations. This figure represents the payroll of the school and center, the multiplier effects generated by their non-pay spending and their employees, and a downward adjustment to account for funding that they received from state and local sources. The \$45.8 million in added income is equivalent to creating 884 new jobs.

COLLECTIVE IMPACT OF JABSOM AND THE UH CANCER CENTER IN FY 2014-15

Added income	Jobs
\$45.8 million	884
<i>Operations spending impact</i>	
\$81 million	757
<i>Research spending impact</i>	
\$7 million	80
<i>Start-up and spin-off company impact</i>	
\$2.6 million	47
<i>Clinical patient and guest spending impact</i>	
\$1 million	15
<i>Visitor spending impact</i>	
\$137.6 million	1,782
<i>Total impact</i>	

* Numbers may not add due to rounding



RESEARCH SPENDING IMPACT

Research activities impact the economy by employing people and requiring the purchase of equipment and other supplies and services. Over the last seven years, JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center have seen robust growth in the number of patents filed by their researchers, filing 101 new patent applications since FY 2009. This growth is the result of significant infrastructure investment and faculty recruitment. The work of these initiatives is especially telling over a period of time in which the economy has generally not been strong.

In FY 2014-15, JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center spent \$37.8 million on payroll to support research activities. This, along with other expenditures, created an impact of \$81 million in added income for the regional economy. This is equivalent to creating 757 new jobs.

START-UP AND SPIN-OFF COMPANY IMPACT

JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center create an exceptional environment that fosters innovation and entrepreneurship, evidenced by the number of start-up and spin-off companies related to the school and center that were created in the region. Start-up companies, created specifically to license and commercialize JABSOM and UH Cancer Center technology or knowledge, have a strong and clearly defined link to the school and center. Spin-off companies, created and fostered through programs or faculty and alumni, have a clear but weaker link to JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center.

In FY 2014-15, start-up and spin-off companies related to JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center added \$7 million in added income to the O’ahu economy, which is equivalent to creating 80 new jobs. Of this added income, \$3.2 million was due to the start-up companies, with the remainder due to spin-off companies.

CLINICAL PATIENT AND GUEST SPENDING IMPACT

Part of the mission of JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center is to help patients live longer, healthier lives. JABSOM accomplishes this by offering specialist services through research and clinical activities in the areas such as maternal fetal medicine, geriatrics, HIV/AIDS, speech pathology, hyperbaric oxygen therapy for divers and wound care. Furthermore, the UH Cancer Center conducts clinical research through cancer trials to diagnose, treat, and prevent cancer.

These specialist clinical activities not only help patients, but the regional economy as well. They attract patients from outside the region. They also provide local community members with options, saving them from making a costly trip to receive treatment elsewhere. These patients receive support from friends and family, meaning they have guests who come to the region or who stay in the region given the local treatment option.

In FY 2014-15, the spending from patients and their guests who came to O'ahu to receive specialist clinical care, as well as the spending of those who were able to stay local rather than go elsewhere, added approximately \$2.6 million in income during the analysis year. This \$2.6 million is equivalent to creating 47 new jobs in the region.

VISITOR SPENDING IMPACT

Thousands of visitors come to JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center every year to attend continuing medical education, the white coat ceremony, tours, outreach events, fairs, symposia, and workshops. Around 2,500 of these visitors were from outside O'ahu, bringing with them new monies to the region for lodging, food, transportation, and other personal expenses.

The expenditures of out-of-region visitors generated a net impact of \$1 million in added income for the regional economy in FY 2014-15. This is equivalent to creating 15 new jobs.

TOTAL COLLECTIVE IMPACT OF JABSOM AND THE UH CANCER CENTER

JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center added monies to the regional economy through their day-to-day operations and research spending, as well as the spending of their clinical patients and their guests, and other visitor spending. Their entrepreneurial activities also have a positive impact on the economy. Overall, JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center added \$137.6 million in income to the O'ahu economy, which is equivalent to creating 1,782 new jobs. This is equivalent to 0.2% of the GRP.





Non-economic impacts

OF JABSOM AND THE UH CANCER CENTER

JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center have a significant positive effect on their community that an economic analysis does not capture. For example, their cancer-related work extends beyond simply bringing new and innovative clinical trials to patients and conducting cutting edge research that impacts treatment. It also conducts a variety of community outreach programs intended to increase awareness about what causes cancer and how it can be prevented.

One of the UH Cancer Center's major community outreaches is the Hawai'i Skin Cancer Coalition. With prevention as its primary goal, the Coalition supports numerous events annually intended to bring skin cancer into the public mind, raise awareness of its severity, and educate the public about how to prevent it. Beyond skin cancer, the UH Cancer Center sponsors many other outreach events focusing on other forms of cancer, including breast, colon, prostate, and mesothelioma cancers.

JABSOM also interacts with the surrounding community through a wide variety of programs and outreaches intended to make sure that all of Hawai'i benefits from the school's presence. For example, JABSOM sponsors the Hawai'i H.O.M.E. Project, a student-run outreach clinic founded in 2005 that provides quality healthcare for the

homeless population of Hawai'i in numerous locations around the island. JABSOM also offers support to O'ahu kupuna (elders) via the Mini-Medical School On Healthy Aging, a very popular free course intended to help the elder citizens of Hawai'i understand the aging process and approach it proactively.

Both JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center are members of the University of Hawai'i Cancer Consortium, a unified clinical cancer research effort that also includes Queen's Medical Center, Hawai'i Pacific Health, and the Kuakini Medical Center. Together, the Consortium works to facilitate efficient and effective clinical research in Hawai'i, with a goal of reducing the negative effect of cancer on Hawaiians. JABSOM also partners with the Hawai'i Medical Association to run the Hawai'i Consortium for Continuing Medical Education (HCCME), an accredited program designed to provide continuing medical education for the state's physicians.

To ensure that Hawai'i is able to attract medical talent, JABSOM has joined with six acute care facilities in O'ahu to establish the Hawai'i Residency Programs, Inc. (HRP). Run as a non-profit, HRP serves the state by coordinating the administration of physician residency programs run by the university. HRP makes it simple for medical students to receive the residency training they need at participating hospitals. And it establishes relationships between students and local physicians and health professionals, which not only improve the quality of their training but also provide an incentive to remain in-state at the conclusion of their education.

Impact of JABSOM's Student Body



JABSOM is Hawaii's only medical school, and its student body contributes to O'ahu's economy in a variety of unique ways. In fact, Hawai'i is ranked number 1 in the United States by the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) in 2014 for the highest physician retention of doctors in a state's active physician workforce. According to the AAMC, 86% of all practicing physicians who completed both their medical doctorate and residency training at JABSOM also practice in Hawai'i.

The school's residency program is a buyer and seller of goods and services. JABSOM also attracts monies that otherwise would not have entered the regional economy through the expenditures of its students. Further, it provides students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities they need to become productive citizens within the medical field and add to the overall output of the region.

RESIDENCY PROGRAM SPENDING IMPACT

JABSOM's residency program is not only supported by the university, but by hospitals as well. It embodies strong collaborations with local hospitals and would not exist without the hospitals' support. The residency program positively impacts O'ahu by not only training resident physicians, but by employing faculty and staff to teach and support them. The program also re-

IMPACT OF JABSOM'S STUDENT BODY IN FY 2014-15

Added income	Jobs
\$46.7 million	715
<i>Residency program spending impact</i>	
\$2.7 million	123
<i>Student spending impact</i>	
\$323.6 million	3,352
<i>Alumni impact</i>	
\$373 million	4,190
<i>Total impact</i>	

quires the purchase of equipment and other supplies and services to support their education.

In FY 2014-15, the residency program employed full-time equivalent of 515 employees, with 223 of them being resident physicians. The program spent over \$35.8 million supporting its operations, with \$31.6 million going towards payroll. These expenditures generated an impact of \$46.7 million in added income to the region, which is equivalent to creating 715 jobs.

STUDENT SPENDING IMPACT

Around 21% of students attending JABSOM originated from outside O'ahu in FY 2014-15. Some of these students relocated to the region. These students would not have come to the region if the school did not exist. In addition, a number of in-region students would have left for other education opportunities if not for the existence of JABSOM.

While attending the school, these relocator and retained students spent \$5.3 million to purchase groceries, rent accommodation, pay for transportation, and so on. A significant portion of these expenditures occurred in the region, generating an impact of \$2.7 million in added income in the economy during the analysis year. This \$2.7 million in added income is equivalent to creating 123 new jobs.

ALUMNI IMPACT

The medical education and training JABSOM provides results in the greatest impact. Since the school was established, students have studied at JABSOM and entered the workforce with new skills as physicians or medical researchers. Today, many of these former students are employed in O'ahu.

During the analysis year, past and present students of JABSOM generated \$323.6 million in added income for the region. This figure represents the higher wages that students earned during the year, the increased output of the businesses that employed the students, and the multiplier effects that occurred as students and their employers spent money at other businesses. This \$323.6 million in added income is equivalent to creating 3,352 new jobs.

TOTAL IMPACT OF JABSOM'S STUDENT BODY

JABSOM positively impacts O'ahu not only through its residency program spending, but also through the students it attracts to the region to attend the school. JABSOM also trains a skilled workforce of medical students that earn higher wages and increase business productivity within the region.

Overall, JABSOM added \$373 million to the regional economy, which is equivalent to creating 4,190 new jobs. This is approximately equal to 0.9% of the GRP. By comparison, this impact from the school is larger than the region's entire Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation industry.

ABOUT THE STUDY

Data and assumptions used in the study are based on several sources, including the 2014-15 academic and financial reports from JABSOM and the UH Cancer Center, industry and employment data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and U.S. Census Bureau and outputs of Emsi's Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) model. The study applies a conservative methodology and follows standard practice using only the most recognized indicators of economic impact. For a full description of the data and approach used in the study, please contact the University of Hawai'i for a copy of the technical report.

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Comments: Dear Senators: Please pass HB 1700 in its original form, including the Ticket to Work Medicaid Buy-in, with the following considerations: a) In our sister states that have Medicaid Buy-in for working persons with disabilities, 70% - 80% are already in the Medicaid system, and would be no additional cost to the State. b) The new program would create new taxpayers, and would reduce the need for other benefits for the individuals that utilize the program. c) Individuals that are working generally have better health outcomes, and in the long run cost the state less in healthcare costs. d) This provision will help Hawaii with its implementation of the US DOL Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Thank you for your time and thoughtful deliberation on this matter. Aloha nui loa, William Mihalke

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Closure of WGH's comprehensive services including its 107 bed long term care facility would be disastrous for a population of 110,000 people many of whom are elderly as well as for the almost 500 who would lose employment and their families. There is a statewide shortage of both acute hospital and long term care beds which already regularly results in diversion of ambulances, and delays of admissions and discharges. If WGH, which struggles as a grass roots nonprofit to serve mostly underserved Medicaid and Medicare patients, is allowed to go under, this statewide log jam for patient care will only worsen.

According to Dr. James Ireland, a nephrologist who until recently oversaw emergency services for the City and County, the closure of WGH would necessitate adding at least 2 more ambulances to the city's fleet, costing 4 million dollars per year, and forcing the ill and injured to endure lengthy trips to Pali Momi or Queen's West in traffic. Common sense dictates that this money would be much better spent preserving WGH's accessible life saving services for the community.

If preventing closure and resultant harm is the goal, bankruptcy is not a viable option since it could easily be years before the legal process and transition of ownership finally results in a resumption of services. The community needs and deserves to have its critical safety net stay intact without this kind of catastrophic disruption.

According to the Star Advertiser 3/6/2015, WGH opened its books to Hawaii Pacific Health when they were "mulling purchase" last year and should be willing to do so for the state as well in exchange for its financial support.

As a family practice physician who has been privileged to work in Wahiawa over the past 4 years, I have been personally touched by the community. The people of Central Oahu, Wahiawa, Whitmore and the North Shore embody the aloha spirit and are truly admirable for their stoicism, their patience, their kindness, their dedication to family and their legacy of incredibly hard work. The area is also increasingly burdened by homelessness and poverty.

Since the hospital's struggles have come to this dire crossroads, I implore the Senate Ways and Means committee and the entire legislature to do the right thing for this large vulnerable community by amending HB 1700 the state budget bill, to commit 3 million dollars for the survival of WGH. It's hard to imagine a more worthwhile cause for this small portion of the state's over 700 million dollar surplus



Ellen Sofio M.D.
4/5/2016

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AIRPORT CONCESSIONAIRES COMMITTEE

Re: HB 1700 (Budget Bill, GO Bonds for Federal Inspection Station, Kona International Airport)

VIA HAND DELIVERY

April 5, 2016

Dear Honorable Senator Jill Tokuda,

We urge you not risk losing the opportunity to generate \$12 to \$15 million in tax revenue every year that will benefit the entire State. Not only Kona will benefit.

At least one international carrier has reported it is willing to fly to Kona International Airport starting as soon as possible. Others have indicated an interest. The Obama Administration has indicated it is willing to start the process to staff a Federal Inspection Station in Kona before the President leaves office if \$50 million is appropriated to construct such a facility this year.

Let's not lose this opportunity because who knows what type of support will be provided by our next President for such federal staffing in Kona.

\$50 million in GO (general obligations bonds) is being sought because Hawaii DOT is maxed out and presently cannot afford to float more airport-revenue bonds at this time. Hawaii's airports now have major ongoing construction projects that are being challenged by bid protests and rising construction costs and it makes no sense to jeopardize these projects by re-arranging current appropriations.

Thus, we urge you to support \$50 million in GO bond appropriation for this budget. A DOT study shows that such international travelers to Kona by one airline will generate **\$12 to \$15 million dollars in added tax revenues every year.**

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Assuming, it costs \$2 million a year to finance such bonds for the FIS facility that is **an extra \$10 to \$13 million dollars in added tax revenues every year that will benefit our entire State.**

Further, our State needs a reliever airport for international travelers should Honolulu/Oahu be closed due to catastrophic events or other reasons. Kona International Airport can serve as an important reliever facility for such international flights.

Please let's not risk losing this opportunity to generate an extra \$12 million to \$15 million in tax revenues every year. **Please support such GO bond funding.**

cc: Senate President, Ronald Kouchi

Senator Jill Tokuda, Senate Ways and Means Committee Chair

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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Tuesday, April 2016
State Capitol, Conf. room 211**

**RE: Proposed amendment to house bill no. 1700, house draft 1, relating to the
state budget – appropriation for Wahiawa General Hospital**

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

My name is Randy Rarick, and I am a resident of Sunset Beach. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of House Bill No. 1700, House Draft 1, but ask for your favorable consideration of an amendment to appropriate \$3 million for Wahiawa General Hospital.

As the Executive Director for the Hawaii Pro Tour of Surfing and the Triple Crown of Surfing, for the past thirty-eight (38) year, I believe Wahiawa General Hospital is an essential part of our community. During my tenure, we have had multiple injuries take place during competitions and without the presence of Wahiawa General Hospital, we may have seen loss of life, not to mention the loss of service to injured participants. It is essential that this hospital remain an active part of the community.

In addition, I personally experienced a medical situation, which required treatment at Wahiawa General, that had it not be available and I had to travel to Honolulu, would have resulted in a much more severe result.

It is vital that Wahiawa General Hospital remain operational. For these reasons, I respectfully urge your SUPPORT for an amendment to House Bill No. 1700, House Draft 1, that would include a \$3million appropriation for Wahiawa General Hospital.

Thank You,



Randy Rarick