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The Hon. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
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Testimony in Opposition of HB2466 HD1

Relating to Non-General Funds

**Submitted by Dana Alonzo-Howeth Chief Executive Officer
March 23, 2016 9:15 a.m. Room 211**

My name is Dana Alonzo-Howeth, and I am the Chief Executive Officer of Community Clinic of Maui, Inc., now doing business as Mālama I Ke Ola Health Center. We are one of two Federally Qualified Health Centers on the island of Maui and serve the entire of island of Maui with the exception of the Hana and Haiku areas which are served by the Hana Community Health Center.

On behalf of our Health Center and those we serve, we strongly oppose HB2466 HD1 which repeals and transfers the balances of various non-general funds, including the CHC Special Fund. What most do not understand is that despite State Medicaid expansion and availability of coverage through the Connector, many residents still do not qualify for QUEST and many cannot afford the premiums associated with the Connector's coverage.

The CHC Special fund represents several hundred thousand dollars that our Health Center is able to use to serve those who have nowhere else to go for primary care, dental care and all other associated support services such as nutrition, case management, care coordination, etc...

Repeal of this funding could dramatically impact Hawaii's health care system that is already struggling to provide care to those most in need.

I strongly urge you to oppose HB2466 HD1.

Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Councilmember Stacy Helm Crivello	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: The Community Health Centers provide comprehensive primary care for the uninsured and underinsured for a large number of people, especially in rural communities like Molokai, Lanai and Hana. State funding for the Community Health Centers is critical to their survival and in turn the communities they serve. With so much emphasis on providing health care for everyone, and our community health centers providing critical primary care for so many of our people, it is critical to not abolish funding for our community health centers.

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craig m	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: So what you are proposing is a state regulated genocide for the Kapuna on the west side of Oahu? The Hawaii homesteads are active in emergency runs during the night hours. A drive to Queens is seriously putting lives in jeopardy and tying up much need medical assets. Face it, current laws that enable a culture of abuse and violence, along with a denial of emergency care is a recipe for disaster.

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robert carroll	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I cannot come up with words that describe my opposition to this bill! It would cut in half the health care services provided for residents of Hana. Please, please kill this measure and protect the lives of our rural residents.

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