



HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS
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**House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair**

February 27, 2015
Conference Room 308
11:00 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol

Testimony Supporting House Bill 847, HD1, Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Addresses primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation primary care training program at Hilo Medical Center.

Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.
Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

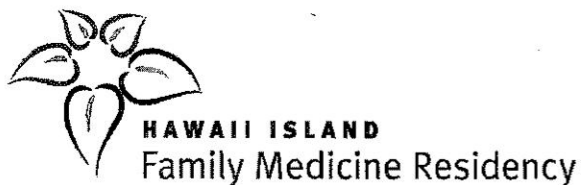
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) fully supports HB 847, HD1, to appropriate funds to implement and sustain our primary care training program. This program will be based at the Hilo Medical Center and will support primary care training throughout the State.

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

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

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

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February 26, 2015

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Friday, February 27, 2015 at 11:000 am
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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847
RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION
PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.**

I, Kristine I McCoy, MD, MPH, Director of the HHSC Primary Care Training Program am writing to request your full support of HB 847 to fund said program.

Our program aims to go beyond filling the numerical gaps primary care physicians (family medicine, general internal medicine and pediatrics) which are presented to you in the *Report on the Findings from the Hawaii Physician Workforce Assessment Project* prepared at your request by Dr. Kelley Withy. By training cost-effective multi-specialty teams, our program graduates will fill not only those positions, but also decrease the need for some of the specialty physicians elucidated in Dr. Withy's report which relies on mainland practice patterns with a fairly narrow scope of practice for primary care physicians. The depth and breadth of our training will allow this state to have excellent health care for its citizens, with fewer obstetrician-gynecologists, fewer neurologists, and fewer rheumatologists just to name a few examples.

We are currently enjoying your support this academic year. However, should it cease, I must point out that we have gained very little for the people of Hawaii. The training period of our family medicine physicians is 3 years; that of our advanced practice nurses and our health psychologists is 2 years. Thus, we seek sustainable funding that allows us to plan each year for accepting trainees into multi-year positions. Just this week, I had to make the decision to go forward with recruiting 4 more family physician trainees through the National Residency Match Program. This was a difficult ethical decision as the community consequences to pulling back due to financing concerns were met by the explicit commitment of three years of support inherent in entering the Match and the possibility of derailing 8 young physicians' careers should the program have to close. We are going ahead, with the strong conviction that you will share with us the value of providing significant funding to us in the start of phase of this program and long term support as needed.

To be clear, we are seeking other ongoing sources of support. Local fund raising continues in Hilo, and we have received one federal grant to support a small amount of our activities and are in the midst of applying for others with our academic partners. We will also be submitting the first set of program cost reports to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid at the end of this calendar year and expect to begin receiving some federal Graduate Medical Education funds in late 2016. We are also working with our payers to improve the payments received for the clinical services that we provide. However, with an overwhelming majority of our patients being insured either through the Medicare or Medicaid programs, we do not expect clinical reimbursements to ever be able to subsidize our educational costs.

Lastly, I would like to bring your attention to the Hawaii Medical Education Council (HMEC) and the Hawaii Medical Education Fund (HMEF). It has been suggested by the Council in its 2015 report to you, that Hilo Medical Center be added to the council and that the funding for the Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency Program at Hilo Medical Center be directed to that fund. We agree in principle that having a coordinated program of supporting graduate medical education and health professions education, especially for primary care in Hawaii is an excellent idea. As such, we are open to amendment of the authorizing legislation for the HMEC and HMEF as well as SB 406 and HB847 and HB195 as long as we are assured that a reorganized Hawaii Medical Education Fund will take into consideration the needs of the neighbor islands and our program's focus on meeting those needs.

Again, thank you very much for the financial support critical to the HHSC Primary Care Training Program this fiscal year. We respectfully ask that this support be continued to allow us to meet our obligations both to the community and to the trainees already enrolled and expected to begin their training with us in the coming months.

Sincerely,

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Elena Cabatu	East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation	Support	No

Comments: Dan Brinkman, Interim CEO of East Hawaii Region of HHSC, and Money Atwal, CFO/CIO of the East Hawaii Region of HHSC, will attend the hearing.

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February 25, 2015

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
and Members of the House Committee on Finance

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of House Bill No. 847.

By continuing the funding for a program to train primary care physicians, this bill will help to relieve the acute physician shortage in rural areas across our precious State.

In its first year, the Primary Care Training Program received 138 applications for the four Residency Program positions. In 2014, the program's second year, applications soared to 500-plus.

In all, 40 healthcare professionals were trained during the program's first year. In addition to the four first-year residents, training for pharmacy students, advanced practice registered nurses, psychology trainees and medical students was provided under the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program.

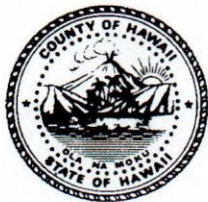
There is a critical need for more physicians statewide, and especially on our neighbor islands.

Approval of this \$3.7 million appropriation will improve health care options for thousands of patients, and will provide a model to tackle the growing need for physicians in underserved areas. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dennis "Fresh" Onishi
Hawai'i County Council Member

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February 25, 2015

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
And Members of the Committee on Finance

Dear Chair Luke and Committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 847 HD1. I would also like to thank your committee for its support of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program in past years.

This is one of the initiatives that is supported by the Hawai'i State Association of Counties, as the benefits gained from the continuation of this program will accrue to the people of the entire State, including the district of Puna, which I represent on the Hawai'i County Council.

Access to quality health care in rural areas such as in Puna is difficult as increasing numbers of physicians reach retirement age. The HHSC Primary Care Training Program seeks to address the shortage of primary care providers in the state by appropriating funds for the continuation of this program.

Again, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Greggor Ilagan
Council Member

Karen Eoff
Council Member, N. Kona
Chair, Finance Committee



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Re: Testimony Supporting HB847, HD1, Relating To The Hawai'i Health Systems
Hearing: February 27, 2015, 11:00 a.m., Room 308

Dear Representatives:

On behalf of myself and the constituents of Council District 8 in North Kona, I would like to express support of above referenced bill, and submit a brief testimony as follows:

The shortage of primary healthcare providers severely impacts the residents of our island, and addressing the shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center, will be in the best interest of our citizens on our Island.

Therefore, I strongly urge the enactment of HB847, HD1.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

KAREN EOFF, Council Member
District 8, North Kona

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THE HAWAII STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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TESTIMONY ON HB847 HD1 RELATING TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW acknowledges that the shortage of primary care providers in Hawaii is a critical issue. This measure addresses the situation and also recognizes the importance of cultivating talent in rural areas.

We ask that your committee pass HB847 HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Finance
February 27, 2015 at 11:00am
by
Donald O. Straney
Chancellor, University of Hawai`i at Hilo

HB 847 HD1 - RELATING TO HAWAI'I HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Donald Straney, Chancellor of the University of Hawai`i at Hilo. I am testifying as a member of the Hawai`i Island community and I support the intent of HB 847 HD1 to fund the interdisciplinary Hawai`i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 847 HD1. Aloha.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847 HD 1

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.

I, Kathleen Akimoto, Trustee of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation, am in full support of HB 847 HD 1 to address primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSC PCTP) at Hilo Medical Center.

Funding the HHSC PCTP is a worthwhile investment for the following reasons:

- It shows the State's commitment to improving access to primary care.
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I thank members of this committee for hearing this bill and ask you to support the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program for the future of a healthy Hawaii.



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: Chair Sylvia Luke
Vice Chair Scott Y. Nishimoto
House Committee on Finance

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

Re: HB 847 HD 1, Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation
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The Queen's Health Systems would like to take this opportunity to provide support for the primary care training program at Hilo Medical Center.

The Hawaii Physician Workforce Assessment Project estimates that, by 2020, Hawaii could be facing a shortage of 1,400 physicians. Access to primary care physicians, in particular, can be very difficult for neighbor island and rural communities. Supporting investments to recruit, train and retain providers in places like Hilo is critical to helping expand access to care for thousands of residents.

We must pursue a number of programs and initiatives in our efforts to expand access to necessary care for all residents of Hawaii, including investing in the training of primary care doctors. That is why we ask for your support of this bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.

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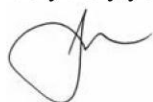
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I thank members of this committee for hearing this bill and ask you to support the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program for the future of a healthy Hawaii.

Very truly yours,



Jon Y. Miyata
Director of New Business Development

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847 HD 1

Relating To The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program.

Julie Tulang, President

Hilo Medical Center Foundation (HMCF)

We, the Hilo Medical Center Foundation Board, supports HB 847 HD 1, that addresses primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSC PCTP) at Hilo Medical Center.

Funding the HHSC PCTP is a positive investment for the following reasons:

- It shows the State's commitment to improving access to primary care for rural communities.
- It reinforces the efforts of the community organizations, like the Rotary Clubs in East Hawaii, who have contributed the profits from their signature fundraiser for the last four years to the HHSC PCTP.
- It shows the students of Waiakea High School, who presented their hard earned \$1000 to the HHSC PCTP, that you see and understand the need for more doctors in rural communities of our State.

July 2014, the program welcomed its first class of four family medicine residents who will train for three years to become family medicine doctors. These residents are enjoying their rural training experience and have expressed a sincere desire to work in a rural community like Hilo.

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

We, the Hilo Medical Center Foundation, believe that good health care starts with the individual and their Primary Care Physician and health care team. It is with the voice of the people from rural communities like ours that we support HB 847 HD 1 that authorizes appropriation of funds for the HHSC Primary Care Training Program administered by the Hilo Medical Center.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony, and urge you to fund and pass HB 847 HD 1.



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Re: HB847 HD1 Relating to Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Primary Care Training Program; Appropriation

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Members of this Committee:

My name is Tracey Fosso, and I am the Board Chair of the Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce (KKCC). KKCC represents over 500 business members and is the leading business advocacy organization on the west side of Hawai'i Island. KKCC also actively works to enhance the environment, unique lifestyle and quality of life in West Hawai'i for both residents and visitors alike.

The Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce strongly supports HB847 HD1.

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

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

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

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

Hawaii Island is in desperate need of more health care providers. The appropriation of funding for a Primary Care Training Program is an action that is greatly needed for this Island now and for the future. I urge you to support HB847 HD1.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

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Tracey Fosso
Board Chair

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I, LUAHIWA NAMAHOE, SALES ACCOUNT MANAGER FOR HMSA REPRESENTING THE ISLAND OF HAWAII, am in full support of HB 847 HD 1 to address primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSC PCTP) at Hilo Medical Center.

Funding the HHSC PCTP is a worthwhile investment for the following reasons:

- Approximately 5% of my island's total population is represented within my personal book of business with HMSA
- Mapping the Primary Care Providers ("PCP") who are accepting new patients is a vital and ongoing process for me
- HMSA does not allow for medical homelessness with our HMO plan participants; they must be registered with a PCP
- The shortage for PCPs is being critically outpaced by the percentage of national and international migrants moving to our island
- This program will afford a funnel for PCPs to train here – and live here.
- **The average age of the PCPs on Hawaii Island hovers near 60 years old.**
(source: West Hawaii Independent Physicians' Association)

I thank members of this committee for hearing this bill and ask you to support the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program for the future of a healthy Hawaii.

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**Support for SB 406, HB 847 and HB195
Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation: Primary Care Training Program**

The Hawaii State Legislature funded \$2.8 million in 2014 to initiate the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (PCTP) on the Neighbor Islands. HHSC launched PCTP with the inaugural Hawaii Island Family Medical Residency program in 2013, a physician training program designed to meet the needs of rural areas throughout the state. HHSC PCTP is administered by the Hilo Medical Center.

The first-of-its-kind in Hawaii medical residency program attracted national and international attention and over 650 medical school students have applied over the past two years for the eight available residency positions.

The Primary Care Training Program teams doctors, advance practice nurses, clinical pharmacists and health psychologists together to provide comprehensive, high-quality care to more patients than a single doctor can do alone. In this fiscal year, PCTP will train 40 health care professionals with over 8,000 patient visits.

The 2015 State appropriation request of \$3.6 million reflects the cost of this successful and growing Primary Care residency training program.

Legislation is needed to secure the Primary Care Training Program and address physician and healthcare shortages. I support SB 406, HB 847 and HB195.

Sincerely,

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847 HD 1
RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION
PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.**

I, Christina Ranan, RN OB Nurse Manager, am in full support of HB 847 HD 1 to address primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSC PCTP) at Hilo Medical Center.

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Schools of Nursing, pharmacists from the University of Hawaii at Hilo's College of Pharmacy and psychologists from the I Ola Lahui, Hawaii Rural Behavioral Health training program.

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I thank members of this committee for hearing this bill and ask you to support the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program for the future of a healthy Hawaii.

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From: Shallon Craddock MD <scraddock@hhsc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2015 10:32 AM
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Subject: Letter of Support - Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency Program

February 25, 2015

Dear House Finance Committee,

I am writing this letter to support the bill HB 847 HD
1<http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/measure_indiv.aspx?billtype=HB&billnumber=847&year=2015> to fund the Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency Program<<http://hmcintra/library/newsletters/Special%20Events/HIFMR%202015%20Update.pdf>>, legislatively known as the HHSC Primary Care Physician Training Program (HHSC PCTP).

My name is Dr. Shallon Craddock and I am a pediatrician who recently joined Hilo Medical Center and I work with residents who are a part of this training program. I am a graduate of University of Colorado School of Medicine and I was trained at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. I have also received a Master of Public Health degree in Epidemiology at University of California, Los Angeles. I am committed to helping to provide an excellent education to these future physicians of Hawaii.

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) aims to train and retain primary care providers to relieve the severe shortage of Primary Care physicians and improve access to healthcare in Hawaii.

HHSC is embarking on year two of its Primary Care Training Program (PCTP), an emerging model of success in Family Medicine residency for Neighbor Island and rural communities throughout Hawaii. In its first year, the Primary Care Training Program received 138 applications for the four Residency Program positions. In 2014, the program's second year, applications soared to 500-plus. In all, 40 healthcare professionals were trained during the program's first year. In addition to the four first-year residents, training for pharmacy students, advanced practice registered nurses, psychology trainees and medical students was provided under the HHSC PCTP program. Hilo Medical Center, the state's third largest hospital, now serves as Hawaii's PCTP hub. As residents enter their second and third years of the residency program, part of their training may be spent in other rural areas of Hawaii. Training primary care providers to serve the Neighbor Islands and rural communities throughout Hawaii has widespread community backing and support. Legislation is needed to secure the Primary Care Training Program and address physician and healthcare shortages.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Shallon T. Craddock, MD, MPH, FAAP

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847 HD 1

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

I, Patricia Bray, Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant, am in full support of HB 847 HD 1 to address primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSC PCTP) at Hilo Medical Center.

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- When the program reaches its full complement of 12 residents in 2016, it will begin graduating 4 Primary Care physicians annually. Nationally, more than half of residents trained at rural sites stay and practice after they complete their residency. The same can be expected for advanced practice nurses, psychologists, and clinical pharmacists.

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Interest in the program's second class of residents has been overwhelming with 560 qualified candidates applying for the 4 spots and more than 40 having strong ties to Hawaii. The interest in the program cannot be overstated – the next generation of primary care physicians is committed to providing high quality care for the people of Hawaii. By training providers in the patient-centered model, HHSC PCTP is helping to address a key component of the state's crisis of needing over 800 physicians.

I thank members of this committee for hearing this bill and ask you to support the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program for the future of a healthy Hawaii.

Thank you,

Patty Bray

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Elena Cabatu	Individual	Support	No

Comments: In full support of HB 847 HD1, the HHSC Primary Care Training Program. Please fund this worthwhile program for the future of a healthy Hawaii.

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847 HD 1
RELATING TO THE HAWAI'I HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION
PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.**

I, Beth Dykstra, am in full support of HB 847 HD 1 to address primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSC PCTP) at Hilo Medical Center.

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College of Pharmacy and psychologists from the I Ola Lāhui, Hawai'i Rural Behavioral Health training program.

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I thank members of this committee for hearing this bill and ask you to support the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program for the future of a healthy Hawai'i.

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I, HARRY YADA, am in full support of HB 847 HD 1 to address primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSC PCTP) at Hilo Medical Center.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847 HD 1

**RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION
PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.**

I, Marilyn Harris, am in full support of HB 847 HD 1 to address primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSC PCTP) at Hilo Medical Center. As administrator of Ka'u Hospital and its rural health clinic, I know firsthand the challenges of trying to recruit primary care physicians in isolated communities like ours. The lack of adequate access to primary care disproportionately affects people living in rural communities who may not be able to travel the distances required to seek care elsewhere.

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Carol A. VanCamp	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As chair of the corporate board for HHSC, I am acutely aware of the challenges we face in Hawaii to attract doctors as well as our current physician shortages. Continuing this residency program is critical to these efforts. We urge your continued support!

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

I, Steve Godzsak, Hilo resident and secretary for the HMCF am in full support of HB 847 HD 1 to address primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSC PCTP) at Hilo Medical Center.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847 HD 1

**RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION
PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.**

I, Dr. Ka`ohimanu Lydia K. Dang Akiona, am in full support of HB 847 HD1 to fund the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSC PCTP). I am one of the first four residents being trained at the HHSC Primary Care Training Program and I am extremely humbled to be here today.

I was born and raised in Central O`ahu, in Wahiawa, Hale`iwa, Mililani. I am named after my 90 year-old great-grandmother, Lydia Leinani Kaulula`au Walker, who lives in Nanakuli homestead. My father is a warehouse supervisor. His father was a tugboat engineer and his mother was a homemaker. My mother is a clerk at Safeway. Her father is retired from the Honolulu Police Department and her mother was a postal worker, but passed from colon cancer at the young age of 48.

I am the oldest of three, and a product of Kamehameha and the University of Hawaii at Manoa; I studied Cell and Molecular Biology and Hawaiian Studies. I participated in several programs that specifically targeted Native Hawaiian and other Pacific Island students. Part of my research included `Imi Hale Native Hawaiian Cancer Network in 2005, where I helped set up the Cancer Patient Navigator training program statewide. After working at the Department of Native Hawaiian Health at our John A. Burns School of Medicine, I left for medical school and graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with full financial assistance from the Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship.

At a young age, I watched my healthy, loving grandmother waste away from colon cancer and die in pain. This experience stuck with me years later when as a young researcher, I travelled island to island to hear real patients talk about their care experiences. The system itself is difficult to navigate, and when one is chronically ill, as many of our patients tend to be, it became evident to me as a young researcher that

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journey for someone from an outer island is particularly challenging, both to the patient and the family. On the other hand, it was amazing to witness how each community stepped up with what resources they had to provide as much as possible for their constituents. I have been very mindful of this as I transitioned back to local living after medical school. I understand fully that I am here today because my community stepped up and fought to keep the vision of the late Senator Inouye alive- to have enough health providers for ALL of Hawai'i's people. My community fought for the program, for the funding, for me and for others like me and for that I am so grateful.

The doctors that I have met and work with in Hilo are exceptionally dedicated people. I have been impressed time and again at the 30-plus years of dedication many of these long time physicians have for our community. This is important for me, especially as a wife and mother - these docs work constantly because there are not enough of them. We need more than 200 physicians on Hawai'i Island alone and over 800 physicians in this state. Today, we have an opportunity to ease this problem.

The Primary Care Training Program can provide physicians, pharmacists, nurses, nurse practitioners and psychologists for the State of Hawai'i for generations to come. As we are immersed in the system and work together, we build relationships that are grounded in the values of our community: collegiality and teamwork, responsibility, respect and humility, with a little bit of local-style learning and laughter. I look around just at Hilo Medical Center and I see so much locally grown talent. I meet applicants to our residency program with real roots and ties to our islands. They tell me they can't wait to come home to stay. I want to ask you to please consider the impact this bill can have for more like me, who want an opportunity to give back to the community that raised us.

I can tell you first hand that while I am here to serve, I have gotten so much in return. The doctors, busy as they are, given their time to teach and nurture us, the amazing Hilo Medical staff that surround us and invest in our development, and our community who trust us to care for their family members with the aloha they deserve. I am here for, and because of, all of them.

I thank members of this committee for hearing this bill. Please support the HHSC Primary Care Training Program for the future of a healthy Hawaii.

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847 HD 1
RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION
PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.**

I, LeeAnn Lindsey, HMSA Testing Coordinator, am in full support of HB 847 HD 1 to address primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSC PCTP) at Hilo Medical Center.

Funding the HHSC PCTP is a worthwhile investment for the following reasons:

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I thank members of this committee for hearing this bill and ask you to support the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program for the future of a healthy Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randall Kurohara	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support our primary care training program as it provides much needed support for primary care in our rural areas of the state. As the focus towards primary care and population health increases, this program is unique in that it trains residents in the Patient Centered Medical Home model.

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Nicole Apoliona, M.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a family practice physician on a neighbor island, I know how much need there is for more primary care physicians. As an assistant clinical professor in Family Medicine for JABSOM, I know how valuable rural training is for students and for recruiting doctors to rural areas. For these reasons, I support HB847HD1

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I am submitting testimony **in support of HB 847 HD1**

- Testifier's name with position/title and organization: **Lauren Okamoto, MD. Title Family Medicine Physician and Geriatric Medicine Physician**
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847
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PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.

I, Kelley Withy, am writing to offer my full support of HB 847 to fund the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSC PCTP).

Last July the program welcomed its first class of four family medicine residents who will train for three years to become specialists in family medicine. Since July these young physicians have cared for patients in the clinic, hospital and nursing home and have engaged in community activities. Their training is led by a four physician faculty and takes place as part of a patient centered medical home. This health care home is a multidisciplinary team of advanced practice nurses from the University of Hawaii's two Schools of Nursing, pharmacists from the University of Hawaii at Hilo's College of Pharmacy and psychologists from the I Ola Lahui, Hawaii Rural Behavioral Health training program.

Interest in the program's second class of residents has been overwhelming with 560 qualified candidates applying for the 4 spots and more than 40 having strong ties to Hawaii. The interest in the program cannot be overstated – the next generation of primary care physicians is committed to providing high quality care for the people of Hawaii.

The benefits of the HHSC PCTP are numerous.

- When the program reaches its full complement of 12 residents in 2016, it will begin graduating 4 Primary Care physicians annually. Nationally, more than half of residents trained at rural sites stay and practice in this setting after they complete their residency. The same can be expected for advanced practice nurses, psychologists, and clinical pharmacists.
- In rural areas of the state the impact of the Residency Program and greater access to family medicine physicians is projected to have a profound impact on lowering the costs of treating expensive and debilitating conditions. For example, diabetes and coronary heart disease have reached epidemic proportions in Hawaii County compared to Oahu and other areas of the state where there is greater access to primary care.
- HHSC PCTP is training Hawaii's future providers to combine one physician and a team to care for up to 5,000 patients. The current model of care involves one primary care physician for 1,200-2,000 individuals with a small staff, usually including a medical assistant and receptionist.
- The economic multiplier effect of additional physicians in Hawaii means each additional physician is expected to generate 5 new jobs and new tax revenue. (Source: The Lewin Group).

I thank members of this committee for hearing this bill and ask them to support the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program for the future of a healthy Hawaii.

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847 HD 1
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I, Joy Dillon, am in full support of HB 847 HD 1 to address primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSC PCTP) at Hilo Medical Center.

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I thank members of this committee for hearing this bill and ask you to support the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program for the future of a healthy Hawaii.

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**HB 847 HD1 - RELATING TO HAWAI'I HEALTH SYSTEMS
CORPORATION**

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jerry Chang. I am expressing my strong support for HB 847 HD1 as a member of the Hawai'i Island community.

The entire state faces a severe physician shortage of over 150 doctors, with projections to worsen in the next five years as many doctors retire.

The funding for the Interdisciplinary Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program at Hilo Medical Center will not only train doctors but will also offer training for advanced practice nurses from programs at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa and Hilo, and to students from the University of Hawaii at Hilo's Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy.

It has been documented that physicians, nurses and pharmacists attending rural training programs are much more likely to practice in a rural area.

Thank you,
Jerry Chang

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al yazawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support. This is an important issue for primary care support for neighbor islands.

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Wayne Kanemoto	Individual	Support	No

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Mike Middlesworth	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This program is necessary to help alleviate Hawaii's physician shortage.

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Support of HB 847 HD 1

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

The Zonta Club of Hilo supports HB 847 HD 1, with the original requested funding. Zonta is an international organization of professional and business women whose mission is to advance the status of women and girls worldwide. Good health care is fundamental to accomplish this goal.

The Zonta Club members intend to strengthen the state's health provider workforce through the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP).

Support of this program and of family medicine graduate education will generate greater numbers of doctors practicing throughout the islands, but especially in the super-rural areas, whose need is great. The Program is one means to reduce the doctor shortage in Hawaii. Investing in training of family practice residents in the neighbor islands is expected to yield a meaningful return on investment.

- Increasing the number of family practice physicians is expected to decrease the number and rate of "potentially avoidable hospitalizations," which the state now pays for through both its Medicaid program and unreimbursed care by state's public hospital system, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.
- In rural areas, such as East Hawaii, the impact of the Residency Program and greater access to family medicine physicians is projected to have a significant impact on lowering the costs of treating expensive and debilitating conditions. For example, diabetes and coronary heart disease have reached epidemic proportions in Hawaii County compared to Oahu and other areas of the state where there is greater access to primary care.
- The known economic multiplier effect of additional physicians in Hawaii means each additional physician is expected to generate 5 new jobs and new tax revenue. (Source: The Lewin Group). The Zonta Club recognizes that the HHSCPCTP uses an advanced model of care delivery that eliminates the need to train or attract unrealistically high numbers of physicians. The current predominant model of care throughout the country involves one primary care physician caring

for 2,000-2,500 individuals with a small staff, usually including a medical assistant and receptionist.

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

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

The Zonta Club of Hilo, comprised of professional and business women, urge you to pass HB 847, HD 1 with adequate funding, to ensure a responsive health care system for future generations on the Neighbor Islands.

Thank you.

Charlene Iboshi
Advocacy Chair, Zonta Club of Hilo

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I thank members of this committee for hearing this bill and ask you to support the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program for the future of a healthy Hawaii.

Mahalo.

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Aloha!

I am sorry this is late.

Hawaii must support the training of family physicians in this state.

Please support HB847 HD-1 with sufficient resources to assure the continuation of the Residency Program.

Thank You

Dan Domizio

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