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**Testimony COMMENTING on HB 464**  
**Relating to Health**

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: February 10, 2015 8:30 AM Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds in fiscal years 2015-  
2 2016 and 2016-2017. The measure requests an additional ambulance unit including a vehicle,  
3 personnel, and equipment.

4 **Department Testimony:** The Department recognizes the significant challenges to providing  
5 health care and emergency services to the Kakaako Community. The Department is projecting a  
6 shortfall in general funds to fund the existing ambulance contracts across the state for FY16 and  
7 FY17. The Department respectfully defers to the Governor's Executive Budget request for the  
8 Department of Health's appropriations and personnel priorities. Funding an additional unit  
9 would have a negative impact on existing services.

10 This measure seeks to augment the City and County emergency medical services system  
11 for the residents and visitors of the Kakaako area. The Honolulu City and County Emergency  
12 Medical Services currently operates 20 ground ambulances on the island of Oahu. The last unit  
13 added was Ewa Beach in fiscal year 2013. Honolulu City and County has budgeted funds to  
14 secure and administer a backup 911 contract with American Medical Response to aid with  
15 increased 911 calls.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

17 **Offered Amendments:** none

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Aloha,

Please see attached. Thank you.

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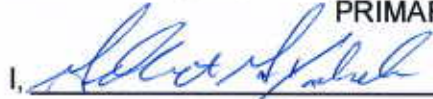
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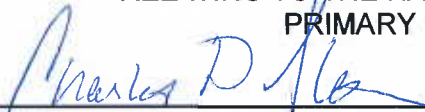
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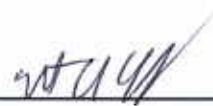
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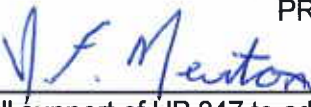
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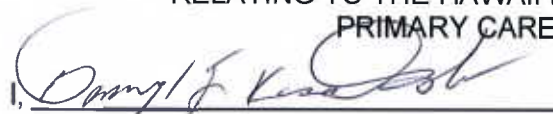
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Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 8:30 am

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

I, Keiichi Takahashi, a member of UPW Section 8 on Hawaii Island, am in full support of HB 847 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 them to support the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program for the future of a healthy Hawaii.

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From: Lillian Lee <llee@hhsc.org>  
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 8:22 AM  
To: HLTtestimony  
Subject: HB 847 to fund the Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency Program

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

I, Lillian M Lee am in full support of HB 847 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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**Harry Yada**

Member of the East Hawaii Regional Board of  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847**

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

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

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**HB847**

Submitted on: 2/6/2015

Testimony for HLT on Feb 10, 2015 08:30AM in Conference Room 329

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carol A. VanCamp	Chair, HHSC Corporate Board	Support	No

Comments: This residency program plays a critical role in recruiting doctors to our island communities. The program is already up and running and it would be a huge setback for our state's doctor recruitment efforts if the needed funding is not provided and as a result, the program had to close. We appreciate your support.

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**Date:** Tuesday, February 10, 2015  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m.  
**Place:** Conference Room 329  
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**FROM:** Jay E. Kreuzer, CEO, Kona Community Hospital, Kohala Hospital  
West Hawaii Regional, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

**RE: HB 847 - RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION  
PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **SUPPORT of HB 847.**

The purpose of this bill is 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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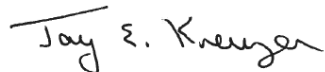


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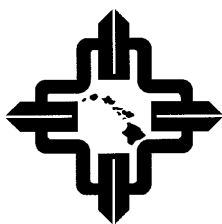
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Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay E. Kreuzer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first few letters.

Jay E. Kreuzer  
CEO  
Kona Community Hospital  
Kohala Hospital  
West Hawaii Region, Hawaii Health Systems Corp.



## **HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS**

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**Testimony Supporting House Bill 847, 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, 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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Testimony Presented Before the  
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Donald O. Straney  
Chancellor, University of Hawai'i at Hilo

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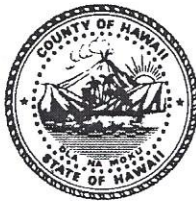
Chair Bellati, Vice Chair Creagan and Members of the Committee:

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 HB847 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 HB847. Aloha.

DENNIS "FRESH" ONISHI  
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## HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL

25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

February 6, 2015

The Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair  
and Members of the House Committee on Health

Dear Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of House Bill 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 the 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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**TESTIMONY OF MEL RAPOZO  
COUNCIL CHAIR, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL  
ON**

**HB 847, RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION**

Committee on Health  
Tuesday, February 10, 2015  
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Dear Chair Belatti and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of HB 847, relating to the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program. My testimony is submitted in my capacity as Council Chair of the Kauai County Council.

HB 847 is similar to a proposed measure submitted by the Hawai'i State Association of Counties (HSAC), which provides funding for the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program. Although this program will be based in Hilo, physicians will be trained to provide medical assistance to critical rural underserved areas across the State.

Access to health care is a significant issue in Hawai'i, especially for residents living in rural areas. Recognizing the shortage of healthcare providers, particularly in primary care, the Hilo Medical Center in partnership with the Hawai'i Health System Corporation developed a Primary Care Training Program to address this shortage and improve access to healthcare for the residents of the State of Hawai'i. This may also encourage physicians to continue their practice here in our islands.

For the reasons stated above, I am in strong support of HB 847 and ask for your favorable support. Again, thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mel Rapozo", written over a horizontal line.

MEL RAPOZO  
Council Chair, Kauai County Council

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The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair  
Committee on Health  
House of Representatives  
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Dear Chair Belatti:

**Subject: H.B. 481, RELATING TO HEALTH**

I am Darren J. Rosario, Fire Chief of the Hawai'i Fire Department (HFD). The HFD supports H.B. 481 to make an appropriation for an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance to be based in Makalei on the island of Hawai'i.

The Makalei Fire Station in North Kona was opened in 2013 and houses a Fire Engine and Hazardous Materials Response unit. The Makalei station fills a gap on Hwy 190 between the Kailua Fire Station and the Waikoloa Fire Station serving one of the fastest growing districts in the state of Hawai'i with approximately 45,000 residents. Unfortunately this station was never equipped or staffed with an Advanced Life Support (ALS) Ambulance to serve the area residents emergency medical response (EMS) needs.

EMS response time significantly impacts the overall delivery time of the patient to definitive treatment at an emergency room. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) which creates standards for Fire Service has determined that an EMS ambulance crew must respond to a scene within eight minutes to ensure optimal delivery of emergency care. According to NFPA 1710: Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments "This requirement is based on experience, expert consensus and science. Many studies note the role of time and the delivery of early defibrillation in patient survival due to heart attacks and cardiac arrest, which are the most time-critical, resource-intensive medical emergency events to which fire departments respond." Trauma, stroke and other cardiac emergencies are also extremely time sensitive and rapid transport to definitive treatment often makes the difference between life and death.



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The current EMS response within the Makalei district comes from Medic 7 (8 miles away) out of the Kailua Fire Station, Medic 12 (15 miles away) out of the Keauhou Fire Station and Medic 16 (27 miles away) out of the Waikoloa Fire Station. Medic 7 and 12 account for 17% of the EMS calls in the County of Hawai'i and in the best circumstances will manage a response time of 8-15 minutes to the district of North Kona; if neither of these units is available the response time from Medic 16 in Waikoloa Village is approximately 25-30 minutes. To compound this the approximate transport time from North Kona to Kona Community Hospital is 25-30 minutes. With that being said, patients treated and transported within the North Kona district are at a disadvantage due to response and transport times and based on this, overall patient outcomes suffer.

This request is presented to meet the ever-increasing demands for Emergency Medical Services on Hawai'i Island specific to North Kona so that we can maintain a high level of EMS delivery to the community as its needs change.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 932-2903 or [fire@hawaiicounty.gov](mailto:fire@hawaiicounty.gov) should you have any questions.

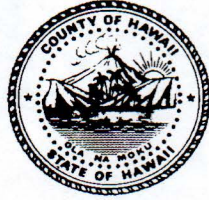
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**GREGGOR ILAGAN**

25 Aupuni Street, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720

February 9, 2015

The Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chair  
And Members of the Committee on Health

Dear Chair Belatti and Committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 847. 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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Council Member

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My name is Marilyn Harris and as the administrator of Ka'u Hospital, in one of the isolated communities in the state, I experience first-hand the recurring struggle to find primary care providers. Ka'u Hospital has a rural health clinic which is staffed by a family practice physician and a nurse practitioner. There have been times in the past when it has taken almost a year to fill a provider vacancy in that clinic.

Competent, committed primary care physicians and nurse practitioners are the gateway to a cost effective comprehensive health care system. When there are not enough of them, patients are forced to seek more expensive routes for accessing health care such as emergency departments. While episodic treatment can be provided in the ED, chronic disease management and preventive care cannot.

The HHSC Primary Care Provider Training Program (HHSCPCPTP) located in Hilo, is a way to address the growing provider gap in the neighbor islands. 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.

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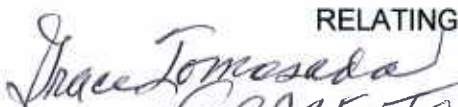
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Julie Tulang	Hilo Medical Center Foundation	Support	Yes

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Thank you,  
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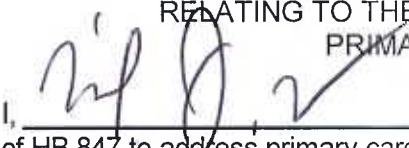
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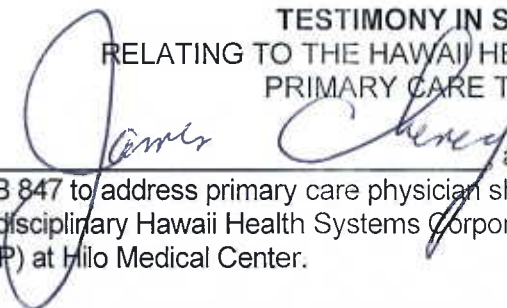
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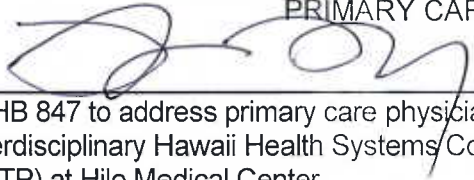
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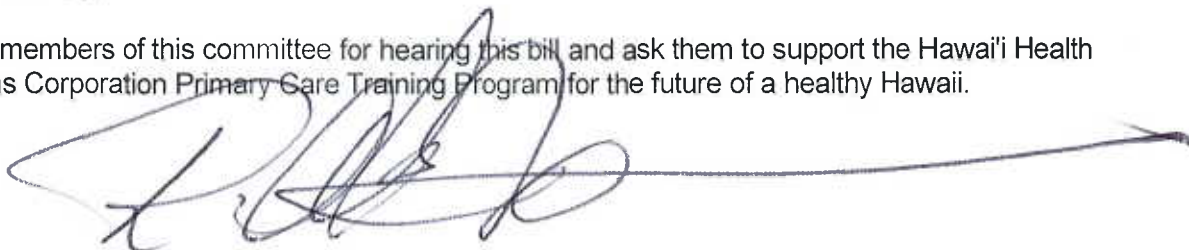
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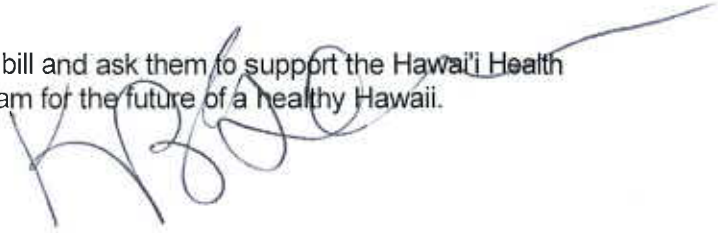
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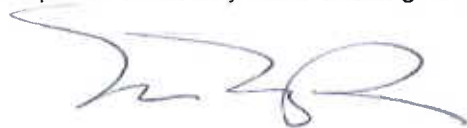
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*Barry Taniguchi, President and Chair of Community First*

As a resident of East Hawaii and member of Community First, a non-profit on Hawaii Island, I, Barry Taniguchi, resolve to strengthen access to primary care through the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP). Community First's vision is a community where we all help each other care for our well-being. We seek to engage the whole community in changing the idea of healthcare from treating disease to caring for health and well-being and in creating a sustainable healthcare system.

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I believe that HHSCPCTP will help to develop a clinical and financial model of primary care delivery that can be adopted by private practice physicians that will enable them to care for more patients and at the same time improve both their satisfaction and compensation.

It is documented that more than half of residents trained at rural sites stay and practice in this setting after they completed their residency. In East Hawaii we hope to increase this probability by helping residents develop relationships with their colleagues and the community while a part of HHSCPCTP.

I urge you to pass HB 847. Thank you.

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Out of respect for your fax machine, please accept these scanned signed testimonies by [31 members of the Rotary Club of Hilo](#) AND [19 members of the East Hawaii Kiwanis Chapter](#) in support of HB 847.

Thank you,  
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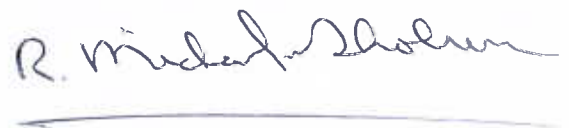
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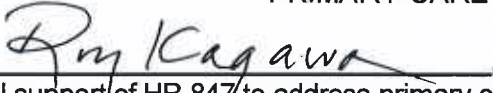
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Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 8:30 am

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847**

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

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SUPPORT TESTIMONY for HB 487  
RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION PRIMARY CARE  
TRAINING PROGRAM.

The Zonta Club of Hilo supports HB 487. 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 487, 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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**RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION**  
**PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.**

To Whom it May Concern:

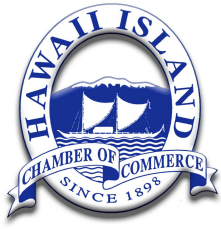
My name is Chuck Erskine and I am the President of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce. With more than 230 member businesses and over 500 member representatives, the Chamber serves as an important voice of business in Hawai'i. The Chamber **strongly supports** the strengthening of the state's provider workforce through the HHSC Primary Care Training Program (HHSCPCTP).

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**We urge you to pass SB 847.** Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chuck Erskine



**Kristine I McCoy, MD, MPH**

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**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 weekend, 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 2 more 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. McCoy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.



## THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

**HB 847, Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation  
House Committee on Health  
Hearing—February 10, 2015 at 8:30 AM**

**Dear Chairwoman Belatti and Members of the House Committee on Health?**

My name is Paula Yoshioka and I am a Senior Vice President at The Queen's Health Systems. I would like to take this opportunity to provide my 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 I 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.*



**HPCCA**

HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

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**Testimony in Support of House Bill 847**

**Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corp**

**Submitted by Robert Hirokawa, Chief Executive Officer**

**February 10, 2015, 8:30 am, Room 329**

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports House Bill 847, making an appropriation for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program.

The HPCA is a staunch believer in the social determinants of health, those economic and social conditions that influence an individual and a community's health status. These conditions serve as risk factors endemic to a person's living and working environment, rather than their behavioral or genetic histories. Factors such as income, education, access to recreation and healthy foods, housing, and employment, can and do have measurable impacts on a person and a community, both in health and financial outcomes.

House Bill 847 speaks to two of these major determinants by seeking to alleviate the shortage of primary care providers and improve access to care across the state. For that reason, we strongly support this measure and thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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You know the value of this program. Now put it high on your priority to fund

Mahalo

Jack Stevenson  
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Although there is no guarantee that all of the trained residents will eventually stay and practice in Hawaii, we are guaranteed to have fewer physician if we do nothing at all. Inaction isn't an option. We must act proactively, or face further declines in our healthcare. Encouraging preventative health measures only works if there are PCPs available for people to see.

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I, Jessica Ku, PharmD., am in full support of HB 847 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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*This residency program is the key to addressing the serious need for more healthcare providers to serve the east side of Big Island. Hilo Medical Center along with affiliated community clinics are*

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*bursting at the seams with new patients and a growing population of the elderly and local people with numerous chronic disease states. Medication management is below par, due to lack of time and lack of energy from the providers we do have. We need to tap into the resources we have, involving the many nursing students and hundreds of pharmacy students who are amongst us now year-round. A residency and the presence of doctors/physicians, could be the glue to eventually leading to a full and equipped health care TEAM approach.*

*We need to fill in the void of ineffective and poor health education that is a reality for many people on the east side. Quality care to improve the health of our population begins with bringing in the teachers and the professionals who WANT TO BE HERE. Allowing respected professionals who can offer their time, knowledge, and unique abilities into our community will create a domino effect of health awareness, interest, and enhanced living. I have heard first-hand accounts from hundreds of patient's this year; when they experience good care, the word spreads like wild-fire, when they receive poor care, it spreads just the same. The Hilo community suffers unnecessarily from lack of awareness first, and access to good care, secondly. Incentive for more astute and educated professionals to come practice and live on the island will benefit our people as well as the residents, as they gain insight into a real rural community, with such a unique culture. Good things will happen and good news will travel. Only good can come from this, when it comes down to it, it is the lives of the patients, and the lives of our local people who stand to gain from this growth. In return, we hope to attract new doctors to stay long-term, we must make this option available to them.*

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.

Respectfully,  
Mahalo,

Jessica Kaehukai O'Puaena Ku  
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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847  
RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION  
PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.**

I, Nelson Nako, am in full support of HB 847 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.

I am fortunate to have lived in Hilo for many years and have an established relationship with a primary care physician. However, ask anyone that recently moved to Hilo or anyone desiring to switch physicians, it is impossible to find a physician that can take new patients.

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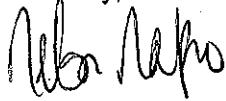


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I thank members of this committee for hearing this bill and ask them to support the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program for the future of a healthy Hawaii.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nelson Nako". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nelson Nako  
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I, Bernard A. Balsis, Jr., President of IEG FCU, am in full support of HB 847 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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From: Fred Koehnen <fjk96720@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Friday, February 06, 2015 12:15 PM  
To: HLTtestimony  
Subject: HB847

I wholly support referenced House Bill and funding for the Family Residency Program.

Fred J. Koehnen  
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I, Patricia Bray, Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant, am in full support of HB 847 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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Thank you,

**Patty Bray**

Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant to Lisa Rantz

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**HB847 - RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION**

Chair Bellati, Vice Chair Creagan and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jerry Chang. I am expressing my strong support for HB 847 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



**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847**  
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PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.

I, TANYA AYNESAZIAN, mother and resident in the Puna District on the Big Island, am in full support of HB 847 to address primary care physician shortages by appropriating funds for the interdisciplinary Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSC PCTP).

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To: HLTtestimony  
Subject: Support for Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency Program

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**RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION**

**PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.**

I, Hoon Park, M.D., am in full support of HB 847 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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From: Karra Marh <karra.marh@gmail.com>  
Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2015 11:22 AM  
To: HLTtestimony  
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB 847

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I, Karra Marh, M.S. am in full support of HB 847 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, Mary Begier, am in full support of HB 847 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.

Four years ago I was attacked by a dog late on a Sunday afternoon. My first thought was how could I catch a plane to Oahu for help? My condition was such that travel was unrealistic. I was fortunate that Dr. Josh Green had recently come to our hospital due to his wife's new position at UH Hilo. We can't count on that kind of luck in every instance. We must be proactive to train and retain doctors in our community.

Please fund this program so we don't have to count on luck!

I thank the 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.

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Cc: ninab@hawaii.edu  
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB847 on Feb 10, 2015 08:30AM

**HB847**

Submitted on: 2/6/2015

Testimony for HLT on Feb 10, 2015 08:30AM in Conference Room 329

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nina Buchanan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I, Nina Buchanan, Professor Emerita from the University of Hawaii Hilo, am in full support of HB 847 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. 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). As part of an aging baby boom generation, whether I remain in Hawaii may well depend on whether there are enough medical doctors to care for us all. I thank members of this committee for hearing this bill and ask them to support the Hawaii'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program for the future of a healthy Hawaii.

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I, Dr. Natalie Kehau Kong, am in full support of HB 847 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.

On Friday, January 23, 2015 I appeared on the front page of the Hawai'i Tribune Herald along with Dr. Ka'ohimanu Dang Akiona one of the residents of the PCTP. The article, along with one published in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser on January 20th talked about the severe doctor shortage in Hawai'i. I am here to provide a face and a story behind the numbers and graphs in these articles.

I was born and raised in Waimanalo, O'ahu. My father is a counselor and teacher at Windward Community College. His father was a bus driver and his mother was a day laborer. My mother is the Volunteer Coordinator at Castle Medical Center. Her father served in the Army and Air Force and her mother worked in the Kaiser system for many years. My sister works on Hawai'i Island with Hale Kipa. I attended Kamehameha Schools and the University of Hawai'i at Manoa for my undergraduate, graduate and post-baccalaureate training. I graduated from the John A. Burns School of Medicine and did a Family Medicine Residency in Phoenix, Arizona. I have just completed a Rural Medicine and Obstetrics Fellowship in Tacoma, Washington. I am currently one of only two Family Medicine physicians trained to do c-sections on the island of Hawai'i. I am also the newest faculty member of the HHSC PCTP.

Like so many of our people in Hawai'i, my family suffers from diabetes, high blood pressure, morbid obesity and cancer. I became a doctor because I wanted to help them. My training has been a 19-year long process that has taken me farther away from my home and family than I ever thought or wanted to go. Now I am finally home to take care of my people.

It has not been easy transitioning from resident to real working doctor. It is even harder being a new Attending physician with eager, young residents looking to me for answers. But since I came to Hilo and this program I have had so many people say, "Ho! It's so good to see one local doctah here!" Patients ask me all the time, "You goin stay right?" The day the Hawai'i Tribune article came out I was stopped in the halls of Hilo Medical Center numerous times by and facility service people,

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visitors, nurses and seemingly random strangers. They said, "Hi doc, saw your picture in the paper. I going send my friends to you, kay!" It is for these people that we need this Primary Care Training Program. The doctors that I have met and work with in Hilo are exceptionally dedicated people. They work tirelessly to care for our families. They work constantly because there are not enough of them. We need 200 physicians on Hawai'i Island alone and over 800 physicians in this State. Today, we have an opportunity to ease this problem.

The PCTP can provide physicians, pharmacists, nurses, nurse practitioners and psychologists for the State of Hawai'i for generations to come. The Health Professionals that graduate from our program will be fed on our 'aina, grounded in the cultures of our islands and understand the importance of our relationships. We can already see the potential in Hilo. There are several recent JABSOM graduates returning to work in East Hawai'i. There are several residents from O'ahu who are looking to work in Hilo. There are applicants from Hilo and the outer islands that can't wait to come home to complete their training. We are all just waiting for you to say yes.

At the Hawai'i Island Family Residency Program I have gotten everything I ever wanted. I am home. I am caring not only for my family but also for my neighbors, friends of friends, relatives of friends and visitors from all over world. On top of that, I get to teach the future doctors of Hawai'i. This is the way that I honor those who have nurtured me and this is the way that we as a State can be sure that we are never "short" on caring for our people again.

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.

From: Jay Fincher <jfincher@hhsc.org>  
Sent: Monday, February 09, 2015 10:05 AM  
To: HLTtestimony  
Cc: Elena Cabatu; Laurie Soares  
Subject: HB 847

I, Jay Fincher, RN BSN CCRN, am in full support of HB 847 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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From: Sue Okunami <suokunami@gmail.com>  
Sent: Sunday, February 08, 2015 8:03 AM  
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Subject: HHSC PCTP SUPPORT FOR HILO MEDICAL CENTER

Please support bill HB847 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.

The people of the Big Island are in desperate need for primary care doctors and needs to build its first line of care and in the prevention of future medical needs, especially as our population ages.

Sincerely,  
Royden & Sue Okunami  
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847

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

I, Sterling Cornwell, CNA, am in full support of HB 847 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.

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.

Here in Hawaii, we need a great number more of quality physicians. In my own personal attempt to get a primary care physician, I went through lists of doctors, most of whom refused to accept any new patients. In the end, I did find one who is an incredible doctor, and I hope that there will be many more like her to come in Hawaii. I share that hope with the residents of this state. To make that hope a reality, we need a quality training program led in a real-world clinical setting. Clearly the benefits outweigh the disadvantages. Any loss will be returned with more than what was lost.

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.

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

I, Steven Godzsak, fully support HB 847 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.

Last July the program welcomed its first class of four family medicine residents who will train for 3 years to become specialists in family medicine. Since July these young physicians have cared for patients in the clinic, hospital, and nursing home while engaging in community activities. Their training is led by a 4 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 with more than 40 applicants having strong ties to Hawaii. The strong interest in the program is very compelling – providing the next generation of primary care physicians is essential to providing high quality care for the people of Hawaii.

The benefits of the HHSC PCTP are far reaching and include:

- 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 completing 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 providing greater access to family medicine physicians is projected to have a profound impact on lowering the costs of treating expensive and debilitating conditions.
- 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.

Mahalo! steve godzsak, hilo, hawaii





From: Tamryn Henry <thenry@hhsc.org>  
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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847**  
**RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION**  
**PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.**

I, Tamryn Henry, Clerk IV, am in full support of HB 847 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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- 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.
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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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From: Tara Reed <tarareed@hawaii.edu>  
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Subject: Support for Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency Program

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847**

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

PRIMARY CARE TRAINING PROGRAM.

I, Tara Reed, third year medical student at UH-Manoa JABSOM, am in full support of HB 847 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.

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

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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.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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**HB847**

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Alistair Bairos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Primary care is the cornerstone of a well-functioning healthcare system; key to keeping people well and avoiding costly interventions. The shortage of primary care practitioners is well-documented and will worsen, without programs such as the one this bill addresses. Funding the HHSC PCTP at Hilo Medical Center is an investment in the healthcare of Hawai'i's people. There are few investments the Legislature can make whose return is as guaranteed, fairly rapid and long-lasting.

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 847  
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 to fund the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program (HHSC PCTP).

I am one of the first four residents being trained by the Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency.

I was born and raised in Central O`ahu, in Wahiawa, Hale`iwa, Mililani. I am named after my great-grandmother, Lydia Leinani Kaulula`au Walker, born Hana Maui who lives in Nanakuli homestead and is a spry 90 years young. My father is a warehouse supervisor. His father was a Maui born full Chinese tug boat engineer and his mother was a Hawaiian Chinese homemaker. My mother is a clerk at Safeway. Her father was a kolohe Hawaiian Filipino kid from Hale`iwa who is now retired from the Honolulu Police Dept and her mother was a full Hawaiian foster child, a US postal worker who passed from colon cancer at the young age of 48. I am the oldest of three, and a Kamehameha schools graduate, class of 1998; stubbornly pursued concurrent bachelor's degrees at UH Manoa in Hawaiian Studies and Cell and Molecular Biology while working several research and waitressing jobs. I was a part of the first Health Careers Opportunities Program cohort, and the 2000-2002 Minority Access to Research Careers program. I continued to do research in different settings including `Imi Hale Native Hawaiian Cancer Network as a Liko Noelo (budding researcher) in 2005, where I helped set up the Cancer Patient Navigator training program statewide. After working at the Dept 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. I am the first in my family to graduate college and I am extremely humbled to be here today.

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 there were too many holes in the net for patients to be loss to follow up. Probably the biggest learning experience for me was following the care journey of someone from an outer island who needed to see a healthcare provider on Oahu.

## THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

It was also amazing to see 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 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 level of dedication many of these long time physicians have for our community. One early Sunday morning, I was alongside Dr. Ed Montell, a gastroenterologist who has been practicing for several decades. He had come in special to scope my patient, we were trying to see why her hemoglobin kept dropping. "It comes with the territory," he laughed when I thanked him for coming in on the weekend. "It's good for you to reflect on that looking down the road 30 years."

This resonated with me as I sat for dinner that night with my husband and my 4 year old daughter. This is important for me - 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. This PCTP program is an opportunity to ease this problem by training more physicians, pharmacists, nurses, nurse practitioners and psychologists for the State of Hawai'i for generations to come. As we trainees 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 local born 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- come home to stay, they say. 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 more in return. All the doctors, busy as they are, give us their time to teach and help nurture us; the amazing Hilo Medical staff that surround us- especially our clinic nurses, Helen, Anne, Tara, Melissa, Michael, Michelle, and Mary- but all staff investing in us by teaching us and helping us be better providers; and our community who trust us to care for their family members with the aloha they deserve. I am here because at some point people like you stood to fund programs that gave me an opportunity I would not have had without the PCTP, HCOP or the Native Hawaiian Health Scholarship investing in me. Let others like me give back and also reach back to help others along the pipeline. I stand here today as proof of the program's commitment to bringing local kids home.

As one fourth of the first intern class of the Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency Program, thank you for, members of this committee, for hearing this bill. Please support the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Primary Care Training Program for the future of a healthy Hawaii.