

SB2471

Measure Title: RELATING TO A STATE HOSPITAL.

Report Title: Department of Health; Hawaii State Hospital; Mental Health; GO Bonds (\$)

Description: Authorizes issuance of GO bonds. Appropriates moneys for the design and construction of a new state mental health hospital to replace the Hawaii state hospital in Kaneohe.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH, WAM

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SENATE COMMITTEE
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COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
ON
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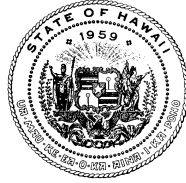
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RELATING TO A STATE HOSPITAL

Chair Baker and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on S.B. 2471.

The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports this measure and will expedite the project to the fullest extent we are able.

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



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Testimony SUPPORTING SB2471
Relating to a State Hospital

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: February 4, 2016, 9:00 a.m. Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly supports this measure. We
3 thank the Legislature for its continued support and in particular the intent of the initiatives in the
4 bills on today's committee agenda. Only through a combination of financing support, building a
5 new facility, support in rebuilding community programs, and fundamental policy changes will
6 Hawaii be able to effectively address the needs of its citizens, the operation of the Hawaii State
7 Hospital (HSH), and be able to provide an effective continuum of mental health supports.
8 Separately, we will be addressing measures the Governor and others have introduced regarding
9 policy and staffing challenges. Clearly, all three branches of government play a critical role in
10 making this system function effectively.

11 The purpose of the measure is to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds in the
12 sum of \$165,000,000 for the purpose of designing and constructing a new state mental hospital
13 to replace the Hawaii state hospital in Kaneohe. The time has come for the construction of a new,
14 state of the art, secure building to house the increasing number of high risk forensic patients
15 ordered by the courts into the HSH.

1 The current configuration of the HSH was constructed for a very different type of patient
2 than the forensic population which occupies the facility today. The average daily census is up,
3 the number of admissions is up, the number of individuals admitted with felony charges is up,
4 and the available bed capacity at the hospital has not changed since 1992. The available
5 overflow capacity of our contracted vendor is full. Simply put, there is basically “no more room
6 at the inn.”

7 Stated another way, the number of individuals and the severity of their charges have
8 exceeded the available physical space available in which to house and treat them for a significant
9 amount of time.

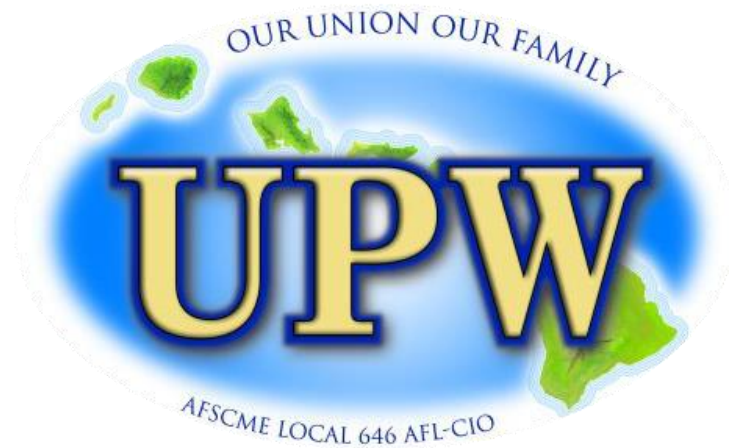
10 The HSH Master Plan, originally completed in 2005, and updated in 2015, calls for the
11 design and construction of a 144 bed secure patient care facility to house and treat higher risk
12 patients. The new facility will have treatment, activity, and dining facilities within its perimeter,
13 minimizing the need for patients to be outside the building for any reason. This design will
14 allow the segregation of the patients with the most challenging behaviors, resulting in increased
15 safety for patients and staff. The security features of the new building, including a highly secure
16 exterior wall and a high security fencing system, will significantly reduce the risk of patient
17 escape, and contribute to increased safety for the community. The design features of the interior
18 of the building provides clear sight lines throughout the floor plan, resulting in decreased risk of
19 patients harming themselves, other patients, or assaulting hospital staff.

20 Within the Governor’s Message, a Capital Improvement Project request for \$160.5
21 million has been made for this project. The funding is requested to be received in one lump sum

1 in advance, due to the proposed “design/build” process which is planned to be used for the
2 construction.

3 Our data projects continued growth at the same, or even increased, rate for the
4 foreseeable future. Our state really needs this new facility. The Department strongly supports
5 the passage of this bill.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER
PROTECTION & HEALTH (CPH)

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Thursday, February 4, 2016

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TESTIMONY ON SB2471 RELATING TO STATE HOSPITAL

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My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, state director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, and AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 11,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties.

The UPW supports SB2471 for the design and construction of a new state mental hospital to replace the Hawaii State hospital in Kaneohe.

Thank you for then opportunity to submit this testimony.

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