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Testimony of
Mike McCartney
Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
Before the

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

March 29, 2017

9:30 AM, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
House Bill No. 100, HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the Office of the Governor's budget.

The Governor is the CEO of the State of Hawai'i's Executive Branch and our Head of State, representing Hawai'i in national and international affairs. In addition to our O'ahu office, we have four neighbor island offices to serve our constituents across the state.

Our FY18 budget request is an additional \$150,000 in general funds to permit us in paying annual dues to the National Governors Association (NGA), Western Governors' Association (WGA), and the Education Commission of the States and allows our continued participation in these organizations. Governor Ige is a member of the NGA Homeland Security & Public Safety committee and has been an active participant in both NGA and WGA through his participation in annual meetings, sponsorship of regional forums, and support for association resolutions that articulate state positions on pending federal agency actions or Congressional acts. The information exchange, sharing of best practices, and support that these organizations provide to our state through direct access to other state's executive offices staff and agency contacts for consultation on a wide range of issues and programs is essential given the most recent shift in our federal administration. It is critical that the Governor and our office remain engaged with these state advocacy and policy organizations.

We appreciate your attention and we hope to answer your questions, should you have any at this time. Again, mahalo for your continuing support of the Governor's Office budget.



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**TESTIMONY OF
THE OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

**HOUSE BILL NO. HB 100
Relating to the State Budget**

Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Dela Cruz and members of the Committee on Ways and Means, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor supports House Bill No. 100, H.D. 1, Relating to the State Budget, as it pertains to the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. This measure appropriates funds for the supplemental operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor has worked to fulfill its duties under the current Administration, including performing the statutory duties of the office, while also assuming the responsibility for several new initiatives and programs. Under the current Administration, the Lieutenant Governor has continued work on the Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture and Health (R.E.A.C.H.) initiative, to help provide access to after-school programs to public middle/intermediate school students statewide, the Farm to School Initiative to expand the inclusion of local products in school meals, the Sports Development Initiative to promote and grow Hawaii as a premier sports destination for professional, amateur and youth athletics in the Asia-Pacific region, and the Aerospace States Commission. Additionally, the Lieutenant Governor has undertaken additional duties and assignments, as requested and required by the Administration.

We ask for the Committee's favorable consideration of our current budget request to ensure that the Office of the Lieutenant Governor can continue to ably serve the public and support current programs and responsibilities.

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**TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 100 H.D.1**

March 29, 2017
9:30 a.m.
Room 211

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 100 H.D.1, which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget for the Executive Branch for the FB 2017 - 2019.

The Department of Budget and Finance (BUF) strongly supports H.B. 100, the Executive Biennium Budget submittal, as amended by the subsequent Governor's Messages. The departmental requests include: necessary adjustments to our fixed cost payments (debt service, employer retirement benefit payments, and employer health premium payments) and funds to support mission critical needs of our departmental programs and attached agencies.

We are very appreciative of the House for their support of most of our FB 2017-2019 Biennium Budget requests; however we offer the following comments to the budget adjustments contained in H.B. 100 H.D.1.

Reduction BUF 101 - Information Technology Specialist IV position 1.00 FTE permanent position and general funds for FY 18 and FY 19.

This request supports the critical IT needs of our core BUF departmental business users and provides effective departmental coordination and oversight of planned IT initiatives. External IT support would not have an in-depth understanding of our departmental business users and their particular unique needs. Critical IT initiatives include the following:

- Financial Administration Division (FAD) Server Migrations for both the Treasury operations and the Unclaimed Property Program from their existing and aging physical servers to a virtual server environment.
- Electronic Workflow/Paperless initiative pilot testing in order to achieve operational efficiencies and improvements that could possibly also be expanded for adoption by the other BUF programs and attached agencies.
- Website redesign to improve the organization, functionality, layout, and content to better serve the public and other State agencies.
- Physical LAN server migration and appurtenant cable infrastructure and network switch replacements to improve the reliability, capability, and resiliency of our BUF Proper LAN.

Addition BUF 103 – Central Vacation Payout Fund – \$15,001,114.

We are concerned about the implementation of this appropriation given the current staffing levels and the level of oversight that the Department will be responsible for in the management of these funds. There is no central electronic payroll for BUF to access information, thus, each individual department will need to process their own

requests and then request reimbursement from BUF fund. Further, BUF will only be authorized to expend up to the amount of the appropriation for vacation payouts. Any additional expenses incurred above this amount will be the responsibility of the individual department and agencies.

Governor's Messages

Finally, the Department respectfully requests support for two items in Governor's Message No. 7, which impacts Departmental appropriations and includes:

- reductions in general fund amounts requested for debt service payments for FY 2018 and FY 2019 to reflect decreases in the planned bond issuances for FY 18, FY 19, and FY 20; and
- additional general funds totaling \$34,625,428 in FY 18 and \$70,673,178 in FY 19 to cover employer contribution rate increases proposed by S.B. No. 936, HD1, Relating to the Employee's Retirement System.

The continued support of the Legislature in the budget and other key legislation is very much appreciated and we stand ready to work with the Committee in their review of the specifics of the adjustments that have been requested by BUF. Thank you again for the opportunity to present testimony on this important measure.



**TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE, 2017**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

H.B. NO. 100, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

BEFORE THE:

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

DATE: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 **TIME:** 9:30 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 211

TESTIFIER(S): Douglas S. Chin, Attorney General, or
David T. Moore, Administrative Services Manager

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney general has provided direct feedback to both money committees as to the impact of H.D. 1 on our operations. In an effort to further clarify we provide the following comments on items in order of priority.

1. Cost increases in Rent and Dues - \$120,250 general funds.
These are actual costs that have increased over the years without additional appropriations. We need these costs to be covered to provide legal services.
2. Juvenile Justice Information System (JJIS) training - \$50,000 (Governor reduced from \$75,000 to \$50,000) general funds.
We have launched a new and vastly improved on-line information system and the key staff must be able to keep in running without use of costly consultants. If the Legislature needs to reduce further, we believe \$30,000 would be the bare minimum to assure systems can be maintained.
3. Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) - \$69,900 general funds.
These funds will cover cost of the ICAC Commander and allow \$97,723 in federal dollars to be repurposed for digital forensic equipment, training and educational and public awareness activities.
4. Litigation Fund - \$300,000 general funds reduced from our original request of \$600,000.

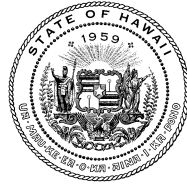
Defending the State in high value litigation cases is expensive, especially when it pertains to the investigation of claims and providing expert witnesses to support the State's case. The revised amount requested provides only inflationary increases and a modest increase to the base.

5. We have requested two additional deputy attorney general positions, for Charter Schools and Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA), for which clients have stated they had the funds to cover the costs. While both positions are high priority, we determined the deputy attorney general to assist with HPHA projects is of the highest priority and that Charter Schools may have been asking for funds to cover the cost of the deputy attorney general.
6. The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit has been approved for relocation in compliance with the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of State and the United States Department of Health and Human Services' recommendations due to the deterioration of existing space, however H.D. 1 did not provide funding for new furniture. The existing furniture is over 20 years old and much of it is sagging and unusable. We request that the cost of the furniture, \$45,000 in special funds and \$135,000 in federal funds, be reinstated.
7. Charities online registration improvements - \$70,000 special funds
These funds are needed for online registration improvements to update legal requirements and provide better information to enforce filing requirements. In addition this would delay the transition from a paper-based system for registration and reporting requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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Date: March 29, 2017

Time: 9:30 A.M.

Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Maria E. Zielinski, Director
Department of Taxation

Re: H.B. 100 H.D.1 Relating to the State Budget

The Department of Taxation (Department) has serious concerns regarding H.B. 100 H.D.1. The Department prefers H.B. 100, the Governor's budget (with one adjustment addressed below), which funds the operations of the Department to administer the tax laws of the State of Hawaii in a consistent, uniform, and fair manner.

The Department's highest priority is to restore the Department's budget request of CIP funds to complete the implementation of the Tax System Modernization (TSM) Program. Recognizing that revenue estimates by the Council on Revenues have decreased, the Department has respectfully reduced its CIP request to approximately \$2.0 million for FY2018 and \$8.2 million for FY2019 for a total CIP request of \$10.2 million. The remaining CIP funds of approximately \$8.7 million required for implementation will subsequently be requested in the FY20/FY21 biennium.

Two of the first five rollouts of TSM have been successfully implemented on time and within budget. The third rollout is expected to be completed by August 2017; the fourth by November 2018; and the fifth by July 2019. Expected benefits will be realized as users become familiar with new system and more tax types are configured to leverage the new system's expanded features. The number of eService (Hawaii Tax Online) taxpayers for Business Taxes (GET, TAT, RV) has already exceeded the number that was signed on prior to Rollout 2 and currently represents approximately 43% of all registered GET and TAT license holders. Likewise, the Department has made great strides in enhancing and improving navigation for Hawaii Tax Online services. For example, 90% of all Hawaii Tax Online first-time taxpayers are now able to register within 18 minutes or less.

Delay in funding the replacement of the legacy tax information system will exponentially increase inefficiencies and cripple the collection of tax revenue for the State over time. The precariousness of the current legacy system could affect the State's ability to process and collect taxes if inoperable. In February 2017, the legacy tax system was down for more than a day due to the failure of the legacy database server. While the Department did not experience any irrecoverable loss of data during this incident, the potential for data loss continues to be a real

risk for tax types administered by the legacy system. Taxpayer services and revenue collection for Rollout 2 tax types (GET, TAT, RV) continued uninterrupted and without incident only because these tax types had been migrated from the legacy system to the TSM system. Front-end processing damage was also mitigated by aspects of the TSM system implemented in Rollout 1.

The Department also requests as high priority that the twelve TSM positions earmarked by HB100 H.D.1 to be transferred to ETS remain with the Department of Taxation. These TSM positions are *critical* to the ongoing TSM implementation, tax operations, Compliance (including fraud detection and identity theft), and Taxpayer Services in the Department of Taxation. All twelve positions are integrally involved in Department operations as well as TSM on a daily basis. They handle and maintain the legacy system as well as the new TSM system. Rollouts that have already been completed and are currently in production continue to be enhanced, updated, and supported by this staff. Operationally, movement of these twelve positions would literally cripple the Department of Taxation's operation and seriously impact the progress and forward momentum being made in TSM. The Department has serious reservations that TSM can succeed if this change occurred.

From a taxpayer confidentiality perspective, the Department is concerned that a movement of staff with access to both State and Federal taxpayer records from the Department to another State department further expands risks by adding to the State agencies that are holding and utilizing such sensitive information.

Seven of the twelve positions are civil service positions, which are integrated into the Department's organizational structure. Movement of these positions will create serious functional, organizational and legal issues with Department staff and their union.

Finally, we ask that the Department's vacancies be restored. All of the positions are critical for the effective and efficient processing and collection of tax revenues. Funding for Department staff only increases the Department's ability to collect the State's revenues.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
March 29, 2017 at 9:30 a.m., Room 211

by
David Lassner
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HB 100 HD1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

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

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. The University of Hawai'i (University) has **reservations with** HB100 HD1, Relating to the State Budget, as it does not provide additional funding for any of the program initiatives requested from the Governor, the University of Hawai'i, or the Board of Regents. The University urges your strong support for public higher education in Hawai'i through the Operating and Capital Improvement Program budgets as well as specific appropriation bills.

The University respectfully requests consideration of our previous in-depth presentation of our budget before the Senate Committee on Ways and Means on January 4, 2017. This testimony once again highlights the summary of the University's budget proposal, which has the support of University Administration and the approval of the Board of Regents.

The University's mission advances our statewide economy, workforce development, industry development, and, most importantly, educational opportunities for all of our residents. The University is a critically important driver of stimulating and diversifying our economy while creating great jobs and addressing the significant challenges and opportunities facing Hawai'i and the world. Public support in the budget helps to advance these goals.

Operating

Provided below is a table showing the Board of Regent (BOR) approved request for Fiscal Biennium 2017-19 (FB17-19). All Means of Financing (MOF) are general funds.

Theme	FY2017-18		FY2018-19	
	FTE	\$\$\$	FTE	\$\$\$
Hawai'i Graduation Initiative	12.00	12,700,000	12.00	14,300,000
Driving Student Success		4,000,000		3,900,000
Academic Innovation		2,500,000		3,500,000
Hawai'i Papa O Ke Ao		3,350,000		3,500,000
Graduate Assistant Salary Support		2,850,000		3,400,000
Hawai'i Innovation Initiative	9.00	8,500,000	9.00	8,500,000
Hawai'i Innovation Initiative		3,500,000		3,500,000
UH Cancer Center Support		5,000,000		5,000,000
21st Century Facilities				
Facilities Management	9.00	4,700,000	9.00	4,000,000
High Performance Mission Driven System	17.00	2,800,000	17.00	2,800,000
Title IX, VAWA, Compliance		1,850,000		1,850,000
High Performance Mission Initiative		950,000		950,000
UH Hilo SBDC Positions	-		-	
Total	47.00	28,700,000	47.00	29,600,000

HB100 HD1 provides only a net increase of \$270,000 in additional general funds, but only does so after making reductions at the University. HB100 HD1 does add \$600,000 for six (6) school psychologists but also transfers out (reduces) four (4) Extension Agents and \$330,000 from the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) to the State Department of Agriculture.

The University supports the \$600,000 for six (6) school psychologists, but opposes the transfer-out of four (4) Extension Agents. Both are critical components of value and importance to the University, its students, research in Hawai'i, and the agriculture industry.

The University requests the committee's consideration to provide \$5,000,000 in general funds be added to support Cancer Center operations. Research of cancer and the search for its cures is vitally important to the State of Hawai'i. A viable and sustainable Cancer Center requires public funding support. That support has been declining due to the State's and University's successful efforts to reduce cigarette usage, thereby, reducing the amount of cigarette tax revenue is generated each year.

Capital Improvements Program (CIP)

The University believes the funding provided in HB100 HD1 for capital projects is fair treatment relative to the amount of funding that is available. However, the amount will barely be sufficient to make any progress on reducing the current level of deferred maintenance. The amount provided, should be sufficient to address a single year (FY18) needs. Provided below is a table showing the BOR approved request for FB17-19. All MOF are General Obligation (BO) bonds:

Prog ID	Project Title	FY 2017-18	FY2018-19
UOH800	KCC, Culinary Institute of the Pacific, Phase II	30,000,000	-
UOH210	Renew, Improve, and Modernize (interior and exterior structural, roofs, mechanical, electrical, pedestrian pathways and roadways)	27,750,000	21,550,000
UOH100	Snyder Hall Replacement	2,000,000	48,000,000
UOH700	Professional Studies Building	3,000,000	-
UOH800	Renew, Improve, and Modernize (interior and exterior structural, roofs, mechanical, electrical, pedestrian pathways and roadways)	25,000,000	25,000,000
UOH100	Renew, Improve, and Modernize (interior and exterior structural, roofs, mechanical, electrical, pedestrian pathways and roadways)	79,762,000	41,310,000
UOH700	Renew, Improve, and Modernize (interior and exterior structural, roofs, mechanical, electrical, pedestrian pathways and roadways)	3,110,000	3,300,000
UOH800	HCC, Science Building		45,100,000
UOH100	Kuykendall Hall Renovation	750,000	1,500,000
UOH800	Minor CIP	10,000,000	10,000,000
UOH100	Renovate Keller Hall	14,000,000	12,000,000
UOH700	Center of Hawaiian Knowledge	-	3,000,000
UOH800	HawCC, Campus Development, Phase I	2,000	2,000
UOH100	Renovate Sinclair Library	500,000	4,000,000
UOH800	LCC, Campuswide Fascia and Sidewalk Improvements	5,500,000	-
UOH100	UHM, Hyperbaric Treatment Center at Kuakini Hospital	1,650,000	-
UOH800	WCC, Hale Alaka'i Renovation		8,800,000
UOH100	Renovate Physical Science		1,500,000
UOH100	Advanced Planning	3,500,000	1,000,000
UOH100	UHM, Athletics Complex, Various Facilities Renew, Improve, and Modernize	10,000,000	10,000,000
UOH900	Project Adjustment Fund	4,000	4,000
TOTAL		216,528,000	236,066,000

HB100 HD1 provided \$129,833,000 in FY18 and \$10,700,000 in FY19 in GO bond appropriations and \$5,000,000 in FY18 and \$5,000,000 in FY19 in Private Contribution ceiling for CIP. Additionally, the House Draft delineated the projects into approximately 50 separate line items.

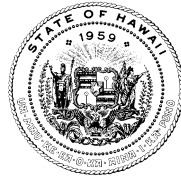
We respectfully request consideration of the original Board-approved budget for CIP and to have the smaller projects appropriated via lump sum rather than as individual line items. This will provide the University with the flexibility to more efficiently manage these funds and provides for greater likelihood that any project can be executed. Appropriating every project as a single line item, elevates the risk that projects can not be done due to bids above the appropriation, or contingency factors or no funding for unanticipated (emergency) projects.

We recognize that there are unknown factors that must be considered this Legislative Session, including post-employment benefits, collective bargaining, and the overall revenue environment. We also recognize that Hawai'i has many competing needs for resources. Your University will be most appreciative of any support that the Legislature can provide for public higher education in Hawai'i.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS & MEANS**

COMMENTS

HB 100, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

March 29, 2017

Aloha Chair Tokuda and members of the Committee:

The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) provides the following comments to HB100, HD1 which includes \$25.120 million in general funds to cover DHHL's existing personnel, administrative and operating costs, including fringe benefits. In addition to the request for general funds, the current version of the budget bill includes requests for \$4.824 million in special funds, \$3.740 million in trust funds, and an increase of \$22 million in the Federal Fund appropriation for the NAHASDA program from \$1.3 million to \$23.3 million. DHHL requests that the \$3.740 million in trust funds be non-appropriated. The increased Federal Fund appropriation ceiling for the NAHASDA program provides DHHL an appropriation structure which facilitates the drawdown of funds. At the same time, it's important to note that HB100, HD1 does not include funding for two (2) Federal funded temporary positions. DHHL requests restoration of the temporary positions and related funding.

The current version of the budget bill also does not include the trade-off of three (3) positions. The net general fund effect to the trade-off of the three (3) positions is zero. The purpose of the trade-offs is to substitute positions that would increase leadership and technical support to the HHL 625 program.

HB100, HD1 includes a proviso that DHHL is requesting to be amended to provide flexibility where turnover and the associated fringe benefit savings may be used for other administrative and operating program costs. Finally, the current version of the budget bill proposes appropriating \$16.3 million and \$28.9 million in general obligation bond funds for FY 2018 and FY 2019 for various repair and maintenance as well as lot development projects. Though, slightly lower than the executive budget's total request, DHHL supports this critical funding to address health and safety concerns and the tremendous need for affordable housing in the native Hawaiian community. Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
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Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2017
9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 100, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

House Bill 100 (HB 100), House Draft (HD1) proposes to adjust and request appropriations for Fiscal Biennium 2017-2019 funding requirements for operations and capital improvement projects of Executive Branch agencies and programs. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure and respectfully asks for your favorable consideration of the Department's recommendation in regards to the following HD1 adjustments.**

The Department deeply appreciates the establishment of its core priority operations work funded through the Act 84, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2015, into the base budget.

The Department asks for the Committee's particular consideration of the following highest-priority operating and capital improvement requests:

- \$7.5m in Fiscal Year (FY) 18 and \$7.5m in FY19 for watershed fencing protection projects (LNR407) (MOF B proposed). A map of the projects that are shovel-ready is attached. This is the Department's top priority capital request.
- \$3,000,000 State Parks infrastructure, FY18/FY19 (LNR 806).
- \$100,000 for Anuenue Fisheries Research Center sewerline compliance (LNR 153).

The Department requests the following ceiling adjustments:

- A one-time \$2,228,250 special fund ceiling increase in LNR 101 to re-appropriate lapsed Land Conservation Funds.
- \$1,700,000 special fund ceiling increase in LNR 101 to implement Legacy Land projects.
- Special fund ceiling increase to cover the Special Projects and Cultural Resources Manager.
- \$300,000 in special funds in FY18 and FY19 to cover costs for contested case proceedings.

SUZANNE D. CASE
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DEPARTMENT REQUESTS

Operating Budget:

- HD1 did not approve the Administration's request to increase the special fund ceiling for the re-appropriation of lapsed monies from the Land Conservation Fund. Without the \$2,228,250 in LNR 101 special funds ceiling in FY18, FY17, applicants for land acquisition grants from the Legacy Conservation Program will compete with new FY18 applicants for limited special fund ceiling. The lapsed funds, which the Governor and the Board of Land and Natural Resources approved for expenditure, will not be used for their intended purpose. As a result, (1) fewer resources of natural, environmental, recreational, scenic, cultural, agricultural production, and historic value to the State will be protected and accessible through conservation transactions; and (2) companion proposals for land acquisition funds from other sources (federal, county, and private) will be less competitive due to the reduced availability of State matching funds. The Department respectfully asks that this request be incorporated in a Senate Draft 1 (SD1) to HB 100.
- HD1 did not approve the Administration's request to increase the special fund ceiling for increased conveyance tax revenues for the Land Conservation Fund. Without the \$1,700,000 in LNR 101 special fund ceiling increase, the Legacy Land Conservation Program (LLCP) will not have access to the full amount of annual revenue provided for by statute (Section 247-7(1), HRS). As land value continues to rise and development pressures intensify, an additional \$1.7 million in annual spending authority for the LLCP is a wise investment for the long-term benefit of our residents, visitors, and businesses. The Department respectfully asks that this request be incorporated in a SD1 to HB 100.
- HD1 did not approve the Administration's request to increase the special fund ceiling by \$500,000 in LNR 101 for the management and land maintenance. The non-concurrence of the request will decrease the Department's ability to fund the rising costs of appraisal report and rental dispute (mediation and arbitration) process among others. The Department respectfully asks that this request be incorporated in a SD1 to HB 100.
- HD1 did not approve the Administration's request in LNR 402 to fund the \$1,000,000 in general funds in FY19 for Rapid Ohia Death Response. Removal or reduction of funding would jeopardize the Department's efforts to control the spread of this devastating disease which would result in significant ecological and economic impacts such as reduced land values and water yields. The Department respectfully asks that this request be incorporated in a SD1 to HB 100.
- HD1 did not approve the Administration's request in LNR 402 to fund the \$500,000 in general funds for Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC). Increasing operating funds to the HISC will help address the critical backlog of interagency projects needed for effective invasive species mitigation. These funds will support projects including little fire ant eradication, coconut rhinoceros beetle response, miconia control albizia control; and many others. Without additional funding, current invasive species problems will worsen, increasing future control costs as well as economic damages to agriculture, tourism, human health, and natural resources. The Department respectfully asks that this request be incorporated in a SD1 to HB 100.

- HD1 did not approve the Administration's request in LNR 402 to fund the \$250,000 in general funds in FY19 for mosquito eradication. Without this funding, the Department would not have the funds needed to initiate a pilot project in FY19. Mosquitos pose significant risk to Hawaii's critically endangered native birds by transmitting deadly diseases. This effort would be the first of its kind to conduct landscape scale mosquito control in the State. Initiating this project has the potential to lay the groundwork for future public health projects targeting mosquitos that transmit diseases to humans. The Department respectfully asks that this request be incorporated in a SD1 to HB 100.
- HD1 did not approve the Administration's request in LNR 407 to fund the \$500,000 in general funds for the protection of Watershed Forests. Expanded funding for the watershed partnerships program is critically needed to manage the 37,000 acres of recently protected priority forests, as well as continue bringing more areas into protection. Funds will also be used to inspect and maintain recently completed Watershed Initiative for Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) fences and survey for new fencelines to carry out the Sustainable Hawaii Initiative's watershed goal. The Department respectfully asks that this request be incorporated in a SD1 to HB 100.
- HD1 did not approve the Administration's request to change the funding for .50 FTE position and funds from Trust Funds to General Funds and reduce .50 FTE position for Aha Moku Manager. The Aha Moku Program was created to provide site-specific natural and cultural resource knowledge and resource methodology to the work of the Department. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has previously provided trust funding for the program but is not able to continue. General Funds are needed to cover the administrative costs and grassroots community engagement efforts of the program. Without general fund support, the Aha Moku program will likely be eliminated. The Department respectfully asks that this request be incorporated in a SD1 to HB 100.
- HD1 did not approve the Administration's request to change the funding for .25 FTE position and funds from federal funds to general funds for Ecosystem Protection and Restoration. The request to replace the .25 FTE federal funds with general funds for the Accountant IV position is needed for the position to perform duties involving non-federal grant funds. The Department respectfully asks that this request be incorporated in a SD1 to HB 100.
- HD1 did not approve the Administration's request to add 15 temporary positions and \$1,065,147 (FY18) and \$1,097,047 (FY19) in general funds in LNR 906 for the management and restoration of Kahoolawe Island Reserve (KIRC). The request is necessary for the conversion of unbudgeted positions and funds to financially support the mandated duties of this State Commission. Without these positions and funding, KIRC will have to shutdown all restoration work and close public access to the island. The Department respectfully asks that this request be incorporated in a SD1 to HB 100.
- HD1 did not approve the Administration's request to increase the special fund ceiling for Special Projects and Cultural Resources Manager position. While there are sufficient funds that are available within the Department to cover the salary and fringe benefit costs for this position, the current special fund expenditure ceiling in LNR 906 cannot accommodate this projected expenditure along with other special fund expenditures emanating from the division. The Department respectfully asks that this request be incorporated in a SD1 to HB 100.

- HD1 added \$268,620 in general funds for personal services for 12 temporary Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officer III positions in LNR 405. The Department supports and appreciates this addition.
- HD1 reduced the Department's vacation payout by \$385,686 in general funds in LNR 906. Deletion of the vacation payout will affect the ability of the Department to sustain the necessary payroll-related expenses of the division. The Department respectfully asks that the funding be restored in a SD1 to HB 100.
- HD1 added permanent positions and \$2,300,988 in general funds for CIP. The Department supports the addition of these positions and acknowledges that these positions were previously included and funded in the CIP budget and is now being included and funded in the operating budget.
- HD1 added \$250,000 in FY 18 in general funds in LNR 906 for the Ala Wai Watershed Initiative. The Department respectfully requests that these funds be appropriated to DBEDT, as it is consistent with their Coastal Zone Management Program.
- The Department does not oppose the non-concurrence of HD1 to add existing temporary positions pursuant to Act 160, SLH 2015, contingent upon the existing temporary positions and funding for the divisions are not eliminated.
- The Department is requesting a housekeeping adjustment to correct LNR 401 for the inadvertent assignment of new pseudo numbers and other errors.

Capital Improvement Project (CIP) Budget:

HD1 approved majority of the Department's CIP requests and added various projects totaling more than \$41 million in FY18 and \$31 million in FY19.

HD1 did not approve the following CIP requests:

- \$1,000,000 Waimea River Mouth Sand Relocation Project, Kauai, FY18 (LNR 101): The project will alleviate the \$300,000 annually spent on cleaning the river mouth.
- \$1,500,000 MOF B Kaanapali Beach Restoration and Berm Enhancement, Maui, FY19 (LNR 101): The project will enable the Department to continue its public/private partnership with Kaanapali Operators Association (KOA), to fully fund project construction in order to restore sand to a severely eroding Kaanapali Beach.
- \$800,000 MOF B East Kapolei Planning/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), Oahu, FY18 (LNR 101): The funds are needed for the preparation of an EIS for the development of 4 State owned parcels under the Department's management.
- \$300,000 MOF B Hawaii District Land Office Headquarters, Hilo, FY18 (LNR 101): The funds are needed for the expansion of space that the Department of Accounting and General Services cannot accommodate for the growing office staff.

- \$100,000 Anuenue Fisheries Research Center Sewerline, Oahu FY18 (LNR 153): The project is for compliance with the State and Federal requirement for the use of existing cesspool at the Anuenue Fisheries Research center on Sand Island, to properly connect to a nearby sewerline.
- \$7,500,000 MOF B Watershed Initiative, Statewide, FY18/FY19 (LNR 407): This is the Department's top priority to secure Hawaii's freshwater supply amidst threats from climate change and expanding conflicts over water. Without this funding, the State will be unable to follow through with its Sustainable Hawaii Initiative commitment made to the global community.
- \$1,000,000 State Parks Hazard Mitigation Improvements, Statewide, FY19 (LNR 806): The reduction will decrease the State's abilities to ensure public health and safety and may increase the risks to residents and visitors.
- \$3,000,000 State Parks Infrastructure and Facility Improvements, Statewide, FY18/FY19 (LNR 806): The reductions will increase risks to public health and safety. The reduction may also result in higher costs to the State as shovel ready projects are deferred.
- \$3,000,000 Flood Damage Reconstruction at Iao Valley State Monument, Maui (LNR 806): The total reduction will prolong the restoration of the existing park areas and infrastructure and prolong the stabilization of other areas adjacent to the Wailuku River and Kīnihapai Stream.

The Department respectfully asks for the restoration of the items listed above in a SD1 to HB 100.

The Department acknowledges the deletion of the request for CIP program staff costs in the CIP budget that was incorporated into the Operating Budget. The Department supports the deletion of this request contingent upon it being incorporated in the operating budget and funded with general funds.

The Department supports the added CIP projects on HD1 provided the inclusion does not affect the priorities and objectives of the Department as indicated in the Executive Fiscal Biennium Budget.

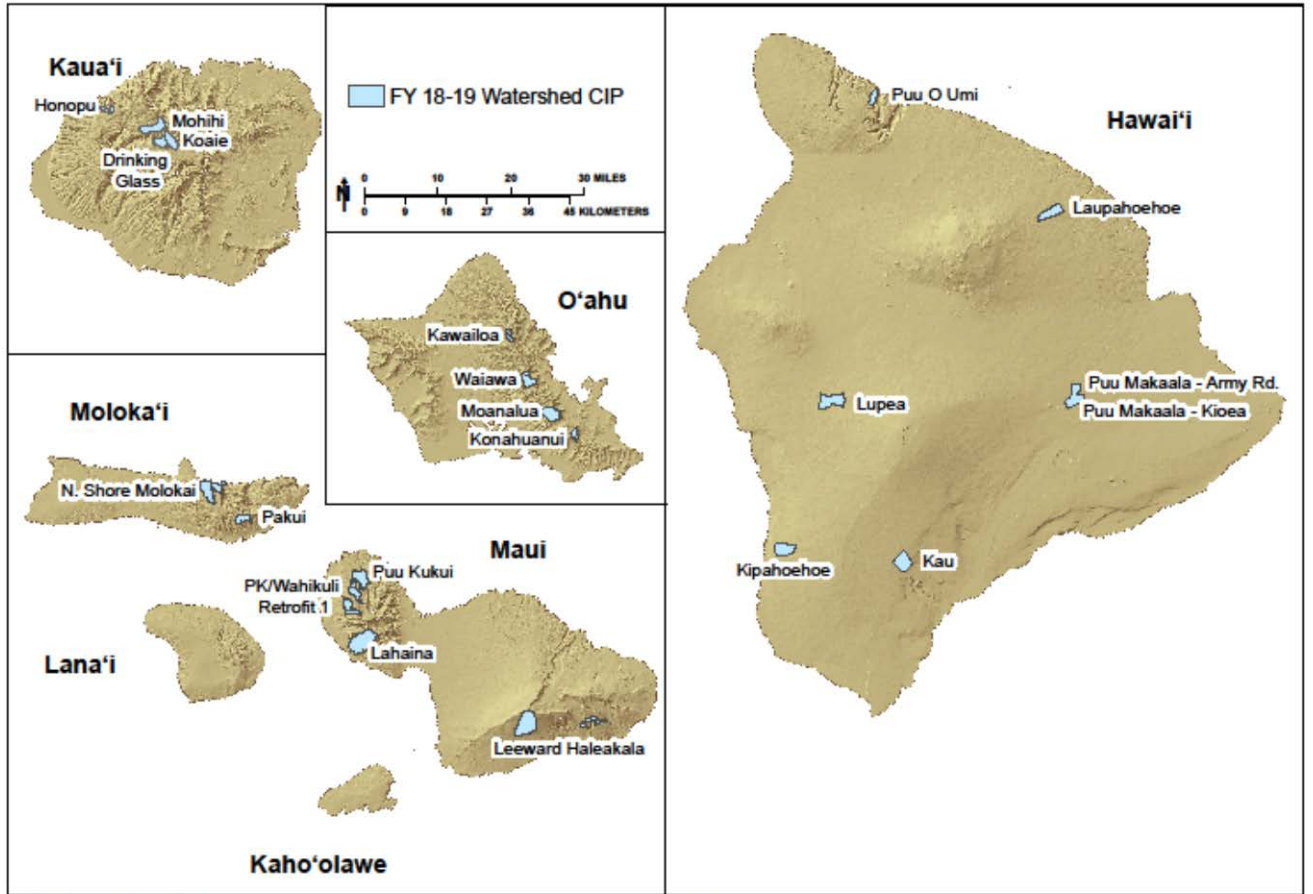
Governor's Message No. 5:

The Department respectfully requests your favorable consideration for the following budget item submitted as Governor's Message item:

- Add \$300,000 in special funds in FY18 and FY19 for other current expenses to cover increased costs associated with contested case proceedings that include hiring of hearing officers, court reporters and neighbor island travel.

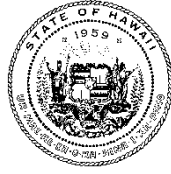
Thank you for your kind consideration of these requests.

FY 18-19 Watershed CIP Lump Sum Projects



DLNR DOFAW 587-4170. Features are approximate and subject to change. January 2017.

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TESTIMONY OF
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS
ON
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017
9:30 A.M
CONFERENCE ROOM 211

H.B. 100, H.D. 1

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify on H.B. 100, H.D. 1. The Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) supports the measure.

We support this measure and ask for the inclusion of the following critical operating budget requests.

1. General fund requests for the implementation and operation of the payroll, time and attendance, and human resources applications. Without these general funded requests, these applications cannot be developed, tested, implemented, and operated on an ongoing basis, and are as follows:

	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
a. AGS-101, Ongoing costs for payroll and time and attendance application	\$2,412,483	\$2,459,788

	<u>FY 2018</u>	<u>FY 2019</u>
b. AGS-130, Payroll/time attendance eleven (11) temporary project positions	\$ 916,227	\$1,034,881
c. AGS-130, IVV vendor services for payroll/time attendance	\$ 264,000	\$ 264,000
d. AGS-130, Ongoing costs for human resources application	\$ 937,024	\$ 922,326
e. AGS-101, full year funding for six (6) accountant positions	\$ 214,272	\$ 214,272
f. AGS-102, full year funding for two (2) accountant positions	\$ 69,918	\$ 69,918

2. Conversion of the means of financing for the operating expenditures of the Campaign Spending Commission, AGS-871, from the Hawaii Election Campaign Trust fund to general funds (request for \$505,585 annually). With annual average operating expenditures of \$670,000 paid from the Trust, there is approximately 15 months remaining before this program will exhaust its funding.

3. The restoration of the temporary position count for our programs to bring our programs in compliance with Act 160, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015. Act 160 requires that there be a temporary position count for temporary positions filled from July 1, 2017. We have a total of 18.44 full time equivalent temporary positions in six programs. Of these 18.44 temporary positions, 10 full-time equivalent positions are filled (6.44 unfilled full-time equivalent positions are in the Office of Elections, and are hired during elections only).

We appreciate the increase to our Capital Improvement Program request for the “Lump Sum Maintenance of Existing Facilities, Public Works Division” by \$5 million to \$15 million in FY 2018 as it will help to reduce the time required to address the approximately \$200 million in backlog of repairs for our facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 100, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

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

Wednesday, March 29, 2017; 9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

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

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) appreciates the House Committee on Finance's support of the Department's FB 2017-19 Budget Requests, especially the continued housing of 248 Halawa Correctional Facility (HCF) inmates in Arizona, recurring funding for positions authorized last session, reestablishing the Librarian position at the Hawaii Community Correctional Center (HCCC), 3.0 Investigator positions for the Sheriffs, and increasing the expenditure ceiling for the Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) system.

However, PSD must note with great concern their not funding the following urgent requests:

1. Recurring funds for lease rent for PSD Administration Offices and State Narcotics Enforcement Division Office [\$869,165]. This was appropriated non-recurring in FY2017. We currently have a lease agreement that obligates us to pay our share of the lease. We are not budgeted for this cost in FB2017-19.

2. Funds for physician malpractice insurance, PSD 421- Health Care [\$284,228]. This was appropriated non-recurring in FY2017. PSD must continue to pay for malpractice coverage for its physicians, psychiatrists, and advance practice nurses or face the prospect of extreme difficulty in recruiting and retaining these essential positions.
3. Transfer In of 4.0 Security Officer positions from PSD 503- Sheriffs to PSD 900- General Administration. HB 100, HD 1 deleted the positions from PSD 503- Sheriffs but did not transfer the positions to PSD 900- General Administration. The transfer of positions into PSD 900 was envisioned to be a means of redeploying PSD's limited resources to areas of greater need, in this case, the Training and Staff Development and Inmate Grievance Offices.
4. Recurring funds for increased motor vehicle fuel costs for PSD 503- Sheriffs [\$50,000]. This was appropriated non-recurring in FY2017.
5. 1.0 Captain Position and funds for PSD 503- Sheriffs. This position and funding are to provide the leadership needed to oversee the operational sections, provide command and control that are critical to the efficient management of any law enforcement agency, and provide needed support to achieve CALEA certification.
6. Funds for the Common Area Maintenance (CAM) for the AAFES Building [\$265,308]. Payment is required in accordance with the executed agreement between PSD and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA). We are not budgeted for this cost item.
7. Funds for projected utility cost increases for PSD 408- Kauai Community Correctional Center, PSD 502- Narcotics Enforcement Division, and PSD 420- Corrections Program Services. These are essential services for these facilities to continue operations.
8. Reestablishment of the Institutions Facility Superintendent at the Women's Community Correctional Center (WCCC). WCCC is the only

facility that does not have a professionally qualified head of its Operating Services Section responsible for facility maintenance and upkeep.

9. 3.0 Adult Corrections Officer (ACO) positions for PSD 403- Kulani Correctional Center (KCF). These positions are needed to increase patrol during the 1st Watch to detect and deter activities that contribute to the flow of contraband into the facility, recognized as a particular problem, given the unique geography of the surrounding area.
10. Operating funds for the Inmate Grievance Office [\$44,086]. Regular review, audit and training of staff involved in the grievance process is necessary to ensure compliance.
11. 1.0 Program Specialist for the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). PSD has only one CIP Coordinator responsible to monitor all CIP projects across eight (8) facilities. This position is needed to be a land use specialist as well as help in CIP project coordination.
12. 2.0 Deputy Sheriff positions for PSD 503- Sheriffs to be assigned to the 2nd Circuit (Maui). The 2.0 positions is to address the new security screening and entry procedures at the Kahului Court facility.

Additionally, although PSD requested funding for both years of the fiscal biennium and permanent positions, we note that House Bill 100, House Draft 1 made the following adjustments:

- Funded only the first year for the pre- and post-psychological testing for Deputy Sheriffs. We have at least one Deputy Sheriff Recruit class each year. Testing is required every year to ensure we screen and hire quality applicants.
- Gave temporary positions and funds for only the first year for the Fiscal Payroll Unit and the Procurement and Contracts Unit. Temporary positions are difficult to recruit and incumbents are difficult to retain. These positions provide day-to-day support to all the programs in PSD.

PSD is also appreciates the House's support for our Capital Improvement Program (CIP) requests for FB 2017-19, especially the \$38.5M lump sum CIP appropriation in FY2019. However, we note that HB 100, HD 1 did not include the Governor's Message item for the reappropriation of the \$38,885,000 construction funds for various facilities housing projects statewide. The reappropriation of these funds is critical to alleviate the overcrowding at KCCC, HCCC and MCCC. We also note the following reductions:

1. \$2,250,000 in FY2018 for WCCC New Consolidated Housing and Other Improvements. This reduction negatively affects PSD's long term plan to consolidate the current female inmate population at WCCC.
2. \$9,500,000 in FY2018 for lump sum CIP, PSD Statewide Electrical System Infrastructure Improvements and Upgrades statewide. This reduction significantly limits the planning and design efforts to correct the electrical and building code deficiencies currently experienced at PSD facilities statewide.
3. \$8,500,000 in FY2018 and \$4,250,000 in FY2019 for lump sum CIP, PSD Statewide Mechanical Systems Infrastructure Improvements and Upgrades statewide. The reduction will severely compromise and limit PSD's ability to address the immediate health and safety mechanical infrastructure and cost deficiencies currently experienced at PSD facilities statewide.
4. \$1,000,000 in FY 2018 for PSD Statewide Master Plan. PSD is long overdue for a statewide 10-Year Master Plan, with the last 10-Year Masterplan completed in 2003. The current reduction gives PSD no funding for a masterplan. This severely compromises and limits PSD's ability to strategically plan in addressing the current and future operational needs of PSD facilities statewide.

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PSD stands ready to work with the committee to address any questions or concerns regarding our FB2017-19 Budget Request submittals.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



STATE OF HAWAII
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Date: 03/29/2017

Time: 09:30 AM

Location: 211

Committee: Senate Ways and Means

Department: Education

Person Testifying: Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

Title of Bill: HB 0100, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Purpose of Bill: Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 20172018 and 20182019. (HB100 HD1)

Department's Position:

The Department of Education (Department) strongly supports the passage of this measure and appreciates the Legislature's continued support for education.

Operating:

The Department is most appreciative for the attention to and support of funding for:

1. The Office of Hawaiian Education, pre-school programs in public schools, homeless concerns, Title IX, civil rights compliance, seclusion and restraints, school behavioral health services, workers' compensation program, student information system, alternative teacher route programs, community engagement office, student transportation program, support for special education students in DOE preschools; and
2. The expansion of the Hawaii Keiki Healthy and Ready to Learn Program.

While the Department understands that there are many competing priorities for limited general fund resources, the Department would like to continue working with the Legislature on resources for:

1. Equipment for new schools;
2. Early College;
3. Weighted Student Formula (WSF);
4. Data Governance and Analysis Branch; and
5. Leadership Institute.

Capital Improvements Program:

The Department appreciates the level of support incorporated in HB100 HD1. This level of financing will enable the Department to improve its facilities. However, the Department would like to call your attention to three areas where we believe more support for these high priorities is needed:

1. New classroom building at Campbell High School (full funding needed in FY18);
2. Pohukaina Elementary School; and
3. Lump sum - Equity

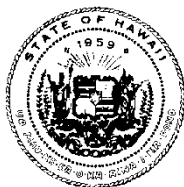
In addition, the Department asks for your consideration on three no cost items not currently reflected in our operating budget:

1. EDN500 transfer-in of \$500,000 in general funds from HMS501 (base budget) for the Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health (R.E.A.C.H.) program;
2. EDN400/MD food service, conversion of 715.5 permanent and 6.0 temporary food service positions from "B" special funds to "N" federal funds; and
4. EDN700/PK early learning, conversion of three temporary positions to permanent positions.

In closing, the Department appreciates the Legislature's effort to make public schools a top priority. Any additional resources that may be afforded will be invested to advance our mission of developing the academic achievement, character, and social-emotional well-being of our students to be college-and-career ready as outlined in the Strategic Plan.

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

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Hawaii Public Housing Authority
Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, March 29, 2017
9:30 A.M.
Room 211, Hawaii State Capitol

In consideration of
HB 100 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Honorable Chair Tokuda and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding House Bill 100, HD1, relating to the State budget. HB100, HD1 appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for the fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

The HPHA's mission is to promote adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment free from discrimination through its public housing and rental assistance programs. The HPHA serves the State's most vulnerable populations, including the homeless and those at risk of homelessness, those earning less than thirty percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), the disabled and the elderly. The HPHA respectfully requests the support of the Legislature as we continue to provide shelter to working families, elderly, the homeless and those on the verge of homelessness.

HB100, HD1 reduced a substantial amount of the Governor's requests for funding and staff for HPHA program IDs HMS 220, HMS 222, and HMS229, and CIP, which will have major impacts to HPHA programs. The HPHA offers the following **comments** on this measure:

- I. **Impacts to HMS220 – Rental Housing Services**
 - **\$50M lump sum - Development, Improvements and Renovations statewide**
 - **\$4M lump sum - Improvements and Renovations of vacant units statewide**
 - **\$5M lump sum – Security Improvements statewide**

Almost all of the HPHAs construction projects are rehabilitation or modernization projects as opposed to new construction. Modernization and renovation projects are much more complex and filled with a high likelihood of unforeseen conditions than is new construction. The proposed break out of the CIP appropriation by project, rather than a lump sum appropriation, would negatively impact the HPHA's ability to effectively and timely respond to changing priorities emergencies, unforeseen conditions, and revised project scopes of work.

It is in the best interest of the state to have the flexibility to address emergencies and unforeseen conditions. In the past, the HPHA the legislature has appropriated a lump sum amount similar to appropriations made to DAGS or the Department of Education.

The projects in the HPHA's original \$50M request are projects which are mostly shovel-ready or will be at year's end. Additionally, the HPHA experiences between 400 and 500 additional vacant units each year. A \$4M CIP appropriation will provide the agency with critical cost elements to develop, upgrade, and renovate its public housing facilities. Lastly, one of HPHA's greatest concerns and priorities is the safety and well-being of its tenants and staff. Aging equipment and sparse security at asset management projects prevent our residents from feeling secure, and increases the likelihood of trespassing, violence, and destruction of property. The HPHA's original \$5M request would go a long way to ensure that our tenants and staff are secure through the construction of crime prevention design features.

We are aware that there are competing priorities and are grateful for past appropriations. However, the lower amount of \$20.175M recommended budget by the House Committee on Finance is already a severe cut that will negatively impact our ability to address the backlog of repairs, the possibility of repairing vacant units, and consequently some of Hawaii's neediest residents. The HPHA would respectfully request your consideration for a \$59M lump sum amount, which would provide the agency with the flexibility to manage and expend capital funds in an expeditious manner.

II. Impacts to HMS 222 – Rental Assistance Services

222RA-0102 Convert Temporary Positions to Permanent
FY18 A = -16.00P, -13.00T
FY19 A = -16.00P, -13.00T

222RA-03 Convert Temporary Positions to Permanent
FY18 N = 29.00P, \$1,864,310
FY19 N = 29.00P, \$1,864,310

The HPHA greatly appreciates the House Committee on Finance Budget conversion of 16 positions back to federal funds. However, the HPHA would respectfully request the reconsideration of converting existing temporary positions to permanent positions. Converting these positions to permanent status will assist the HPHA in being able to recruit for vacant positions which have been historically considered undesirable due to their temporary nature.

With twelve positions in recruitment, the amount of time it takes to hire staff is substantially high. Applicants accept other offers after more than 20 hours or more of staff time spent on the interview process. To maintain quality staff and grow the program, this change is needed. Additionally, once new staff is hired, they often remain in job search to secure permanent positions within the State system.

III. Impact o HMS 222- Rental Assistance Services (SEQ #100-001)

If the HPHA is not approved for 7.0 FTE to operate an enhanced Rent Supplement Program (RP), the HPHA would not likely be able to increase the current program.

The \$7.0M appropriation would serve anywhere from 900-1,100 families. If this money is not appropriated, many of Hawaii's working families living paycheck to paycheck, that are on the edge of being homeless, will become homeless.

The HPHA believes that \$2 million in the first year and the remaining \$5.28 million in the following year, as put forth in the second Governor's Message, is a realistic proposal when establishing positions, hiring and new training staff, and implementing the program for the remainder of the year. 7.0 FTE positions would be needed in the initial year in order to establish and recruit staff to ensure the program is running at full capacity by the start of the second year.

IV. Impacts to HMS 229 – Multi-Skilled Worker Program (MSW)

The HPHA requested the establishment of 34 permanent positions for the Multi-Skilled worker program under HB 100, to expedite the renovation of housing units at our properties statewide.

The MSW Program began as a pilot program to address a dire need to reduce housing turn-over rates. The MSW program has since proven to be a documented success. The program's advantage is that public servants are no longer confined by their position descriptions, but can now train and be trained by other skilled trade workers in the MSW program to effectively work as a unified team to put a roof over the heads of our most vulnerable citizens with greater efficiency. Establishing permanent positions will enable a greater opportunity for increased success across

the agency and allow the “borrowed” position to return to the property level that are tasked with keeping the occupied units in a safe, decent and sanitary condition as mandated by law. The positions for the program were initially borrowed from the Property Management Branch, as HPHA workers volunteered to participate in the program. Ultimately, the MSW positions will save the tax payers money as HPHA gets Federal subsidies based on its total occupied units.

The HPHA appreciates the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Ways and Means with the HPHA’s position regarding HB 100, HD1, and thanks you very much for your dedicated support in addressing the affordable housing crisis in Hawaii.



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RE: HB 100, HD 1 - RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Dear Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), respectfully asks for your favorable consideration for the following budget items that were restored from the Department of Education's budget proposal by the House Finance Committee:

1) EDN 100 - Add funds for Hawaii Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program (FY18:\$2,800,000)

SEQ # 1004-001, Budget Worksheet Page 297

2) EDN 150 - Add (60) permanent positions for special education preschool teachers and Educational Assistants

SEQ # 1000-001, Budget Worksheet Page 301

3) EDN 200- Add funds for seclusion and restraints training and certification (FY 18:\$466,909, FY19: \$466,909)


SEQ # 100-001, Budget Worksheet Page 305

(4) EDN 200 - Add (2) permanent positions and funds for School Based Behavioral Health Services for Maui and Hawaii Island (FY:18 & FY 19: \$91,909)

SEQ # 101-001, Budget Worksheet Page 306

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on these critically needed educational supports. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Ivalee Sinclair, our Legislative Committee Chair.

Respectfully,


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FOR: HB100, HD1 Relating to the State Budget

DATE: Wednesday, March 29, 2017

TIME: 9:30 AM

COMMITTEE: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

ROOM: Conference Room 211

FROM: Sione Thompson, Executive Director
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB100, HD1

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

The State Public Charter School Commission (“Commission”) appreciates this opportunity to submit this testimony in support of its budget and facilities funding for charter schools.

MISSION STATEMENT

The statutory mission of the Commission is “to authorize high-quality public charter schools throughout the State.” (HRS 302D-3(b)). The Commission’s strategic vision for the chartering of these high-quality schools is that they provide excellent and diverse educational options for Hawai‘i’s families, prepare our students for future academic or career success, and contribute meaningfully to the continued improvement of Hawai‘i’s public education system as a whole.

ECONOMIC AND FISCAL CONDITIONS

Hawai‘i’s 34 public charter schools currently enroll 10,792 students in school year 2016-2017, which represents an increase of 370 students (3.6%) from the previous school year. Last school year, Ka‘u Learning Academy opened its doors to 99 students, bringing the total number of charter schools in Hawai‘i back to 34 after the closure of one school, Halau Lokahi Charter School in May 2015.

Most of the charter schools' state funding is provided on a per-pupil basis based on the operating appropriation to the Department of Education (DOE) and the schools' pro rata enrollment compared to the total public education enrollment. Per-pupil funding has increased from \$6,846 in fiscal year 2015-2016 to \$7,089 for the current fiscal year 2016-2017, but, as is detailed in the Commission's 2015-2016 Annual Report, the Commission's analysis of financial data submitted by the schools suggests that in the longer term, charter school funding will need to increase further and/or greater cost savings will need to be realized in order to meet the cost obligations of schools, especially when it comes to facilities.

Thirty-three charter schools are in the third year of the current three-year charter contract. The 34th and newest charter school, Ka'u Learning Academy, was awarded a five-year contract. All charter school contracts include a performance framework which the Commission uses to evaluate their performance in three areas: academic, financial, and organizational. In November 2015, the Commission adopted the charter contract renewal process and criteria that will determine each school's eligibility for a subsequent charter contract based on school performance under these measures. The heightened expectations embodied in the Commission's performance framework and contract renewal criteria, while necessary and overdue; pose real administrative and related fiscal challenges to the charter schools, many of which are small and lightly-staffed.

The Commission has received notices of intent to apply for a charter from three eligible applicants in its current applications cycle. The Commission will be reviewing and evaluating the applicants to identify high quality applications for charter award. Any charter contracts awarded to applicants this year will result in charter schools opening in school year 2018-2019.

FEDERAL FUNDS

Charter schools are included with the DOE's Federal programs since the DOE is the prime recipient. The first terms of the Continuing Appropriations Act of 2017 resulted in a 0.496 percent cut for non-defense discretionary funding from October 1, 2016 through December 9, 2016. It included most education programs such as Title I, Part A; Title II, Part A; Title III; IDEA, Part B; and Impact Aid. Under the second terms of the Act, a 0.1901 percent is applied to discretionary funding from December 10, 2016 through April 28, 2017.

On January 1, 2015, the Commission was awarded a four-year federal Preschool Development Grant to support statewide efforts to build, develop and expand voluntary, high-quality pre-kindergarten programs for children from low-and moderate-income families. The grant, totaling \$14,881,368 over the four years, will serve a potential 920 children. Hawai'i is the only grantee in the nation whose award focused solely on charter schools.

Six charter schools in Hawai'i have opened a pre-kindergarten classroom to income eligible four-year-olds. Four schools enrolled 78 students into their pre-kindergarten program in the 2015-2016 school year with two more additional classrooms opened this school year, for a total of six classrooms. Two of these schools are Hawaiian immersion schools. In addition, annual early learning symposiums were held to build community capacity to support high quality preschools. Attendees included all schools that will eventually participate in the grant over its four-year term and other partnering agencies.

Due to the uncertainty of federal funding for the fourth year of the grant, sustainability efforts have begun. This will ensure that these high quality prekindergarten programs will be sustained for Hawai'i's keiki. We deeply appreciate the Committee's support of HB500 HD1, which would ensure that these 18

classrooms would continue to support our charter school communities and provide high-quality early educational experiences for our most vulnerable students with the least access to such programs.

BUDGET REQUEST

In September 2016, the Commission submitted the original budget request to the Department of Budget and Finance. Thanks to legislation adopted by this body in 2014, the budget for the charter schools and Commission are separate and result in the funding of the Commission without impacting the charter schools' per pupil funding.

School Operations

Pursuant to the per-pupil funding formula that is based on DOE appropriations and relative enrollment, increases of approximately \$7.74 million and \$7.96 million in per-pupil funding for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, respectively, are included in the Governor's biennial budget package to equalize the per-pupil funding formula.

Estimated grants and donations to charter schools were self-reported by 26 of the 34 charter schools for fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, for a total of approximately \$7,838,007. Grants were provided during the year by other institutions, notably including Kamehameha Schools. While this support is helpful and has been an element of support for these charter schools for many years, it also comes with many conditions, and private funders often are reluctant to provide funding to meet the basic needs of schools to ensure sustainability.

During the 2016 legislative session, the Commission requested funding for 1) facilities for charter schools; 2) hard-to-fill incentive pay for teachers; 3) National Board Certified Teacher awards; and 4) new charter school start-up. Despite clearing both the House and the Senate, Commission's bills that would have provided these resources failed. This year, the Commission has requested funding of \$6,348,000 for these items to support charter schools that were excluded from the Governor's biennial budget package.

1. **Facilities funding for charter schools (\$5,479,000):** Facilities funding for charter schools is the top priority of the Commission. As one of the Commission's Standing Advocacy Principles state: charter schools must be funded and supported and adequately to be able to meet the needs of their students and to fulfill their role as a strategy for system-wide improvement.

This funding request is not for the construction or purchase of charter facilities, rather this request would cover the rental or lease payments of currently operating charter schools. The per-pupil funding structure is intended to provide equity in public school funding in the State by providing a proportionate share of the public school system funding to charters for similar expenses and functions. However, since DOE schools do not pay rent for the use of their facilities while the majority of charters do, funding for this expense is not provided for in the per-pupil funding structure. The Commission believes that funding for charter school facilities (which exists primarily as rent and lease payments) is vital to achieving equity for charters in the public school system.

Although this requested funding has not been included as part of the Commission's budget, we are deeply grateful for the Committee and the House's support of HB533 HD1 and continue to

urge our legislators in both houses to support our schools with this much needed funding. The Commission has convened the Facilities Work Group as provided for in Act 234 of 2015 and hopes to have recommendations to the Commission in hand before the end of the legislative session.

2. **Hard-to-fill incentive pay (\$579,000):** The Commission requests a separate appropriation for this collectively-bargained mandate. According to B&F, funding for collective bargaining items, including Hard-to-staff bonuses, is provided to charter schools through the per-pupil funding structure as it is the only existing funding mechanism for charter schools. However, this funding structure is based strictly on student enrollment and does not account for specific expenses that may affect a limited number of charter schools.

Specifically, for the HSTA Hard-to-Staff bonuses, only nine charter schools are in areas that have been deemed hard-to-staff. However, due to the per-pupil funding structure, all 34 charter schools receive the funding provided for these bonuses. The effect of this is that charter schools that are required to pay these bonuses do not receive the full funding needed to pay these bonuses and must account for the difference on their own.

A budget proviso in the 2015 Executive Budget attempted to address this issue by separating the funds from the per-pupil funding by directing it to the schools that have to make these payments. However, the amount budgeted was based on the costs for DOE teachers only (even that budgeted amount was determined to be insufficient for DOE purposes). As a result, this proviso did not help charters as intended and charter schools that were required to pay this bonus had to cover these bonuses with their existing per-pupil funds. A separate appropriation would also ensure that this issue is permanently addressed and not dependent on recurring budget provisos.

3. **National Board Certified Teacher awards (\$90,000):** Statutorily mandated bonuses of up to \$10,000 for teachers who have earned National Board Certification present the same problem for public charter schools as does the hard-to-fill incentive pay. Those charter schools that employ these teachers presently must pay this incentive from out of their per-pupil funding. But, as with hard-to-fill incentive pay, the funding that charter schools receive is based on the DOE budget, not on the true cost of providing the bonuses, and these per-pupil funds are spread across all charter schools, not just those that employ National Board certified faculty members.

The relevant statutory provision is as follows:

§302A-706 Teacher national board certification incentive program.

(a) There is established within the department the teacher national board certification incentive program to recognize and support exemplary teaching practice by supporting public school teachers who have achieved national board certification under the certification program of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. The teacher national board certification incentive program shall provide:

- 1) A \$5,000 bonus per year for each public school teacher who maintains current national board certification;

- 2) \$1,500 upon completing all components of the certification program of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards;
- 3) A reimbursement of the remainder of the national board certification application fee upon achievement of national board certification; and
- 4) An additional \$5,000 bonus per year for each public school teacher who maintains current national board certification and who teaches at:
 - a) A school in a focus, priority, or superintendent's zone, or other similar designation, as determined by the department;
 - b) A school with a high turnover rate, as determined by the department; or
 - c) A hard-to-fill school, as determined by the department.

(b) The incentive program shall include a mentoring component that encourages and enables national board-certified teachers to assist other teachers and share their teaching expertise. [L 2004, c 51, §38; am L 2007, c 228, §1; am L 2015, c 107, §1]

As with hard-to-fill incentives, the Commission is requesting a separate allocation of funds for this award, to be made to EDN 612 to enable the discrete distribution of these funds to those schools with teachers who have earned this distinction.

The Commission again thanks the Committee and the House for supporting and passing HB936 that would resolve this on-going issue for both Hard to Staff and National Board Certified Teacher bonuses. We hope that our legislators in the Senate will also approve the companion bill and then work with the House to pass it through to the Governor.

4. **New charter school start-up (\$200,000):** Start-up funding for newly-created pre-opening charter schools could provide important support to these schools in their start-up year before they become fully operational and are able to draw per-pupil and other state funding. This start-up funding would be provided to new charter schools through grants provided by the Commission.

Although this request was not included in the Committee's request, we urge the committee to consider the Senate's companion bill SB197, which we hope will pass over to the House.

Commission Operational Expenses

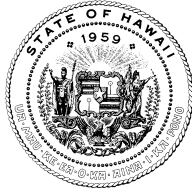
The Commission has also requested funding of \$112,000 for Commission staff salary adjustments that were excluded from the Governor's biennial budget package. The hiring of the Commission's staff commenced in February of 2013 and was complete by October of that year. The budget appropriation for the Commission, as with all state departments and agencies, is made on an incremental basis. The salary funding level for this agency has not been incrementally increased, since staffing level and positions have not changed since the Commission was first created in the 2013-2015 biennium budget. Further, it has come to the Commission's attention that the Commission's predecessor administration office, the Charter Schools Administration Office (CSAO), never provided salary information for consideration whenever HGEA contracts were up for collective bargaining renegotiations. As a result, since July of 2013 the Commission has not received additional funds for its staff salaries with the budget appropriations as have other state agencies.

The funding will cover salary adjustments to be equitable to collective bargaining appropriations had the staff information been provided for consideration when the HGEA contract was up for renegotiation.

This will also help address the need for reasonably equitable compensation for positions of similar complexity and responsibility across the State. As a result of staff transfers to and from the Commission from other agencies, the Commission has learned that working for the Commission always entails greater responsibility, less pay, or both, when compared to like positions in other agencies. This correction represents a step toward addressing that problem and is one of basic fairness for all state employees.

CONCLUSION

The State Public Charter School Commission again deeply appreciates the opportunity to discuss this year's budget with your Committee and thanks the Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee for your continued support of the Commission's work and ultimately our 34 public charter schools and their 10,792 students. We urge you to consider funding for charter school facilities either through our budget or through HB533 HD1. Facilities Funding is one of the greatest unaddressed challenges for Hawaii's chartering system and has been a long standing issue for charter schools. Facilities funding would significantly benefit charter schools to acquire, repair, maintain and rent school facilities. The Commission remains prepared to work with the Legislature and other stakeholders to find additional innovative ways to improve learning options and opportunities for Hawai'i's students.



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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Wednesday, March 29, 2017; 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

HOUSE BILL NO. 100, H.D. 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

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

I am Todd Nacapuy, State Chief Information Officer and head of the Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS), offering comments on House Bill No. 100, H.D. 1, appropriating funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

We respectfully request that committee members consider restoring to the State Budget the items described below, as contained in the Executive Budget Request and amended by Governor's Message 2. These items represent fiscally prudent funding for necessary services that support all of State government.

AGS 130: Enterprise Technology Services – Governance and Innovation

Seq#2-001

Add (2) existing temporary positions pursuant to Act 160, SLH 2015

Pursuant to Act 160, the number of permanent positions and temporary positions shall be separately identified. Therefore, the Department of Budget and Finance (B&F), in preparing the budget, identified all temporary positions by adding the temporary position counts. The program now has no temporary position counts and there is an adverse impact if our temporary positions are deleted.

Two of our positions in this program are filled:

- Posn No. 120864 is a Help Desk Specialist
- Posn No. 120865 is a Network Administrator

Significant effort was made to fill these temporary positions, and ETS needs to retain the incumbents who are doing excellent work in their assigned positions.

Seq # 30-001

Transfer-in (2) permanent positions and funds from HRD191/AA for the Human Resources Management System (HRMS)

FY 18	FY 19
2.00/140,052A	2.00/140,052A

The transfer of the IT positions from the Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) to ETS was requested so that ETS could assume responsibility for the support, maintenance and enhancement of the HRMS, which is used by more than 200 human resource professionals in DHRD and other State agencies to support recruitment, management and retention of over 16,000 employees. ETS is better equipped to optimize system delivery for functional users and provide the critical infrastructure for security management, data redundancy, and backup and recovery operations. The transfer of DHRD's IT positions to ETS will enhance the efficiency of the HRMS support resources, provide backups for key system functions, and enhance the staff's training opportunities.

Without the transfer, ETS resources may not be able to fully address the various enterprise system issues that are necessary to support the HRMS system.

Seq#101-001

Add (11) temporary positions and funds for Payroll and Time and Attendance Projects

FY 18	FY 19
916,277A	1,034,881A

These 11 positions, in support of the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) Accounting Division's Enterprise Payroll and Time & Attendance Modernization project, which is ongoing, were intended for project management, payroll and time and attendance functional support and application development and are project specific. The requested positions are not available through current positions and are needed to fulfill the total list of functions that are part of the contractual agreement for the payroll and time and attendance projects.

Without the positions, the project management for the projects will not be supported.

Seq#102-001

Add funds for Independent Verification and Validation Vendor Services for the Payroll and Time and Attendance System Projects.

FY 18	FY 19
264,000A	264,000A

Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V) is a process necessary to ensure that the products of a system implementation activity meet the requirements of that activity and the delivered system satisfies the intended use and user needs as described per the contract. The request is intended to support successful implementation the new statewide payroll and time & attendance systems.

Without the funding, the support will not be available.

Seq#103-001

Add funds for integration of Human Resources System with Payroll and Time and Attendance System

FY 18	FY 19
937,024A	922,326A

The funding requested is for hosted services as well as maintenance and operations of the newly merged HRMS and the payroll system.

Without the hosting and maintenance and operations funding, the program will not be able to pay the contractor for ongoing maintenance costs for the new system.

Seq#1000-001

Transfer-in (6) permanent positions and (6) temporary positions, and funds from TAX 107/AA to Enterprise Technology Services-Governance and Innovation for Tax System Modernization

FY 18	FY 19
6.00/1,304,286A	6.00/1,304,286A

ETS will follow the Administration’s lead to ensure the success of the project.

AGS 131: Enterprise Technology Services – Operations and Infrastructure Maintenance

Seq#2-001

Add (1) existing temporary positions pursuant to Act 160, SLH 2015

Pursuant to Act 160, the number of permanent positions and temporary positions shall be separately identified. As mentioned above, B&F, in preparing the budget, identified all temporary positions by adding the temporary position counts. The program now has no temporary position counts and there is an adverse impact if our temporary position is deleted.

This position in this program is filled:

- Posn No. 120406 is a Portal Manager for the Access Hawai‘i Committee, established pursuant to Act 58, SLH 2016

Significant effort was made to fill this temporary position, and ETS needs to retain this incumbent who is doing excellent work in his assigned position.

Additional Request in Governor’s Message 5

We respectfully request the committee’s inclusion of the additional request described below, as contained in Governor’s Message 5, proposing to trade off outdated vacant positions for more relevant IT positions that we believe will be filled with greater success. This proposal will replace 14 vacant positions in AGS 131 with 7 newly described positions in AGS 131 and 2 newly described positions in AGS 130, for a net savings of 5 position counts and \$54,320 in ETS.

Reduce AGS 131 Personal Services by	14.00 vacant civil service positions and \$1,054,320
Add to AGS 131 Personal Services	7.00 exempt positions and \$720,000
<u>Add to AGS 130 Personal Services</u>	<u>2.00 exempt positions and \$280,000</u>
Net Reduction ETS Personal Services	5.00 positions and \$54,320

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 23, 2017

**TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

For Hearing on Tuesday, March 29, 2017
9:30 a.m., Conference Room 211

BY

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House Bill No. 100, H.D.1
Relating to the State Budget

TO CHAIRPERSON TOKUDA, VICE CHAIR DELA CRUZ, AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

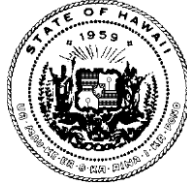
The purpose of House Bill No. 100, H.D.1 is to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement costs for agencies in the Executive Branch for the fiscal biennium 2017-2019.

The Department of Human Resources Development (DHRD) **strongly supports** this measure as it relates to DHRD's two budget requests for workers' compensation claims and the learning management system. We respectfully ask for your favorable consideration of our request to transfer two IT positions to the Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) for the support and maintenance of the Human Resources Management System.

We are aware of the challenges ahead and remain committed to work with the Legislature to seek solutions that effectively balance short and long term priorities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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March 29, 2017

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

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 100 HD 1 - RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Hearing: Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 211, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) requests the committee's support of the Governor's Executive Budget, as amended. The following are highlights of the significant and vital requests of the Fiscal Biennium (FB) 2017 – 2019 Budget for the Department of Human Services.

Part I

Our mission is to encourage self-sufficiency and support the well-being of individuals, families, and communities in Hawaii.

Our work is also guided by section 5-75, Hawaii Revised Statutes:

Aloha Spirit is the coordination of mind and heart within each person . . . was the working philosophy of native Hawaiians and was presented as a gift to the people of Hawaii. Aloha is more than a word of greeting or farewell or a salutation. Aloha means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return. Aloha is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence.

The Department of Human Services touches one in four of Hawaii's residents and nearly half of its children. The work we do supports our residents' ability to achieve well-being in a holistic sense. We understand that well-being encompasses many facets of life, including food, health, housing, safety, work, environment, education, family, and community. We provide critical benefits, programs, and services in these vital areas. We address key well-being issues such as financial assistance, access to insurance coverage and healthcare, access to food and nutrition, child care and early childhood learning opportunities, public housing, homelessness, juvenile justice, support services for families experiencing

domestic violence, protective services for children and vulnerable adults, and employment opportunities and vocational rehabilitation for people with disabilities.

We continue to work diligently to incorporate 'Ohana Nui, a multigenerational framework that invests early and concurrently in children and families within our department, with other state agencies, and with community stakeholders, to improve health, education, employment, and other outcomes for Hawaii residents. This approach will allow us to more efficiently align programs and funding to make a greater impact on the whole person and the whole family.

In support of this new integrated framework, we look forward to emphasizing two other department priorities during the FY 2017 - 2019: reengineering DHS business processes and developing the DHS Enterprise System. Throughout DHS, we are redesigning business processes with a customer-centered approach. The DHS Enterprise System, a major technology initiative that began with the KOLEA Medicaid eligibility application, will expand to provide eligibility determination and case management for other DHS divisions and programs. These priorities support the development of 'Ohana Nui by enabling us to serve residents across programs and divisions with an integrated eligibility and case management application and a vision for the future that connects residents quickly to all the resources we offer.

This is the argument for investing in DHS and the reason why our budget focuses on four areas:

1. Investing in children and families;
2. Improving health and safety;
3. Increasing departmental capacity and efficiencies; and
4. Improving systems.

We developed the budget with these areas in mind and with the larger goals of improving community health. We do so with an added focus on collaboration, inclusion, transparency, fiscal accountability, and doing the right things the right ways for the people of Hawai'i. Please see below for key budget requests.

We are aware of the Council on Revenues' downward revenue projection and understand that all our requests may not be funded. We are standing by to work with the Governor, Budget and Finance, and the Legislature to craft a budget that is affordable and addresses the critical needs of DHS.

BENEFIT, EMPLOYMENT AND SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION (BESSD)

Mission: Provide timely, efficient and effective programs, services and benefits to empower those who are vulnerable in our State to expand their capacity for self-sufficiency, self-determination, independence, healthy choices, quality of life and personal dignity.

- **HMS 224 – Homeless Services**

224HS-01	Additional Funding for Homeless Outreach
	FY18 A = \$1,500,000
	FY19 A = \$1,500,000

224HS-02 Additional Funding for Housing First Program
 FY18 A = \$3,000,000
 FY19 A = \$3,000,000

224HS-03 Additional Funding for Rapid Re-Housing Program
 FY18 A = \$2,500,000
 FY19 A = \$2,500,000

224HS-04 Additional Funding for Repair and Maintenance of 9 State-
 Owned Homeless Shelters
 FY18 A = \$300,000
 FY19 A = \$300,000

224HS-05 Funding for Homeless Property Storage
 FY18 A = \$2,000,000
 FY19 A = \$2,000,000

224HS-06 Funding for Legal Services to Homeless Persons
 FY18 A = \$500,000
 FY19 A = \$500,000

- **HMS 236 – Case Management for Self-Sufficiency**

236LC-01 Federal Fringe Benefit Increase
 FY18 N = \$1,121,296
 FY19 N = \$1,121,296

- **HMS 302 – General Support for Child Care**

302DA-01 Ensure Full-Year Funding of 1 New Position to Continue
 Administrative Operation of the Pre-School Open Doors
 Program
 FY18 A = \$15,722 / N = \$20,581
 FY19 A = \$15,722 / N = \$20,581

302DA-03 Federal Fringe Benefit Increase
 FY18 N = \$136,958
 FY19 N = \$136,958

- **HMS 903 – General Support for Self-Sufficiency Services**

903FA-01 Additional Funding for 3 Temporary Positions for New
 Eligibility System (Eligibility System Project Manager and 2
 Eligibility System Business Analysts)
 FY18 A = \$29,164 / N = \$42,150
 FY19 A = \$29,164 / N = \$42,150

903FA-05 Federal Fringe Benefit Increase
FY18 N = \$286,161
FY19 N = \$286,161

MED-QUEST DIVISION (MQD)

Mission: Help low-income adults and children obtain needed healthcare through the federal Medicaid health insurance program and other state-funded medical programs.

• **HMS 401 – Health Care Payments**

401PE-01 Restore Adult Dental Benefit
FY18 A = \$4,704,480 / N = \$7,056,720
FY19 A = \$9,408,960 / N = \$14,113,440

401PE-02 Increase Health Care Payments
FY18 A = \$9,124,551 / N = \$115,643,620
FY19 A = \$39,340,423 / N = \$221,163,042

401PE-03 Resume Nursing Facility Inflation Factor
FY18 A = \$1,886,205 / N = \$2,309,090
FY19 A = \$4,052,472 / N = \$4,961,033

401PE-04 Increase Medicare Part B Premium
FY18 A = \$2,947,556 / N = \$2,691,040
FY19 A = \$2,947,556 / N = \$2,691,040

• **HMS 902 – General Support for Health Care Payments**

902IA-02 Enterprise System Maintenance & Operations -Eligibility
FY18 A = \$5,250,000 / N = \$15,750,000
FY19 A = \$5,250,000 / N = \$15,750,000

902IA-04 Health Information Technology Design Development
Implementation
FY18 A = \$0 / N = \$0
FY19 A = \$300,000 / N = \$2,700,000

902IA-06 Federal Fringe Benefit Increase
FY18 N = \$1,522,054
FY19 N = \$1,522,054

SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION (SSD)

Mission: Protect vulnerable adults and children from abuse, neglect, and exploitation so they may live safely in their homes and communities. This is accomplished through two branches: 1) Child Welfare Services, and 2) Adult Protective and Community Services.

- **HMS 301 – Child Protective Services**

301SA-01 Transfer Out (10) Positions to 901
 FY18 A = -4.80P, -\$206,672 / N = -5.20P, -\$299,115
 FY19 A = -4.80P, -\$206,672 / N = -5.20P, -\$299,115

301SA-03 Federal Fringe Benefit Increase
 FY18 N = \$908,506
 FY19 N = \$908,506

301SA-04 Child Victims of Sex Trafficking
 FY18 A = \$300,000 / N = \$100,000
 FY19 A = \$300,000 / N = \$100,000

- **HMS 303 – Child Protective Services Payments**

303WP-01 Foster Care Board Rates-Settlement
 FY18 A = \$4,558,858 / N = \$2,454,770
 FY19 A = \$4,634,292 / N = \$2,495,388

- **HMS 601 – Adult Protective and Community Services**

601TA-05 Federal Fringe Benefit Increase
 FY18 N = \$108,737
 FY19 N = \$108,737

- **HMS 901 – General Support for Social Services**

901MA-01 Transfer In (10) Positions from 301
 FY18 A = 4.80P, \$206,672 / N = 5.20P, \$299,115
 FY19 A = 4.80P, \$206,672 / N = 5.20P, \$299,115

DIVISION OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION (DVR)

Mission: DVR exists to serve its participants and works together as a team so participants can achieve their goals and aspirations for meaningful employment through timely and individualized vocational rehabilitation services.

- **HMS 238 – Disability Determination**

238GB-01 Federal Fringe Benefit Increase
 FY18 N = \$5,772
 FY19 N = \$5,772

- **HMS 802 – Vocational Rehabilitation**

- 802GA-01 Additional Funding for Older Individuals who are Blind (OIB) and change Funding of the Rehabilitation Teacher for the Blind (RTB) Position to be 100% General Funded
FY18 A = 0.67P, \$33,442 / N = -0.67P, -\$53,507
FY19 A = 0.67P, \$33,442 / N = -0.67P, -\$53,507
- 802GA-FY18.01 Ho’opono Flood Zone Remediation
FY18 C = \$521,000
FY19 C = \$0

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

- **HMS 904 - General Administration**

- 904AA-01: Restore Full-Year Funding for GP V Position in AAO
FY18 A = \$22,094 / N = \$12,152
FY19 A = \$22,094 / N = \$12,152
- 904AA-04: Homelessness: Update Salaries and OCE to Current
FY18 A = \$95,478
FY19 A = \$52,478
- 904AA-08 Homelessness: Funds to Reimburse HICH Members Travel and Other Expenses
FY18 A = \$3,000
FY19 A = \$3,000
- 904AA-09 Three (3) Temporary Exempt Positions for Information Security and Privacy Compliance Office in PMO (Information Security Compliance Officer, Security and Privacy Compliance Engineer, Security and Privacy Compliance Analyst)
FY18 A = \$15,102 / N = \$217,468
FY19 A = \$151,020 / N = \$314,121
- 904AA-10 Federal Fringe Benefit Increase
FY18 N = \$863,594
FY19 N = \$863,594

HAWAI’I PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mission: The Hawaii Public Housing Authority is committed to promoting adequate and affordable housing, economic opportunity and a suitable living environment, for low income families and individuals, free from discrimination.

HPHA will submit its testimony separately.

OFFICE OF YOUTH SERVICES (OYS)

Mission: Provide programs and services for Hawaii’s youth including the provision of balanced and comprehensive services for at-risk youth, to prevent delinquency, reduce recidivism, and maximize opportunities for youth to become productive, responsible citizens through community based and family-focused treatment interventions.

• **HMS 501 – In-Community Youth Programs**

- 501YA-01 Additional Funding for Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture and Health (REACH) Program
FY18 A = \$250,000
FY19 A = \$250,000

- 501YA-02 Funding Change for Juvenile Justice Administrative Position from 100% Federal Funds to 50% Federal and 50% State Funded
FY18 A = 0.50T, \$16,020 / N = -0.50T, -\$25,632
FY19 A = 0.50T, \$16,020 / N = -0.50T, -\$25,632

- 501YA-07 Federal Fringe Benefit Increase
FY18 N = \$24,095
FY19 N = \$24,095

HAWAI’I STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Mission: Work toward equality for women and girls in the State by acting as a catalyst for positive change through advocacy, education, collaboration and program development.

There are no budget requests.

HAWAI’I STATE COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD

Mission: Promote healthy family relationships by emphasizing the important role fathers play in the lives of their children.

There are no budget requests.

Part II

The following are our comments and concerns regarding the impact of decisions made by the House Committee on Finance (FIN) in HB 100 HD1. Please note: similar comments and concerns were emailed to WAM staff on Wednesday, March 22, 2017.

Hawaii Public Housing Authority will submit their response directly to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

HMS 204 – General Assistance Payments

HB100 HD1, included proviso at SECTION 55, “Provided that assistance payments for the general assistance payments (HMS204) shall not exceed \$349 per individual per month.”

General assistance payments are cash payments for single disabled adults who are not yet qualified for disability benefits through the Social Security Administration. Many single disabled homeless individuals receive general assistance benefits.

It appears this proviso establishes \$349 to be the maximum amount.

Section 17-678, Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR), discusses the methodology DHS uses in establishing the GA monthly payment maximum. The payment maximum looks at the GA appropriation and uses the average caseload count to determine the monthly maximum that can be afforded. These rules require our Financial Assistance Program (FAP) to review the HMS204 budget no less than every 4 months, and, adjust the monthly maximum if there is a variance of more than ten percent from the average monthly payment for the current month. This allows us to increase or decrease the monthly benefit amount, as needed, to remain within the appropriation. If this proviso were to be adopted, it would require administrative rule amendments in order to implement.

A suggested alternative is a proviso to cap the payments at 50% of the Standard of Need (SON) as that is already established in rules and so no rule amendments would be required.

Based on existing rules, payments are capped at: Household of 1 adult: \$469.50 max at 50% of the SON, 2 adults: \$632.50 max at 50% of the SON.

DHS prefers to maintain the program according to its current administrative rules, and we respectfully request that Section 55 be deleted from this measure, and Section 109, of Act 119 (HB500 HD1 SD1 CD1), Session Laws of Hawaii, be repealed.

HMS 224 - Housing for First Program (SEQ #100-001)

Request:	HD1 FIN Decision:
FY18/FY19 \$3,000,000A/\$3,000,000A	\$1,500,000A/\$0
FY18/FY19 \$0/\$0	\$1,500,000N/\$0

Impact of Adjustment

The Department thanks the House for including \$1,500,000 A funds and \$1,500,000 N funds for the state Housing First (HF) program in FY18. However, we would like to provide additional information about the need for ongoing general fund support for HF.

HF is the cornerstone of the State’s plans to address homelessness. The HF program has been funded in the amount of \$1,500,000 on a year-to-year basis to support a program on Oahu. In FY17, the Legislature provided an additional lump sum appropriation of \$12,000,000, of which \$1,500,000 was used to expand the HF program to the neighbor islands. In April 2017, the Department will execute contracts for HF for the counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai. The request of \$3,000,000 A funds is intended to sustain existing contracts for HF statewide, with \$1,500,000 for Oahu and \$1,500,000 for the neighbor islands.

This distribution of funds will enable HF services to continue for an estimated 86 households (117 individuals) on Oahu, and at least 60 additional households (70 individuals) on the

neighbor islands. The total amount of households projected to be served statewide is 146 households (180 individuals).

If funding for HF is not provided on an ongoing basis, an estimated 180 chronically homeless individuals served by the current programs will lose their housing and return to homelessness. The individuals served by HF have serious mental health and physical health conditions, and are unable to maintain stable housing without ongoing assistance. Without stable housing, the physical and mental condition of these individuals is likely to further deteriorate and result in serious illness or potentially death.

The \$1,500,000 N funds establishes a ceiling for federal funds to support HF. DHS will apply for federal funding for this program if it becomes available, but does not currently have available federal funds to support HF and does not anticipate federal funds becoming available in the immediate future. While DHS is in the process of requesting an amendment of its 1115 Medicaid waiver to expand case management and tenancy support services for the chronically homeless, the approval process for a waiver amendment is lengthy and cannot be guaranteed. If the appropriation remains split between A and N funds, DHS will not have sufficient resources to maintain HF programs both on Oahu and the neighbor islands, and the well-being of individuals currently served by the program may be adversely impacted.

It is critical that HF services be maintained on the neighbor islands, as well as on Oahu. According to the 2016 Point in Time Count, there are an estimated 2,135 unsheltered homeless individuals residing on the neighbor islands – this represents a 12% increase over the number of unsheltered persons (1,904) in the prior year. Without the addition of new programs to address unsheltered homeless on the neighbor islands, the number of unsheltered homeless individuals in these communities may further increase.

Alternative Reductions

We are not able to offer an alternatives due to a budget that is extremely tight. It would result in cuts to existing programs and services.

HMS 224 – Homeless Outreach Services (SEQ #101-001)

Request:	HD1 FIN Decision:
FY18/FY19 \$1,500,000A/\$1,500,000A	\$1,500,000A/\$0

Impact of Adjustment

DHS thanks the House for including \$1,500,000 A funds for homeless outreach services in FY18. However, we provide additional information about the need to sustain outreach services in FY19 and beyond.

In FY17, DHS utilized \$1,500,000 of the \$12,000,000 lump sum appropriation for homelessness to expand homeless outreach services statewide. The appropriation of \$1,500,000 A funds in FY18 will sustain these services for one additional year. However, there is a need to sustain the expansion of outreach services in the long-term, as outreach services are critical for identifying and engaging unsheltered homeless persons in shelter and housing programs, such as Rapid Re-housing and Housing First. The expansion of outreach

services enables outreach providers to concentrate on specific geographic regions, as opposed to multiple agencies being contracted to serve a broad geographic area.

Improved outreach is a critical component of the State’s plans to address homelessness. The role of outreach services is evolving to be more consistent with a case management model that is specifically focused on housing as an outcome. The expansion of outreach services has resulted in smaller caseloads for each outreach worker, which enables outreach staff to spend more time with each unsheltered individual. In order to connect an unsheltered person to housing, an outreach worker must often spend many hours with one individual, and provide support with a variety of activities including: completing applications for housing and public benefits; obtaining necessary documentation to apply for government identification; assessing the individual for mental health and clinical services; rebuilding connections with family and social support; and working in partnership with other service providers.

The expansion of outreach services is also critical to addressing public safety and unauthorized encampments on public lands, which is a key component of the State’s overall framework to address homelessness. When government agencies conduct enforcement to address unauthorized encampments on public lands, the City and State have both called upon homeless outreach providers to help inform homeless clients living in the parks about enforcement actions and connect them to shelter or housing resources. The State’s policy is that services must be offered to those who may be disrupted by State enforcement efforts. By providing outreach services, the State can place unsheltered individuals directly into shelter or housing. For example, by including outreach services with enforcement efforts, the State assisted 290, of an estimated 293 unsheltered individuals, in Kaka'ako Makai to move from the streets to shelter or permanent housing.

If additional funding is not provided, other homeless programs targeted to address homelessness—such as Housing First, Rapid Re-Housing, and the Family Assessment Center—will be less effective. In addition, the State’s efforts to address unauthorized homeless encampments on public lands may be adversely impacted if resources for targeted homeless outreach services are not sustained on an ongoing basis. The face-to-face role of homeless outreach providers is important to building relationships and connecting unsheltered homeless persons with the appropriate type of housing intervention that will end their homelessness, rather than simply displacing them from one area to another.

Alternative Reductions

We are not able to offer an alternatives due to a budget that is extremely tight. It would result in cuts to existing programs and services.

HMS 224 – Rapid Re-Housing Program (SEQ #102-001)

Request:	HD1 FIN Decision:
FY18/FY19 \$2,500,000A/\$2,500,000A	\$3,000,000A/\$0

Impact of Adjustment

DHS thanks the House for including \$3,000,000 A funds for Rapid Re-Housing in FY18. We provide additional information about the need to sustain Rapid Re-housing services in FY19 and beyond.

Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) is a new program that will be paired with the shelter program to achieve two (2) main objectives:

- Quickly and efficiently end homelessness for individuals and families who are capable of maintaining stability in permanent housing by providing short- (up to 3 months) and medium-term (3-12 months) rental assistance and case management services; and
- Increase efficiencies within the State's shelter system by targeting homeless individuals and families in shelter who are capable of maintaining sustainability in permanent housing.

By moving homeless individuals and families quickly out of shelter and into permanent housing, the RRH program will provide stability for the family and make space available within the existing shelter system for additional unsheltered individuals and families. In particular, this will help to address the growing number of unsheltered homeless families with minor children, which increased 46% between 2014 and 2015, and 27% between 2015 and 2016. However, without an ongoing appropriation for FY19 and the out years, the Department will not have the resources necessary to sustain the Rapid Re-Housing program.

The lack of ongoing funding for RRH will adversely impact other state programs to address homelessness – such as emergency and transitional shelter and the Family Assessment Center. The overall goal of the State's framework to address homelessness is rapid placement into permanent housing. Without programs such as Rapid Re-Housing, homeless shelters will encounter more difficulty in transitioning homeless individuals and families off of the streets and into long-term, stable housing.

The target population for RRH are homeless households who have a source of income, and require only temporary, short-term case management and financial support. According to assessment data collected by Oahu service providers, this target population is estimated to represent 42% of all homeless individuals.

If the requested funding is not provided on an ongoing basis, there is a concern that the number of unsheltered families with minor children will continue to increase. Currently, there is limited shelter space for families, and most family shelters are consistently at maximum capacity. As mentioned above, the Rapid Re-Housing program would provide temporary rental assistance for low income working families, and allow for more efficient use of shelter space.

Alternative Reductions

We are not able to offer an alternatives due to a budget that is extremely tight. It would result in cuts to existing programs and services.

HMS 224 – Repair and Maintenance of State Owned Homeless Shelters (SEQ #103-001)

Request: **HD1 FIN Decision:**
FY18/FY19 \$300,000A/\$300,000A \$300,000A/\$0

Impact of Adjustment

DHS thanks the House for including \$300,000 A funds for Repair and Maintenance of State owned homeless shelters in FY18. However, if the requested \$300,000 A funds for FY19 is not appropriated to upkeep these facilities, we may lose the ability to shelter 1,628 people in safe and secure facilities. Many of the state owned facilities are aging, and regular repair and maintenance is needed to ensure these facilities remain safe for the individuals and families who reside there.

The State currently owns 9 homeless shelters on Oahu. The ownership of most of the shelters dates back to a time when the Homeless Programs Office was administratively attached to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA).

Located in Kalaeloa:

1. Onelauena (West Oahu's only exclusive emergency shelter)
2. Kumuhonua (adult singles and couples only)
3. Hale Ulu Pono (transitional shelter for people living with mental illness)
4. Onemalu (transitional shelter for families)

Other locations:

1. Nakolea (Isenberg Street in Honolulu)
2. Kulaokahua (transitional shelter for elderly on Ward Avenue in Honolulu)
3. Weinberg Village Waimanalo (family shelter)
4. Pa'iolu Kalaulu (transitional and emergency shelter in Waianae)
5. Ulu Ke Kukui (Land owned by DHHL)

All of the contracted operators of these shelters are required to make a small annual set-aside in their total contract amount to pay for routine repair and maintenance of the state-owned shelters. The shelter stipends have not increased in the past seven (7) years, and many of the shelters have overdue repair and maintenance needs. In FY 2014 and 2015, the Legislature appropriated funds totaling \$750,000 for repair and maintenance of these shelters. This funding paid for long-needed repairs such as: exterior painting, repair of windows, removal of trees, repair of parking lots, and installation of anti-slip materials to walkways. These repairs not only address safety, but the dignity and quality of life for the people receiving services there, and maintain or improve the properties for future uses.

Alternative Reductions

We are not able to offer an alternatives due to a budget that is extremely tight. It would result in cuts to existing programs and services.

HMS 224 – Stored Property Program (SEQ #150-001)

Request: **HD1 FIN Decision:**
FY18/FY19 \$2,000,000A/\$2,000,000A \$0/\$0

Impact of Adjustment

The original request of \$2,000,000 for this item was estimated based on actual costs incurred for a stored property program by the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) in the Kaka'ako Makai area. The breakdown of this request includes costs for a Contract Storage and Documentation Team, as well as costs for miscellaneous disposal, roll off dumpsters, hazardous waste removal, and a daily stored property management fee to manage retrieval of stored items.

If this item is not funded, the State will be at risk for civil litigation, and the absence of a Stored Property Program will limit the ability of State agencies to quickly and thoroughly respond to unauthorized encampments on public lands. In light of recent decisions of the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and recent litigation between the ACLU and the City & County of Honolulu, State agencies were advised that a stored property program is required to comply with emerging case law and to avoid potential violations of constitutional protections relating to due process.

The absence of funding for a Stored Property Program may also directly impact the ability of homeless persons to access permanent housing. According to homeless service providers, many homeless persons report losing identification cards or other vital documents as a result of the enforcement of trespass statutes or other similar rules. A stored property program would ensure that any items left behind following an enforcement would be stored for a period of 30-45 days, and that homeless persons would have a means of retrieving these items. The loss, expense and process of replacing identification (ID) and vital documents often becomes a barrier for a homeless person to obtain housing or employment, and soon the ability to travel by air. By helping to prevent the loss of identification, a Stored Property Program also supports the State’s goals to move homeless persons quickly into permanent housing and transition homeless persons off of the streets, sidewalks, and other public areas.

Alternative reduction

We are not able to offer an alternatives due to a budget that is extremely tight. It would result in cuts to existing programs and services.

HMS 224 – Legal Services for Homeless (SEQ #151-001)

Request:	HD1 FIN Decision:
FY18/FY19 \$500,000A/\$500,000A	\$0/\$0

Impact of Adjustment

In FY17, the Department procured civil legal services for the homeless as part of a larger contract for homeless outreach services. The request of \$500,000 A funds is intended to sustain these services for FY18 and FY19.

Civil legal services are necessary for homeless persons to receive assistance with obtaining identification documents, including a state ID card, birth certificate, and/or social security card. Without these necessary documents, homeless individuals are unable to access housing, as well as employment and public assistance benefits. A dedicated funding source to assist homeless persons to obtain state (ID) and other vital documents was a key

recommendation of the State Civil Identification Card Working Group, which was established through Act 243, Session Laws of Hawaii (SLH) 2015.

It is not uncommon for a homeless person to lose their photo ID and other vital records (e.g. birth certificate, social security card, etc.) while unsheltered. If the homeless person is from out-of-state, the process to obtain ID or other vital records varies widely from state to state. An attorney or legal professional is required to assist in researching legal processes in other jurisdictions, and assisting a homeless person in requesting waivers of fees or other requirements needed to obtain ID. In addition, certain jurisdictions require that an attorney request the vital documents on the homeless person's behalf.

In prior years, civil legal services for homeless persons had been funded through the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) program. However, a recent shift in HUD funding priorities resulted in federal funding for these services ending in Federal Fiscal Year 2016. Because federal funding is no longer available to support this service, the state funding provided by the Department in FY17 is the only means of support for this critical service.

Civil legal services works hand in hand with homeless outreach and the state's array of other homeless service programs (e.g. shelter, Rapid Re-Housing, Housing First, etc.). Without the support of civil legal services to assist homeless persons with obtaining state ID and other vital documents, other state-funded homeless services will be less effective.

Alternative reduction

We are not able to offer an alternatives due to a budget that is extremely tight. It would result in cuts to existing programs and services.

HMS 303 – Settlement for Foster Care Board (SEQ #100-001)

Request:	HD1 FIN Decision:
FY18/FY19 \$4,558,858A, \$4,634,292A	\$0/\$0
FY18/FY19 \$2,454,770N, \$2,495,388N	\$0/\$0

Impact of Adjustment

There will be a significant negative impact to the State if this budget request is not funded.

The budget request is to cover the settlement reached in the 2013 federal class action lawsuit filed to raise the board rates for children in foster care. The settlement establishes new board rates to take effect in SFY 2018 and the method by which the state will assess the appropriateness of the foster board rates as required by Social Security Act section 471(a)(11) [42 U.S.C. § 671(a)(11)] for the next ten years.

If the settlement is not funded, the State will be required to return to court, extending the litigation, increasing attorneys' fees and lawsuit costs, and opening up the state to the possibility of a court ruling that is less favorable.

The settlement is progressing through Federal court. Last Friday, March 17, the Federal judge granted the State's motion for preliminary approval of the settlement. A hearing to consider final approval of the settlement will be held May 8.

It is critical that the settlement be funded to ensure it will become final and enforceable under the terms of the settlement agreement. We urge WAM to fund this request in the best interest of the State of Hawaii.

Alternative Reductions

An alternative reduction is not possible. The board rates are based on an agreed-upon methodology and cannot be changed.

The projected amounts of \$7,013,628 for SFY 2018 and \$7,129,680 for SFY 2019 are based on 95% of the 2013 USDA's Expenditures on Children By Families, middle income, monthly expenses for food, housing, and miscellaneous items, multiplied by the Consumer Price Index to account for inflation to 2016 dollars, the average between the most recent Hawaii Regional Price Parity and Hawaii Metro Regional Price Parity to account for the cost of living in Hawaii as compared to the national average considered by the USDA, and the estimated number of children in care.

The agreed-upon method for review at five-year intervals also applies inflation and cost of living adjustments to the board rate in effect at the time to determine whether a request for additional appropriations is required.

Also included in the projected amounts are the changes to Adoption Assistance, Permanency Assistance, Imua Kakou, and Higher Education payments. Not included within this budget request are funds to pay attorneys' fees and costs for the federal lawsuit, or to settle the state class action lawsuit for damages for alleged past inadequate foster board rates. Those funds are or will be sought through the Attorney General's bill to fund settlements and judgments.

HMS 401 – Adult Dental Benefits (SEQ #91-001)

Request:	HD1 FIN Decision:
FY18/FY19 \$4,704,480A/\$9,408,960A	\$0/\$0
FY18/FY19 \$7,056,720N/\$14,113,440N	\$0/\$0

Impact of Adjustment

This reduction will result in approximately 180,000 adults continuing to not have access to basic dental benefits. The lack of an adult dental benefit will mean the Med-Quest Division (MQD) will continue to be unable to provide whole-person health and health care with a preventative care focus, as oral health has a direct impact on the overall health of individuals. The lack of preventative oral health care has negative health effects for those who have a chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease. The lack of good oral health for pregnant women means that a preventable disease, dental caries, are passed down to our children. Untreated dental pain has led to an increase in emergency room use, fueling the over-burden of our already stressed emergency rooms; untreated dental pain has been linked nationally to an increase of opioid use and abuse. Also, lack of dentures leads to our

kupuna and others not eating nutritious food because they cannot chew; and lack of nutrition leads to frailty and the increased likelihood of needing nursing facility level of care earlier instead of being able to age in their own homes. Essentially, an adult dental benefit would allow our members to get preventative care before it becomes an emergency.

Alternative Reductions

Our current budget is extremely tight, and any reduction would result in cuts to existing services, so we cannot reasonable offer any alternatives at this time.

HMS 401 – Nursing Facility Inflations Factor (SEQ #92-001)

Request:	HD1 FIN Decision:
FY18/FY19 \$1,886,205A/\$4,052,472A	\$1,553,559A/\$1,553,559A
FY18/FY19 \$2,309,090N/\$4,961,033N	\$0/\$0

Impact of Adjustment

While we appreciate any level of funding for this request, this amount does not allow payments to keep up with the projected inflationary increases for nursing facilities. Additionally, as this can be matched with federal matching funds, any federal fund appropriation would be needed to fully utilize any general fund appropriation.

Alternative Reductions

Our current budget is extremely tight, and any reduction would result in cuts to existing services, so we cannot reasonable offer any alternatives at this time.

HMS 501 – Add (3.5) Existing Temporary Positions Pursuant to Act 160, Session Law of Hawaii 2015 (SEQ #2-001)

Request:	HD1 FIN Decision:
To include in the Worksheet	Omitted from the Worksheet

Impact of Adjustment

We request these positions be included in the Budget Worksheets in the “temp” FTE column. Act 160, SLH 2015, requires the executive budget, judiciary budget, and related documents to separately identify position ceilings for permanent and temporary positions beginning with submissions for the 2017 Legislative Session.

Alternative Reductions

NA

HMS 501 – Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SEQ #101-001)

Request:	HD1 FIN Decision:
FY18/FY19 \$240,000A/\$240,000A	\$240,000A/\$0

Impact of Adjustment

If funding for FY 19 is not appropriated, the continued funding of community-based services and programs will be severely impacted, and cuts will be made to areas such as assessment centers, graduated responses, and diversion.

The significant decreases (56%) in federal dollars from the Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention (OJJDP) over a span of 5 years starting in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011, with a total grant award amount of \$918,864, to FFY2016 in the amount of \$400,000 (also the Community Prevention Program grant under the Title V of the JJDP Act was eliminated in FFY 2012, and the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) program was eliminated with final funding distributed in FFY2014) has negatively impacted community-based programming to prevent further penetration into the juvenile justice system. The requested funding will be used to support graduated responses in all four counties to prevent secure detention and confinement for arrested youth and/or court-involved youth; and to provide appropriate program services that will assist youth together with their families to understand and have the knowledge and skills to manage their own issues such as mental health, health, education, traumatization, and other similar situations that are leading youth into the juvenile justice system

Alternative Reductions

We are not able to offer an alternatives due to a budget that is extremely tight. It would result in cuts to existing programs and services.

HMS 501 – Resources for Enrichment, Athletics, Culture, and Health (REACH)

Program

(SEQ #103-001)

Request:

FY18/FY19 \$250,000A/\$250,000A

HD1 FIN Decision:

\$1A/\$0

Impact of Adjustment

The REACH program was appropriated for the Office of Youth Services beginning in FY2015. The OYS received \$500,000 and was tasked with performing the program administration duties of the program. The Department of Education was tasked with accounting for the funds after the OYS journal vouchered the funds to DOE. In FY2016 the OYS was appropriated with \$750,000 but the program administrative duties shifted to the Department of Education. However, for FY2017 the OYS requested an additional \$250,000 from the legislature because the funding dropped to \$500,000. Upon the budget request approval the OYS was able to journal voucher to the DOE the \$750,000 needed for the program.

The \$500,000 REACH funds are a recurring item in the OYS budget and this request is again to restore the funding to the \$750,000 level that the DOE has awarded to the various schools during the current biennium. Currently 24 Middle Schools receive funding through REACH in FY 17.

Alternative Reductions

If funding is not restored, cuts will need to be made to schools receiving REACH funding.

HMS 503 – Reduce (27) Permanent Positions and Funds from Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (SEQ #1000-001)

**HD1 House Committee on
Finance Adjustment
FY 18 – (27) Permanent Pos.
- \$1,478,808**

**FY 19 – (27) Permanent Pos.
- \$1,478,808**

Impact of Adjustment

The reduction of 27 Youth Corrections Officers positions will impact the staffing levels at HYCF. Of the 27 positions numbers identified, only 2 positions (#2436 and #31594) are currently vacant. Staff currently in the identified positions will be given options to move into other positions the language set forth in collective bargaining agreements.

Anticipating the overall cost savings for HYCF in corollary with the decrease in admissions, for fiscal biennium 2016-17, \$1.2 million was transferred from the HYCF budget into the in-community youth programs to invest in upfront services to strengthen the juvenile justice system reform efforts. However, the current proposed budget is not favorable to continue this reinvestment of those savings into the next biennium. We recommend the savings from any staff reductions/additions be reinvested into community-based programs in HMS 501, or remain in HMS 503 for future programming needs described below.

Although there has not been a reduction of staff at HYCF during this current biennium, over the last two years, HYCF began to explore the creation of a Pu‘uhonua (sanctuary healing place, possibly naming it Kawailoa Youth & Family Wellness Center) on the HYCF grounds (over 300 acres) through partnerships with other departments and branches, and the private sector. Expanding HYCF's reach and services to other at-risk population such as youth involved in commercial sex trafficking, youth in need of secure mental health services and substance abuse, homeless youth, and youth/young adults needing skills-building, housing, and support to make a more successful transition in the community, will benefit the community and help stem the tide of young adults into the adult corrections system.

At the core of many of the problems affecting our incarcerated youth is trauma suffered in various forms (adverse childhood experiences, abuse and neglect, parental incarceration, cultural and historical trauma, etc.). Planning and implementation of services and programs to more effectively address the trauma and other needs of incarcerated youth, and also expand HYCF's service array to the above-mentioned youth populations, is currently underway in conjunction with other departments and branches, including Department of Health, Education, Human Services – Child Welfare Services, and Judiciary. We will explore other possible options such as conversion of positions that may align with the proposed services and programs, including a step-down type of residential module for youth transitioning into the community.

Background

Although there has been a general downward trend in youth admissions to HYCF over the past 5 years, the sharp reduction in youth admitted to HYCF over the past 3 years is the result of Juvenile Justice Reform efforts that was spurred by Act 201, 2014 SLH. The legislation brought together major stakeholders such as the Judiciary, Department of Health (DOH)-Mental Health, Office of Youth Services (OYS), the Department of Education (DOE), and others to improve, enhance and provide funding for Hawai'i's juvenile justice system. These improvements and enhancements include strengthening community supervision and probation practices, sustaining effective practices, and reducing the reliance on secure confinement.

The result was an investment of \$1.2 million, through Act 201, in community-based programs, services, and activities to implement juvenile justice reform, including mental health and gender-specific trauma-informed services; substance abuse; intensive monitoring for youth on probation; truancy prevention, wraparound services; ancillary supports and incentives for graduated response system; professional development; and the operation of a statewide implementation working group.

Alternative Reductions

Position number 11645 is vacant and can be added to the proposed positions identified for reduction; position #7119 is filled and can be deleted from the reduction list.

HMS 503 – Add (20) Permanent Positions and Funds for Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (SEQ #1001-001)

**HD1 House Committee on Finance
Adjustment
FY 18 – (20) Permanent Pos. -
\$867,360
FY 19 – (20) Permanent Pos. -
\$867,360**

Impact of Adjustment

The addition of 20 permanent positions, social worker III, SR20 (\$43,932), does not reflect the current bargaining unit salary schedule (\$46,932). We recommend utilization of the current salary schedule, which would add \$71,280 to the total amount for each FY.

The addition of the proposed 20 permanent social worker III positions will require further analysis and careful planning to assure a holistic restorative rehabilitation-centered treatment environment is realized that provides a continuum of care, including a step-down residential component. The planning recommendations may include conversion of the proposed social worker positions to other therapeutic type of positions, including forensic specialists, psychiatric technicians, and human services professionals, to serve the incarcerated youth and other at-risk populations.

Alternative Reductions

We recommend the savings from any staff reductions/additions be reinvested into community-based programs in HMS 501, or remain in HMS 503 for future programming needs described below.

Expanding HYCF's reach and services to other at-risk population such as youth involved in commercial sex trafficking, youth in need of secure mental health services and substance abuse, homeless youth, and youth/young adults needing skills-building, housing, and support to make a more successful transition in the community, will benefit the community and help stem the tide of young adults into the adult corrections system.

HMS 601 – Add (3) Existing Temporary Positions Pursuant to Act 160, Session Law of Hawaii 2015 (SEQ #2-001)

**Request:
To include in the Worksheet**

**HD1 FIN Decision:
Omitted from the Worksheet**

Impact of Adjustment

We request these positions be included in the Budget Worksheets in the “temp” FTE column. Act 160, SLH 2015, requires the executive budget, judiciary budget, and related documents to separately identify position ceilings for permanent and temporary positions beginning with submissions for the 2017 Legislative Session.

Alternative Reductions

NA

HMS 802 – Add (8) Existing Temporary Positions Pursuant to Act 160, Session Law of Hawaii 2015 (SEQ #2-001)

**Request:
To include in the Worksheet**

**HD1 FIN Decision:
Omitted from the Worksheet**

Impact of Adjustment

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Alternative Reductions

NA

HMS 888 – Add (1) Existing Temporary Positions Pursuant to Act 160, Session Law of Hawaii 2015 (SEQ #2-001)

**Request:
To include in the Worksheet**

**HD1 FIN Decision:
Omitted from the Worksheet**

Impact of Adjustment

We request these positions be included in the Budget Worksheets in the “temp” FTE column. Act 160, SLH 2015, requires the executive budget, judiciary budget, and related documents to separately identify position ceilings for permanent and temporary positions beginning with submissions for the 2017 Legislative Session.

Alternative Reductions

NA

HMS 902 – Add (25) Existing Temporary Positions Pursuant to Act 160, Session Law of Hawaii 2015 (SEQ #2-001)

Request:
To include in the Worksheet

HD1 FIN Decision:
Omitted from the Worksheet

Impact of Adjustment

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Alternative Reductions

NA

HMS 902 – Enterprise System Maintenance and Operations (SEQ #101-001)

Request:
FY18/FY19 \$5,250,000A/\$5,250,000A
FY18/FY19 \$15,750,000N/\$15,750,000N

HD1 FIN Decision:
\$0/\$0
\$0/\$0

Impact of Adjustment

If there is no additional M&O funding, DHS will be required to inform its contractor who maintains and operates the KOLEA system to stop all work at the end of the current fiscal year.

The system operates 24 hours, 7 days a week and processes thousands of transactions per month. The Division receives over 4,000 applications per month and processes more than 60,000 eligibility determinations for new applications, renewals or reported change of circumstances per month. Also, approximately 14,000 individuals are terminated each month due to a variety of reasons. Currently over 350,000 individuals are covered and enrolled in one of the Med-QUEST managed care plans. Without ongoing monitoring and daily operations, the system could stop at any time and there would be no one available to resolve any issues.

If the system stopped operating, there would be no way to process daily electronic interfaces for verifications, process applications, make eligibility determinations, and generate letters. If the system stopped operating the Department would implement its Business Continuity Plan which essentially places all operations in “manual” mode where applications are processed

by hand. This would essentially place the Medicaid program out of federal compliance as the Department would be delinquent in processing applications within the required 45 days. Since all work would be directed toward manually processing applications, the workers would not have any time to make reported changes and terminate cases. Thus, the caseload and enrollment count would rise.

The Department would be placing its Medicaid funding, a total of over \$1 billion at risk if the Department does not have an ongoing operating system.

Alternative Reductions

Our current budget is extremely tight, and any reduction would result in cuts to existing services, so we cannot reasonable offer any alternatives at this time.

HMS 903 – Add (3) Existing Temporary Positions Pursuant to Act 160, Session Law of Hawaii 2015 (SEQ #2-001)

Request:	HD1 FIN Decision:
To include in the Worksheet	Omitted from the Worksheet

Impact of Adjustment

We request these positions be included in the Budget Worksheets in the “temp” FTE column. Act 160, SLH 2015, requires the executive budget, judiciary budget, and related documents to separately identify position ceilings for permanent and temporary positions beginning with submissions for the 2017 Legislative Session.

Alternative Reductions

NA

HMS 904 – Add (8) Existing Temporary Positions Pursuant to Act 160, Session Law of Hawaii 2015 (SEQ #2-001)

Request:	HD1 FIN Decision:
To include in the Worksheet	Omitted from the Worksheet

Impact of Adjustment

We request these positions be included in the Budget Worksheets in the “temp” FTE column. Act 160, SLH 2015, requires the executive budget, judiciary budget, and related documents to separately identify position ceilings for permanent and temporary positions beginning with submissions for the 2017 Legislative Session.

Alternative Reductions

NA

HMS 904 – Security and Privacy Compliance (SEQ #103-001)

Request:	HD1 FIN Decision:
FY18/FY19 \$15,102A/\$151,020A	\$0/\$0
FY18/FY19 \$217,468N/\$314,121N	\$0/\$0

Impact of Adjustment

The federal government is supportive of Hawaii implementing an integrated information system solution that supports Medicaid, TANF, SNAP, LIHEAP, other financial programs, and Child Care and Child Welfare, and has committed to providing federal dollars in the form of state/federal matches to support the implementation. The Department intends to maximize enhanced Medicaid funding using the available 90% federal match from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS will provide enhanced funding only if the IT development supports the Medicaid program. Other federal funding will be used to develop the functionalities not Medicaid related, but necessary to support the specific federal program.

By using federal dollars for the integrated information system solution, the Department is required to comply with the security and privacy requirements established by CMS and other federal programs such as SNAP and the Administration on Children and Families that will provide funding for the Comprehensive Child Welfare Information System. All these requirements have been increasing over the years. For example, in January 2016, CMS finalized its rule for the Minimum Acceptable Risk Standards for Exchanges (MARS-E), Version 2.0. This version now has new requirements over version 1.0 that must be implemented by August 2017. Previously, the federal partners allowed a review of security controls once every three years; now, that review must be performed annually.

MARS-E 2.0 provides the most comprehensive requirements for protecting all data received, stored, processed and transmitted. In addition to MARS-E 2.0, the Department is responsible for implementing and maintaining policies, processes and IT solutions that comply with all regulations and mandates related to security and privacy for all federal programs. The security controls include managing and overseeing Department's policies, processes, and technical implementations and currently there are no positions within the Department to perform this ongoing work. The requested funding is for contract work to support the Department's Privacy and Security Compliance Office to implement and maintain a program that regularly monitors and evaluates the Department's actions and risks in protecting information.

Failure to provide these critical positions will increase the risks to the Department:

- The Authority to Connect (ATC) to the federal data services hub is necessary to be compliant with the ACA, and the ATC is directly related to compliance with MARS-E. If sufficient resources are not directed to ensuring compliance with MARS-E, the Department could lose its ATC, at which time it will be out of compliance with the Medicaid program. If the Medicaid program is out of compliance with the ACA, the entire Medicaid program is at risk.
- The other federal partners may withdraw their respective funding if the Department does not comply with the privacy and security requirements.
- The Department could experience a breach of confidential information. If the breach contains personal identifiable information, the Department could face financial penalties under HIPAA.

- The Department will be required to use consultants to perform the required staff work which is costly. Consultants cost more on an hourly basis and since compliance work is ongoing, the Department would be continually need to procure the services of consultants. Additionally, the State never develops the in-house skills and thus, cannot reduce the consultant costs over time.

Alternate Reductions

There are no alternate reductions as this request is the minimum that is required to create and sustain a Privacy and Security Compliance program. There are no other funding requests for compliance.

HMS 904 – Governor’s Coordinator on Homelessness and Staff (SEQ #105-001)

Request:	HD1 FIN Decision:
FY18/FY19 \$95,478A/\$52,478A	\$0/\$0

Impact of Adjustment

The request for FY18 and FY19 includes an adjustment to reflect the full operating expenses required to support the work of the Governor’s Coordinator on Homelessness and staff, as well as adjustments to reflect bargaining unit increases in salary for personnel. The request also includes funding for modular cubicle furniture sets and moving costs, which are necessary for the long-term needs of the office.

If the requested funding is not provided, the ability of the Governor’s Coordinator and staff to participate in community meetings and address issues in rural parts of the state will be directly impacted. Specifically, the existing budget for the Coordinator and staff does not include expenses for mileage reimbursement or Department of Accounting & General Services (DAGS) motor pool for meetings on Oahu, and does not include travel to support regular trips to each county throughout the state.

In addition, without funding to support training and conference costs, the Coordinator and staff will not be able to attend national conferences and training, and will not be exposed to best practice approaches regarding the needs of specific homeless populations. In order for Hawaii’s efforts towards homelessness to be most effective, staff must be up to date on the most relevant training and policies.

Homelessness is a complex and multifaceted issue that requires planning, coordination, implementation, and funding at a statewide level. A dedicated and properly resourced staff is essential to align federal, state, and local efforts and to ensure the implementation of the state framework to address homelessness.

Alternative Reductions

We are not able to offer an alternatives due to a budget that is extremely tight. It would result in cuts to existing programs and services.

HMS 904 – Hawaii Interagency Council on Homeliness Reimbursements to Non-Governmental Members (SEQ #107-001)

Request:
FY18/FY19 \$3,000A/\$3,000A

HD1 FIN Decision:
\$0/\$0

Impact of Adjustment

The requested funding would enable the Hawaii Interagency Council on Homelessness to comply with section 346-383, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which states that nongovernmental members of the council shall be reimbursed for expenses, including travel expenses, necessary for the performance of their duties. Currently, there are three nongovernmental members of the council who reside on the neighbor islands, and must travel to Oahu for the regular work of the council. Meetings of the council are held quarterly, and the funding request was based on four trips to Oahu each year for each of the three nongovernmental members.

If the requested funding is not provided, the council will not be able to comply with its statutory mandate, and participation by neighbor islands on the council may be adversely impacted. Homelessness is a statewide issue, and requires the participation and input from members on the neighbor islands to fully inform the council's efforts to acquire funding and resources, coordinate statewide efforts to transition unsheltered homeless persons to housing, and respond to homeless complaints from members of the public.

Alternative Reductions

We are not able to offer an alternatives due to a budget that is extremely tight. It would result in cuts to existing programs and services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.



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RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism's (DBEDT) budget.

DBEDT's primary objective is to stimulate economic development in the State of Hawaii. The department encourages innovative and creative thinking to develop objectives and activities that advance our overall growth strategy.

Going forward we want to continue on an investment and growth strategy that will position Hawaii's economy to become more diversified and resilient. Our attention is focused on efforts that will build infrastructure, grow both internal and external capital, and develop talent that will be our workforce of the future. The department's efforts are targeted to stimulate economic activity in areas of competitive advantage and economic potential.

Innovation growth areas such as clean and renewable energy, global broadband, creative media, and the tech industry offer the promise of creating a knowledge-based economy that can grow and thrive in our state. In addition, advancements and recent trends in agriculture, aerospace, and foreign trade can further position the state's economy and create new jobs and opportunities for Hawaii's residents.

DBEDT's divisions and attached agencies are actively working on initiatives that support this mission of building infrastructure, attracting capital, and developing talent.

To capitalize on this, the department originally requested \$10 million for the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation's (HSDC) revolving fund for the HI Growth Initiative. After the Council on Revenues reduced its revenue projections, DBEDT reduced its request to \$5 million.

The HI Growth Initiative focuses on three primary areas: entrepreneur development, business accelerators, and access to startup investment capital. The HI Growth Initiative, in just four years, has shown Hawaii is a viable place to build competitive startups. A 2016 study by the University of Hawaii's Economic Research Organization¹ found 65 companies have been funded as a result of the HI Growth Initiative. The average capital investment from the HI Growth Initiative is \$160,000 per company, representing a cumulative investment at the end of 2015 of \$10.5 million. Companies on average have gone on to attract an additional \$2 million in private funding for a total of \$136 million: over 12X leverage on the state's investment.

Another new strategic growth sector for Hawaii is the aerospace industry. The major subsectors include: astronomy, civil aviation, commercial space launch, defense systems, robotics, information technology, and unmanned aerial systems. The department is requesting \$50,000 for FY 2018 and \$100,000 for FY 2019 to add a Director position to oversee the Office of Aerospace Development. The added position will oversee the current staff (Research and Development Coordinator and a Research Associate), who are challenged to capitalize on the wealth of opportunities in this growth sector. The Director position will be responsible to create and implement a broad vision to utilize the aerospace industry to further Hawaii's economic development.

DBEDT not only focuses on expanding Hawaii's economy, but also on keeping our workforce in Hawaii. Of concern for all residents is the need for more affordable housing. The Hawaii Housing and Finance Development Corporation's (HHFDC) role is to increase the inventory of housing that is affordable through its development and financing programs.

HHFDC has approximately 5,100 units planned for 2017-2020. Of these, 65 percent are targeted for renter households at or under 60 percent of area median income (AMI), with the remaining targeted for sale to households at 80-140 percent of AMI and market. HHFDC is also seeking multi-use development opportunities on public lands with other State and County agencies, including DLNR, DAGS, and the DOE. Transit-oriented development along the City and County of Honolulu's rail line is also a tremendous opportunity for working with the City on possible affordable housing developments near planned transit stations.

In order to achieve these goals, the HHFDC is requesting: \$15 million in CIP funds to finance Phase 1 of the Alder Street mixed use development; \$50 million in GO bond funds for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund; \$50 million for the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund; \$8.4 million for the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Loans; and \$3 million for the National Housing Trust Fund Federal Grant. Details of these projects are provided on the attached pages.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of our budget. Attached is an outline of some of the highlights of DBEDT's budget requests.

¹ http://www.uhero.hawaii.edu/assets/Evolution_HIGrowth_Initiative.pdf

BED 100 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

- **\$75,000** to conduct activities to attract and recruit international students to study in Hawaii.
- **\$700,000** increase in the STEP federal grant ceiling in anticipation of the award.

BED 103 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

- **\$25,386 for FY 2018 and \$50,772 for FY 2019** request for an additional Planner IV position. The Planner IV position is critical to ensure compliance with LUC decisions and orders. Currently, we do not have the staff to review annual reports and investigate whether or not developers have complied with conditions of re-districting placed on them by the LUC. These include conditions that require affordable housing, protect the public trust, Native Hawaiian assets and rights, and mitigate impacts on infrastructure that could incur significant expenditures by the state and county agencies to resolve issues.

BED 105 - BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

- **\$200,000** for Federal Grant Ceiling. This request for an increase in ceiling is in anticipation of a federal Economic Assistance Grant from the Department of Commerce.

BED 107 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

- **\$100,000 to increase FTZ 9 annual Operating Ceiling.** With the recent opening of the International Trade Resource Center wing of the facility, the FTZ 9 has seen an increase in overall operating expenses such as electrical, janitorial, A/C maintenance and repair, refuse collection, etc.
- **\$350,000 for bond repayment.** The reimbursable bond used to build the new wing needs to be repaid. The ceiling increase will allow FTZ 9 to repay the bond from increased revenue generated by the opening of the new wing, which supports Hawaii's import/export initiatives.

BED 120 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

- **\$48,000** to add one Energy Analyst position in FY 18 and **\$96,000** in FY 19 (MOF: B). HSEO's Clean Energy Solutions (CES) branch has a new role in the development of advanced visualization tools to communicate Hawaii's complex energy system to energy stakeholders. The development of these tools involves the incorporation of advanced data analytics and visualization techniques.
- **\$64,000** to add one Energy Analyst position in FY 18 and **\$128,000** in FY 19 (MOF: B). HSEO's Energy Systems & Planning (ESP) branch is developing a new collaborative planning process that is supported by an analytical framework and model that incorporates the entire energy eco-system. This requires a significant commitment of time and resources for meetings with stakeholders, Business Model analysis requested by the Legislature; analysis of the interdependencies between sectors (new); and increased emphasis on addressing transportation sector (VW settlement, roadmap, EV

as renewable integration tool).

- **\$21,000,000** request appropriation ceiling increase for the Green Energy Market Securitization (GEMS) bond repayment fund to meet the bond indenture agreement requirement.
- **\$200,000 in FY 18 and \$200,000 in FY 19**; appropriation ceiling (MOF: T) for Volkswagen settlement administrative expenses. DBEDT (HSEO) is to be designated as Lead Agency for the State of Hawaii's participation in the Environmental Mitigation Trust as a beneficiary. A portion of Hawaii's \$7.5 million allocation will be used for administrative expenditures associated with implementing eligible mitigation actions.
- **Correct position count totals** due to Legislative 2016 worksheet error by adding (3.00) permanent position counts for position #97991B, #97992B, #97993B and deleting (3.00) temporary position counts for position #119366, #119408 and #119415.
- **Eliminate** the \$750,000 Renewable Energy Facility Siting Fund, which was repealed effective July 1, 2016.
- **Transfer** \$50,000,000 in special fund ceiling for FY 18 to the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Authority (BED 138) for GEMS lending program.

BED 128 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

- **\$50,000 for FY 2018 and \$100,000 for FY 2019** to add a Director position for the Office of Aerospace Development (OAD). Act 149 - Relating to Aerospace Development, SLH 2007, created a Director to oversee, supervise, and direct planning and promotion of opportunities for expanding and diversifying aerospace-related industries in the State. Funding is being requested in DBEDT's biennium budget to hire an OAD director to assume these responsibilities.

BED 130 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

- **\$28,584 for FY 2018 and \$57,168 for FY 2019** to restore an Economist VI position that was abolished in FY 14 due to revenue shortfall. With the Economist position, some of the economic studies can be done within the Division instead of contracting out to outside research firms. This will save the state \$40,000 annually and the Economist will produce an average of two economic studies or analysis a year on current economic issues.

BED 138 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

- **\$50,000,000 Lending Ceiling.** Transfer the lending ceiling for the Hawaii Green Infrastructure Special Fund – S-395 of \$50 million from BED 120 to BED 138 to support GEMS lending programs for the FY 18. Without this ceiling authorization, the Authority will not be able to continue to make loans.

BED 143 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

- **\$23,750 in FY 18 and \$47,500 in FY 19** (MOF:B) for COO/Industry Info Specialist Position #102460, converts the 50% special funded positions into 100% special funded positions. These positions are critical to the growing programs and partnerships with other state

agencies for HTDC services. HTDC is working with 7 agencies to create needed infrastructure that will increase the number of high wage jobs in Hawaii. These positions would allow HTDC to hire experienced staff to move these projects to a successful outcome. Without additional staff HTDC will not have the capacity to support the partnerships.

- **\$16,250 in FY 18 and \$32,500 in FY 19** (MOF:B) for Special Projects Coordinator Position #102275 fund the positions 100% through HTDC's special fund. These positions are needed to attain HTDC's 80|80 directive as well as continuing to support economic development and innovation in the tech sector.

BED 144 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

- **\$27,618 for FY 2018 and \$55,236 in FY 2019.** General Funds to continue the current incumbent in the Planner V Position and funds for the Special Action Team on Affordable Rental Housing (Act 127, SLH 2016). Request is for funding for the temporary position to continue through FY 19.
- **\$29,868 in FY 2018 and \$59,736 in FY 2019.** General Funds for a Planner VI to support the State Interagency Council on Transit Oriented Development (created pursuant to Act 130, SLH 2016). Position was eliminated in FY 17 Budget. Request is for permanent position FY 18-19 (each year of biennium).
- **\$44,764 General Funds for FY 2018 and FY 2019** for operations and support of the Special Action Team on Affordable Rental Housing (Act 127, SLH 2016). The Special Action Team sunsets on December 2019.
- **\$25,000 General Funds for FY 2018 and FY 2019** for operations and support of the State Interagency Council on Transit Oriented Development.
- **\$1,000,000 CIP Funds in FY 2018 and FY 2019** to support planning and planning-related activities in State Transit Oriented Development. Similar request made in FY 17, where \$500,000 was appropriated.

BED 145 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

- **\$5,000,000 General Fund infusion into Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation's (HSDC) Revolving Fund for FY 2018.** These funds will be used to continue a state economic development effort called the HI Growth Initiative. The HI Growth Initiative will invest, in partnership with the private sector in three key areas: 1) entrepreneur ecosystem development; 2) accelerators; and 3) access to startup capital to grow and scale businesses. A portion of the funds will be used for program management, e.g. legal work, industry networking events, and studies to measure program effectiveness.
- **\$188,056 General Fund appropriation** for two existing filled positions at HSDC. These positions have been historically funded out of the HSDC Revolving Fund.
- **\$286,895 Reduction of HSDC Revolving Fund appropriation** for two existing positions at HSDC if funding will be through General Fund.

BED 146 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

- **\$5,200,000** in General Obligation Reimbursable Bonds, Improvements and Upgrades to

Seawater System, Hawaii. The requested amendment to Section 48.2 of Act 119, SLH 2015, as amended by Act 124, SLH 2016, to correct the conflicting language between the proviso and the appropriation for the Capital Improvement Program project Item A11.01, will not be needed with the deletion of the proviso in the HD1.

BED 150 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

- **\$1.45 million** in General Funds for FY 2018 and FY 2019 to transfer 19 FTE Position Funding from CIP to General Funds. Failure to fund these existing, filled 19 positions, out of the 23 total positions, would paralyze the HCDA and effectively end the agency's ability to plan, improve, regulate, and steward state assets and private development in the three community development district under HCDA's jurisdiction. Currently, the HCDA has \$21 million in CIP projects and approximately 4,700 acres of land (including residential, park, open space, and commercial property) that would not be properly managed.
- **\$ 154,360 Increase in OCE for Kakaako for FY 2018 and FY 2019.** Request increase funding for Kakaako for higher legal and other operating expenditures.
- **\$81,000** to increase to cover fringe benefit costs at Kakaako.
- **\$73,000** to increase to cover fringe benefit costs at Kalaeloa.
- **\$3,000,000 (MOF: C)** Kalaeloa Enterprise Avenue Energy Corridor to Midway Road, Kalaeloa, Oahu in FY 2018 to complete the design and construction of a City standard underground electrical distribution corridor to replace the existing Navy owned deteriorating system in the Kalaeloa Development District.

BED 160 BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

- **\$15,000,000 (MOF: C) 902 Alder Street, Honolulu, Oahu (BED 160/HD)**
The proposed Alder Street mixed-use residential development will provide approximately 180 affordable rental housing units for working families, space for juvenile shelter and services, and parking. The HHFDC and Judiciary have entered into a Memorandum of Agreement to develop the mixed-use residential project. In 2015, the Legislature appropriated \$1.7 million for plans and design. HHFDC is requesting \$15 million in CIP funds to finance phase 1 of the juvenile shelter/services component of the project. This includes the pro-rated cost for 3 floors within the high-rise building (2 built-out floors and 1 floor of shell space) and 50 of 250 parking stalls that would be set aside to the Judiciary.
- **\$50,000,000 (MOF: C) Rental Housing Revolving Fund Infusion, Statewide (BED 160/HF)** in taxable General Obligation Bond funds for infusion into the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF). The RHRF primarily is utilized in conjunction with the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program to provide "equity gap" loans for affordable rental housing projects. During calendar year 2016, the RHRF received over \$100 million in applications. For every \$10 million dollars infused to the RHRF, it is estimated that approximately 60 new units would be produced. This Supplemental request would therefore help produce up to 510 new units.

- **\$50,000,000 (MOF: C) Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund Infusion, Statewide (BED 160/HD)**
in taxable General Obligation Bond funds for infusion into the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund. The Governor's housing strategy establishes a goal of 10,000 housing units statewide by 2020, prioritizes housing development on state lands around rail stations, and the coordination of infrastructure needs along the transit route to support transit-oriented development (TOD). Act 132, SLH 2016, broadened the uses of DURF to also fund regional state infrastructure construction in conjunction with housing and mixed-use transit-oriented development projects. This will enable the state to address a significant barrier to the development of housing -- the lack of infrastructure such as roads, water, sewer, drainage, and utilities. Act 130, SLH 2016, established a TOD interagency council to coordinate planning for TOD, including mixed-use and affordable and rental housing projects, on state lands in each county. With the requested infusion of funds, DURF can be deployed quickly to facilitate housing development.
- **\$8,400,000 (MOF: C) Low Income Housing Tax Credit Loans, Statewide (BED 160/HF)**
The Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Loan Program encourages the development and preservation of rental housing for lower income households by providing a cost-effective financing mechanism for projects that are awarded State LIHTCs. Projects which have been awarded State LIHTCs that demonstrate the inability to find syndicators for their State credits may exchange the credits for a LIHTC loan.
- **\$3,000,000 (MOF: P) National Housing Trust Fund Federal Grant CFDA No. 14.275 (BED 160/HF)** Funds from this new federal housing program will increase and preserve the supply of decent, safe, and sanitary affordable housing for extremely low- and very low-income households statewide.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

H.B. No. 100, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

**Testimony of Virginia Pressler, M.D.
Director of Health**

**March 29, 2017
9:30 AM, Room 211**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) has concerns with this measure.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Yes; \$7 million **reduction** in FY18 and \$11.7 million **reduction** in FY19 in
3 general fund operating appropriations from the Department's Executive Supplemental Budget Request.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** For the FB 17-19 budget, the DOH requested \$26.8 million for FY 2018
5 and \$29.8 million in FY 2019 in additional general funds for operating costs. The majority of the DOH
6 requests reflected actions to address significant shortfalls in waiver program deficits; folding operating
7 budget for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division (CDPHPD) from Act 118, SLH
8 2015 into the budget, folding the Medical Marijuana (MMJ) Dispensary operating budget from Act 241,
9 SLH 2015 into the budget, lease rent for programs in the Army Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES)
10 building, and Kupuna Care funds. In departmental priority order, the major budget requests that were
11 partially funded or not funded include:

12 Homeless Outreach and Counseling - The House Draft did not approve \$1.8 million for homeless
13 outreach and counseling for persons with serious and persistent mental illness or unsheltered
14 homeless persons experiencing substance abuse. The Legislature passed and the Governor

1 signed Act 186/ SLH 2016 specifying the role DOH plays with respect to individuals who are
2 homeless and have severe and persistent mental illness and included an appropriation of
3 \$500,000. This adjustment will result in the inability to support DOH's transition of the
4 Pathways project activities to a system that guides and tracks patients over time through a
5 comprehensive array of health services spanning all levels and intensity of care (Continuum of
6 Care). The adjustment will also result in the inability to enhance the capacity of current homeless
7 outreach providers in areas outside of urban Oahu and continue intensive case management pilot
8 projects focused on a small number of individuals with very high need, who are homeless, with
9 severe and persistent mental illness, and have either a history of police involvement or multiple
10 hospitalizations. Removal of these funds from the executive budget request will reduce the
11 program's ability to target chronic and highly visible homeless individuals with severe substance
12 use disorders that represent significant barriers to obtaining and maintaining housing. The
13 resulting impact would be a reduction of critical substance abuse services for approximately 600
14 individuals across the state. Additionally, \$200,000 of the request was to be allocated to fund the
15 Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) pilot project. The impact of removing these funds
16 will result in continued strain on the judicial and jail system of individuals of at least 350
17 individuals per year who are arrested for low level crimes associated with substance use
18 disorders and homelessness who would otherwise be diverted to needed services in partnership
19 with local law enforcement.

- 20 • Administrative Services Office – AAFES Lease Rent – The House Draft did not approve
21 general funds for AAFES lease rent for FY18. On July 1, 2017, there will still be 260
22 Environmental Management Division staff housed at the AAFES building, waiting on
23 completion of the Waimano Ridge buildings, estimated to complete construction by
24 August 2017. If these funds are not allocated for lease rent, the program will need to use
25 funds already allocated for environmental monitoring and assessment programs and will

1 jeopardize the ability of the program to investigate issues relating to the health and safety
2 of communities in a timely manner.

- 3 • Environmental Health Administration – The House Draft did not approve request for
4 general funds for relocation of the program from the AAFES building to Waimano Ridge.
5 If funds are not received, the Program will need to use funds currently budgeted for other
6 programmatic activities and as mentioned previously, this will jeopardize the ability of
7 the program to investigate issues relating to the health and safety of communities in a
8 timely manner.
- 9 • Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) – The House Draft did not
10 approve request for general funds for contracted services for therapeutic care. Over 70%
11 of youth needing mental health services from CAMHD receive daily or weekly services
12 from these levels of therapeutic care that are at risk of closure. Many providers of these
13 services have said they can no longer afford to provide effective, quality mental health
14 care without this rate increase. An independent report comparing CAMHD services to
15 those in other states found these services to be below the rates paid in other states. The
16 provider partners for youth mental health services, Child and Family Service (CFS), and
17 Catholic Charities Hawai'i, are saying for the record they can no longer support
18 delivering several CAMHD services at rates set 10 years ago. These and other providers
19 will not bid for these essential core service contracts that must be rebid in the next year.
20 The loss of these mental health options for our youth in need would be severe. Without
21 this safety-net treatment, some of these youth are expected to wind up in the judicial
22 system, at great cost to our community. Other youth would be served in high-acuity
23 services at much higher expense (e.g. residential treatment, or hospitalization). The
24 resulting increased burdens on other providers, the system, and families, is anticipated to
25 decrease services quality and lead to shortages of available treatment options. Without

1 this request, CAMHD expects deteriorating youth outcomes, and a higher overall cost-
2 per-youth served, which would be a reversal in CAMHD's recent clinical and spending
3 trends.

- 4 • Environmental Health Services Division – Vector Control – The House Draft approved 6
5 temporary positions and funds to enhance the vector control capacity and capabilities to
6 prevent and combat disease outbreaks such as dengue and zika virus. However, the
7 reduction in the number of requested permanent positions will jeopardize and diminish
8 the overall effectiveness of the Vector Control Program and temporary positions will also
9 pose additional challenges to efficiently recruit and fill. Given the global society we live
10 in, mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue, zika, chikungunya, and yellow fever are
11 year-round threats to Hawaii. The spread of these diseases across many parts of the
12 world at alarming rates show that no area is immune and that Hawaii must insure a
13 comprehensive and protective statewide Vector Control Program.
- 14 • Environmental Health Services Division – Asbestos – The House Draft did not approve
15 the conversion of 2 federally funded asbestos program positions from other federal funds
16 to general funds. The immediate impact will be the layoff of 1 or 2 employees, with the
17 reduction-in-force process starting immediately after HB100 is passed. Within 2-4 years,
18 due to the loss of revenue generated by the work performed by these positions, the
19 Asbestos and Lead Abatement Special Fund (which supports 2 other positions) will be
20 depleted, and DOH will lack the funding and positions to carry out oversight of asbestos
21 work and accreditation/certification of training and workers, so the State will cease to
22 perform asbestos-related functions. Chapters 11-501 through 11-504, Hawaii
23 Administrative Rules, will need to be repealed.
- 24 • Medical Marijuana (MMJ) Dispensary Licensing Program – The House Draft did not
25 approve the special fund request to roll into the budget 5 positions authorized by Act 241,

1 SLH 2015 as well as an increase to the operational ceiling. The request is to add the
2 MMJ Dispensary licensing program into the Department's base budget for the Office of
3 Health Care Assurance (HTH 720, OHCA) and to allow the program to be formally
4 assigned to HTH 720. When formally transferred to HTH 720, OHCA will be able to
5 convert the exempt positions into civil service positions effective July 1, 2017, pursuant
6 to Act 241 SLH 2015, and will be able to complete reorganization efforts to incorporate
7 the program into HTH 720. The request also asks for an increase in ceiling due to higher
8 than anticipated vendor contract costs for the statutorily required seed-to-sale tracking
9 system and other required operating expenses. Without the increase in special fund
10 ceiling beginning in FY18, the Department will be unable to expend the special funds
11 necessary after June 30, 2017 to carry out its statutory requirements to regulate the new
12 medical marijuana dispensaries.

- 13 • Administrative Services Office - Facilities – The House Draft did not approve a position
14 and funds for a building manager. The Facilities Office oversees approximately 75 sites
15 statewide including neighbor islands, with a mix of commercial lease spaces, DAGS
16 buildings and DOH buildings. The Facilities Office currently has only one building
17 manager that cannot respond to all emergencies and maintenance for all 75 sites in an
18 efficient and timely manner. The current building manager inspects every site, responds
19 to emergencies, and provides support to all sites both on Oahu and the neighbor islands.
20 Without the additional building manager, this would impact DOH's ability to manage and
21 oversee DOH CIP initiatives as well as CIP initiatives assigned to the department via the
22 GIA process.
- 23 • Administrative Services Office – Accounting – The House Draft did not approve general
24 funds request for a position and funds to manage over 200 federal accounts. The ASO
25 Accounting section is responsible for the day-to-day fiscal data analysis and preparation

1 of financial statements and reports, and preparation of the Federal Financial Report
2 (FFR)'s for each grant. The DOH is experiencing challenges in meeting the FFR
3 submittal deadlines. Without this position and funds, and if deadlines are not met, future
4 federal funding could be jeopardized. Additionally, this position would support programs
5 that do not have fiscal support such as Office of Health Care Assurance.

- 6 • Medical Marijuana Registry Program – The House Draft did not approve request for 2
7 temporary positions and an increase in the operational ceiling. The program needs these
8 positions and increase in the expenditure ceiling in order to reduce the backlog and wait
9 time for patients to receive their cards as well as accommodate the anticipated increase in
10 the number of patients once the medical marijuana dispensaries open later this year.
11 Without these positions and funds, the patients will not receive their cards in a reasonable
12 or acceptable amount of time and thus cannot enter the dispensaries, make purchases or
13 legally obtain their medication. The program will also not be able to manage the increase
14 in law enforcement and other verification tasks that increase proportionally with the
15 increase in number of patients.
- 16 • Emergency Medical Services – Collective Bargaining – The House Draft did not approve
17 request for general fund increase for collective bargaining agreement requirements of the
18 contractor providing emergency ambulance services for the County of Maui and the
19 County of Kauai. The funds requested are to meet requirements for increases in personal
20 service cost resulting from the contracted service provider's (American Medical
21 Response) negotiated agreements with the Maui and Kauai Paramedic Association
22 represented by the ILWU Unit 11. To maintain the current level of emergency
23 ambulance services, ambulance contractors must be funded in accordance to the
24 requirements in their collective bargaining agreements. Without this increase, this will
25 result will be a reduction in ambulance services (units and or hours).

- 1 • Emergency Medical Services – Ambulance Services – The House Draft did not approve
2 request for general fund increase for ambulance services. The funding requested is for
3 the continued use of contract providers for ambulance services for County of Maui and
4 County of Kauai. If these funds are not provided, it will adversely impact the quality of
5 patient care.
- 6 • Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) – The House Draft did not approve
7 request for general funds for position and funds to support the OEQC Director and
8 Environmental Council travel. Without the position and funds, the OEQC will continue
9 to struggle to conduct training across the state, develop best practices, conduct activities
10 as requested by the Legislature and Governor, and support the Environmental Council in
11 for agencies.
- 12 • Disability and Communications Access Board - The House Draft did not approve a
13 position and funds to assist with the development of a statewide policy on website
14 accessibility in order to be in compliance with the ADA Title II. There will be an
15 increased risk for lawsuits as state websites will continue to upload inaccessible
16 documents, videos, maps and other media.
- 17 • Hawaii State Hospital CIP – The House Draft did not approve bond funds for design and
18 construction for improvements to the Hawaii State Hospital. Funds are needed to initiate
19 design for re-roofing and for water proofing and water damage remediation for the
20 Gunsberg building. If funds are not provided, the health and safety of patients and staff
21 will be compromised.
- 22 • Hilo Counseling Center and Keawe Health Center CIP – The House Draft changed the
23 funds request from FY18 to FY19. This request is for design and construction for re-
24 roofing, interior and exterior improvements, and ground and site improvements. The
25 DOH currently has funds to renovate only one building. These funds will lapse in June

2018. If additional funds are appropriated in FY18, both buildings on the same property can be renovated as one project, thus being more cost effective.

- Diamond Head Health Center CIP – The House Draft changed the funds request from FY18 to be split between FY18 and FY19. This request is for design and construction to waterproof and remediate water damage. The DOH currently has funds that can start the project but these funds will lapse in June 2018. If additional funds are appropriated in FY18, the project can be done in one phase, instead of two separate phases which would be more cost effective.
- Wahiawa General Hospital CIP – The House Draft included a placeholder for CIP funds to Wahiawa General Hospital for plans, design, construction, and equipment for 3 new roof replacements, a new chiller plant; and equipment for medical x-ray, lab, and nursing equipment. For funding specific to an agency such as Wahiawa General Hospital (WGH), the mechanism generally used to provide funding is through the Grant-In-Aid (GIA) process for both CIP and Non-CIP projects. GIA projects are covered under HRS, Chapter 42F (Grants), and specify eligibility criteria for receipt of funds. If the funding for WGH comes to DOH through the State Budget Bill (HB100, HD1), DOH will defer any opinions regarding the legal requirements to the Attorney General’s Office in relation to the appropriation of State funds directed to non-government or private sector organizations.

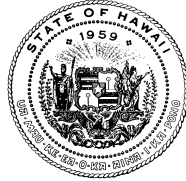
These requests, which have been partially funded or disapproved, would have enhanced the department’s ability to utilize these positions and funds to fully deliver program services within the parameters of its existing budget.

The Department believes that our operating budget proposal addressed the essential core functions of the department within the context of economic constraint.

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2 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Testimony in SUPPORT of HB0100, HD1
Relating to the State Budget

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Testimony of Terri Byers
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: March 29, 2017
9:30 a.m.

Room Number: 211

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
2 of Health supports the operating budget as outlined in the General Appropriations Act of 2017,
3 HB0100 HD1, pages 27-28, item 25 for HTH 904 but respectfully requests re-inserting funds for
4 Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for Kupuna Care (\$4,145,695A) and the Aging and Disability Resource
5 Center (\$1,700,000A). We appreciate the additional \$57,168 for the Long Term Care
6 Ombudsman Program for both fiscal years.

7 **Purpose and Justification:** The appropriation amount of \$13,497,952 for SFY2017-2018 and
8 \$13,497,952 for SFY2018-2019 is to support the following:

- 9 1) An increase to the base budget for Kupuna Care (KC),
- 10 2) An increase to the base budget for Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC),
- 11 3) A funding request for the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, and

1 4) A request to convert the Long Term Care Community Living Program (CLP) specialist
2 position from exempt to civil service.

3 Kupuna Care funds will support vulnerable older adults with support services to reduce their risk
4 of admission to a care facility. As Hawaii's aging population continues to grow, the need for
5 long term services and supports will increase. The growing number of older adults is likely to
6 put a severe strain on the State's resources. The health care cost for persons' age 65 and older
7 was estimated to be five times larger than the cost for persons younger than age 65. Kupuna
8 Care assists frail adults, age 60 and older to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified lives by
9 providing a continuum of home and community based services and supports. Its aim is to allow
10 for aging in place, thus preventing or delaying the need for more expensive and more restrictive
11 levels of care.

12 Kupuna Care is comprised of nine core services namely personal care, homemaker, chore, home
13 delivered meals, adult day care, case management, assisted transportation, regular transportation,
14 and attendant care. These services support individuals in performing Activities of Daily Living
15 (personal hygiene, dressing, eating, toileting, transferring). In FFY2015, Kupuna Care services
16 was provided to 4,872 individuals at an average cost of \$8,619,000 or \$1,769.00 per person per
17 year. EOA is requesting an increase in Kupuna Care's base budget by \$4,145,695 for a new base
18 budget of \$9,000,000. Adding this amount to the base budget will help to ensure that services
19 will be in place for our kupuna and the providers of these services will be able to plan and grow
20 the workforce to address their growing needs.

21 Funding for ADRC will enable EOA and the four county based Area Agencies on Aging to
22 continue to implement, operate, and maintain their ADRC sites in accordance with federal

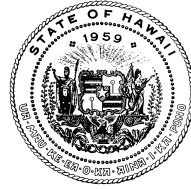
1 requirements, and integrate participant directed supports that meet the needs of Hawaii's kupuna.
2 During SFY2016, a total of 24,537 calls were made to the ADRC statewide, an 18% increase in
3 calls from SFY2015. The ADRC linked 7,254 older adults to publicly funded long term services
4 and supports. The request is for an additional \$1.7 million to the ADRC base budget of \$1.4
5 million for a total budget of \$3.1 million dollars will provide continued and consistent funding
6 for the ADRCs to better serve our kupuna.

7 Funding in the amount of \$157,168 is included in the bill for the Long Term Care Ombudsman
8 Program. The Administration's original budget request was for \$100,000 and would have
9 provided for three \$25,000 neighbor island contracts (Maui, Kauai, and the Big Island) to
10 support long term care facility visits, counseling and/or investigating complaints, volunteer
11 coordination activities (i.e. health/senior fairs and conferences) and trainings and \$25,000 would
12 go toward program operating expenses (e.g. travel, mileage, postage, etc.). This proposal
13 provides additional funding for for a full time position to provide additional support in Honolulu
14 for the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program.

15 Lastly, EOA requests the conversion of the exempt Long Term Care Community Living Program
16 Specialist position number 120259 to a permanent civil service position. The Program Specialist
17 position coordinates operational activities related to participant directed supports and Veterans
18 Directed Home and Community Based Services including screening of participants, reviewing
19 referrals, assessments, and support plans, determining eligibility of potential participants,
20 determining monthly allotment amounts, and routing referrals to the appropriate contracted
21 provider for assessment and coaching services. This provision does not have fiscal implications
22 as the position is federally funded by the Older Americans Act grant.

- 1 **Recommendation:** EOA respectfully requests your support of EOA's operating budget as
- 2 presented in Item 25, HTH 904 of the Administration's budget request to include the addition of
- 3 \$4,145,695 in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for Kupuna Care and \$1,700,000 in Fiscal Year 2018-2019
- 4 for the Aging and Disability Resource Center.
- 5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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FROM: Marie Vorsino, Psy.D., Chair, State Council on Mental Health
Marie Vorsino LMHC, Psy.D.

SUBJECT: HB100HD1

HEARING: March 29, 2017 9:30 a.m.

POSITION: Strong Support

The State Council on Mental Health (SCMH) is in strong support of HB100HD1, Relating to the State Budget and specifically the increase to Purchase of Service Providers contracted by the Department of Health, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division.

The increase requested would be an additional 1.4 million in FY2018 and 1.6 million in FY2019 to CAMHD's budget. Service providers in the CAMHD array of care to youth and families have not had an increase in the past 10 years. That being said, the cost of providing services to families has increased. To continue to assure that services can be provided by qualified, highly trained individuals that can be recruited and retained it is imperative that this budget request be approved.

Higher demands are being placed on providers in the form of accreditation standards, reporting requirements, contracting service standards, family service needs, and retention of qualified individuals for challenging positions.

It is imperative that we provide quality treatment to children and families accessing services through the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division's service array. With the budgetary increase, it can be assured that providers can recruit qualified individuals and retain them with competitive benefits.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of HB11HD1.

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**TESTIMONY OF SCOTT E. ENRIGHT
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS & MEANS

**MARCH 29, 2017
9:30 A.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 211**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 100 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Chairperson Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 100 HD1. This bill appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget for the Fiscal Biennium 17-19. The Department supports this bill.

The Executive budget request includes items that will allow the Department to encourage the expansion of agriculture and increase food security. Of particular note are funds to increase the capacity for our Agricultural Loan Division to continue issuing loans to qualified farmers. Also requested are positions for the Pesticides Branch to provide the education, outreach, and inspection capacity needed to address concerns regarding pesticide use across the state.

In the capital improvements program budget, funds are being requested to repair and expand irrigation systems and other infrastructure to ensure that our farmers have a source of reliable and affordable water to facilitate increased food production within the State. Other requests will make much needed repairs and improvements to departmental facilities.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TESTIMONY OF THE HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, March 29, 2017
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

HOUSE BILL 100 HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

House Bill 100 House Draft 1 would establish the State budget for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019. **The Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) offers the following comments.**

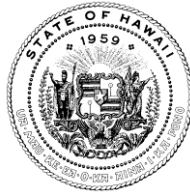
The Legislature has on numerous occasions described invasive species as the single greatest threat to Hawaii's economy, natural environment, and the health and lifestyle of Hawaii's people and visitors. The HISC supports a number of items in this measure that reflect the seriousness of this issue and Hawaii's commitment to addressing risks from invasive species. These items are also supported by the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan, as noted below:

- **ADD FUNDS FOR HAWAII INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL:** Page 650 of the House Bill 100 House Draft 1 budget worksheets describes adding \$4,000,000 in general funds for the HISC, under Program LNR402. This action would maintain current levels of funding for interagency projects, as the same sum was provided in Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017 by Act 84, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015. Converting this amount to base budget would increase the stability of invasive species funding. The base budget currently includes \$750,000 for the HISC in LNR402, for a total of \$4,750,000. The HISC notes that in the event of passage of either Senate Bill 776 or House Bill 1339, which would restructure the HISC as the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority, these funds should be moved to a new program ID to reflect the administrative change to the HISC. Both Senate Bill 776 and House Bill 1339 recommend increasing the amount of interagency project funding from \$4,750,000 to \$10,000,000, with an additional \$500,000 for the operating costs of the Hawaii Invasive Species Authority. These items are supported by Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan action items PosPol2.1 and PosTifs1.1.
- **ADD FUNDS FOR RAPID OHIA DEATH RESPONSE:** Page 651 of the budget worksheets describes adding \$1,000,000 for research on detection and control

of Rapid Ohia Death. The HISC notes that the original request in the Executive Budget included \$1,000,000 in each year of the 2018-19 biennium. The HISC supports this item, which is reflected in the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan under action items PosTifs1.8, PosPol1.3, and PosPro1.1.

- **ADD (12) PERMANENT POSITIONS AND FUNDS FOR VECTOR CONTROL:** The House budget worksheets describe, on page 529, adding 12 permanent positions and funding for the Vector Control Branch of the Department of Health (Program HTH610). The HISC supports this effort to restore capacity for vector control, noting the ability of invasive species to vector diseases that impact humans, wildlife, and plants. Restoring a focus on protecting human health is a key component of the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan, described by action items BorTifs1.5, PosPro1.1, PosTifs1.5, and PwsPro1.7.
- **ADD FUNDS FOR AGRICULTURAL LOAN REVOLVING FUND:** The House budget worksheets describe, on page 2, adding \$5,000,000 to the Agricultural Loan Revolving Fund (Program AGR101). The HISC supports this effort, as encouraging local agriculture reduces Hawaii's reliance on imported goods. Imported goods are a primary pathway for new invasive species to be introduced to the state. Increasing local agriculture is described in the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan under action item PreTifs2.4.
- **CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A BIOLOGICAL CONTROL RESEARCH FACILITY:** The Hawaii Department of Agriculture has requested \$180,000 in Capitol Improvement Project funds to facilitate the planning of a new biological control research facility as part of its plant pest control infrastructure. Biological control is the most cost-effective method of controlling invasive species, and there is no current State facility to develop these control options. The HISC supports the development of a new biological control research facility.
- **ADD FUNDS FOR NATURAL AREA RESERVES AND WATERSHED PROGRAM:** The House budget worksheets describe, on page 665, adding \$7,556,128 for Natural Area Reserves and the watershed program (Program LNR407). The HISC supports this effort, which provides staff resources to support the construction of fences (see Capitol Improvement Project request DO1A below) and complete other activities to protect Hawaii's priority watersheds from invasive species, including ungulates. The HISC also supports items on page 668 of the House budget worksheets to provide an additional \$1,500,000 to the Natural Area Reserves Program and \$500,000 for the protection of watershed forests, with the intent of assisting in the response to Rapid Ohia Death. Increased funding for watershed protection is described by Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan action item PosPro3.1.
- **CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUNDS FOR WATERSHED PROTECTION:** Project number DO1A in the Capitol Improvement Project budget describes a request for \$7,500,000 in each year of the Fiscal Year 2018-19 biennium for the Department of Land and Natural Resources' statewide watershed initiative. These funds would support the construction of fences around priority watershed forests to protect our source of freshwater from invasive ungulates.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2017
Wednesday, March 29, 2017
9:30 a.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 100, H.D. 1, RELATING TO THE STATE
BUDGET.**

TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR,
TO THE HONORABLE DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

I am Catherine Awakuni Colón, Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (“DCCA” or “Department”), testifying in support of House Bill No. 100, H.D. 1, Relating to the State Budget, which appropriates funds for the Department’s operations during the 2017-2019 fiscal biennium (“FB 2017-2019”).

DCCA is the state agency responsible for promoting a strong and healthy business environment by upholding fairness and public confidence in the marketplace, and by increasing knowledge and opportunity for our businesses and citizens. The Department is supported exclusively by special funds assessed on those individuals and entities

regulated by the Department's multiple divisions and programs.

The Department strongly supports the various budget items included in this measure that will provide for DCCA's operations in FB 2017-2019, and we also respectfully request that the following appropriation items deleted by H.B. 100, H.D. 1 (HSCR 1093) be restored.

1. **CCA 102: Sequence No. 100-001.** Funds for Institutional Network ("INET") and Broadband projects.

In order to strengthen the INET, which is the State's broadband communications infrastructure network that supports the vast majority of government operations in Hawaii, and to further broadband access and deployment in unserved/underserved areas, the Department respectfully asks the Committee to restore the original request for authorization to utilize INET Trust Fund amounts of \$3,144,640 in fiscal year ("FY") 18 and \$2,620,676 FY 19. The various projects comprising the original INET request were each designed through a coordinated planning effort of the INET Partner agencies to increase the resiliency and reliability of the INET in a reasonable and efficient fashion, using trust funds that have been collected for the mandated purpose of building a stronger, more effective communications network to support Hawaii's government. The Department's WiFi project portion of this request is intended to bridge the digital divide by providing residents with limited or no access to Internet service the ability to access on-line government and health services, as well as various educational and economic opportunities. As strong communications capability continues to be a priority of the State and an imperative to maintaining Hawaii's future economic competitiveness,

the Department would ask the Committee to favorably consider the request for the use of these specially purposed funds to help achieve that goal.

2. **CCA 901: Sequence No. 102-001.** Funds for Public Utilities Commission (“PUC”) consultant services and training for staff.

The Department requests the Committee to restore the PUC’s request for \$942,000 in FY18 to retain specialized consultant services and to cover increased training for PUC staff, particularly newly hired staff as part of the PUC’s overall long-term expansion. As noted, the PUC anticipates its workload to increase due to the undertaking of numerous dockets of significant impact such as the review of anticipated applications for general rate increases by HECO, HELCO, MECO, KIUC, and the Gas Company during 2017; HECO, HELCO, and MECO’s grid modernization applications; as well as many other ongoing dockets directly related to achieving the State’s statutory renewable energy mandates. These anticipated major proceedings will occur in addition to the PUC’s concurrent regulatory responsibilities in the motor carrier, water carrier, telecommunication, water service, and wastewater service industries. While the PUC has been fortunate to hire a number of capable and enthusiastic staff as part of its recent expansion efforts, there is still an anticipated experience/knowledge gap expected of any new staffing efforts that will need to be covered during the anticipated period of increased activity in highly technical and complex areas of utility regulation. The Department, thus, respectfully asks this Committee to restore this original request as a means to ensure the PUC has the necessary resources to deal with impending regulatory matters in areas such as electricity/energy that are critical to the State.

3. **CCA 111: Sequence No.100-001.** One permanent position and funds for Deputy Securities Commissioner.

The Department respectfully requests the restoration of its request for a position and appropriation ceiling increase for a Deputy Securities Commissioner to improve the day-to-day operations of the Business Registration/Securities Regulation Division (“BREG”), which is intended to also assist with the review and disposition of securities claims and appeals filings brought before the State’s Securities Commissioner. Given the dual roles of the Securities Commissioner in 1) overseeing the operations of BREG’s business registration function, and 2) presiding over Hawaii-based securities cases, the requested Deputy position will improve BREG’s operations by assisting the Commissioner with managing day-to-day operations of BREG’s 70-plus member staff, and also by assisting securities staff with case work on which the Commissioner has a conflict and is otherwise unable to provide direct supervision due to his/her decision making role.

4. **CCA 111: Sequence No.101-001.** Funds for Information Technology improvement project.

To further improve the functioning of BREG, the Department requests the Committee to consider restoring DCCA’s original request to increase BREG’s appropriations ceiling by \$420,000 in FY 18 and \$70,000 in FY 19 to upgrade the Division’s significantly outdated Complaints Management System (“CMS”). The Department believes this item is necessary due to the CMS being unsupported and obsolete, hindering BREG’s ability in improving automated management and tracking of numerous data files and reports. The number of securities filings for which the

CMS is currently utilized is at 38,000 applications and filings per year with that number, and the associated workload, anticipated to continue to increase in this area.

5. **CCA 901: Sequence No. 100-001.** Funds for PUC communications equipment connectivity services for staff (other current expenses).

To further improve the PUC's operations, the Department requests the Committee to consider restoring the request for \$35,800 in both FY 18 and FY 19 for recurring expenses for upgraded communications equipment and associated service plans for staff operations. Specifically, this funds request is to cover the PUC's additional recurring phone costs and government private cloud ("GPC") costs. The PUC's phone costs have increased due primarily to the fact that 1) the PUC has increased staffing levels to near full capacity, necessitating phone lines to accommodate an additional 22 staff and 2) the PUC is transitioning its telecommunication system from Hawaiian Analog Telephone Service ("HATS") to a Voice over Internet Protocol ("VoIP") system. These communications system upgrades are intended to increase the long-term efficiency and technical capabilities of the PUC as an organization during its current expansion and office renovation, and these upgrades are also intended to provide cost savings as prudent long term investments to replace the quickly aging systems and equipment the PUC currently uses.

6. **CCA 105: Sequence 102-001.** One temporary position and funds for Real Estate Education.

The Department respectfully requests the restoration of the request to create and fund one temporary Real Estate Program Specialist position under the Real Estate Branch of the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division to improve consumer

education and outreach for real estate education, as well as to ensure timely services to the public, consumers, applicants, licensees, and others.

Finally, the Department respectfully requests this Committee retain each of the remaining items in this measure that make up DCCA's operating budget for FY 2017-2019, items that were originally requested in H.B. No. 100, as subsequently amended by Governor's Message Nos. 2, 5, 6, and 7, and that were reviewed and maintained by the House Committee on Finance in the House Draft 1. DCCA continues to strongly believe that the various budget requests maintained in this bill are measured and reasonable items that will help to ensure that the Department has adequate resources to effectively carry out its regulatory responsibilities and to protect consumers across Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of H.B. 100, H.D. 1. I am available to answer any questions the Committee may have.

TESTIMONY OF RANDY IWASE
CHAIR, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

March 29, 2017
9:30 a.m.

MEASURE: H.B. No. 100, H.D. 1
TITLE: Relating to the State Budget

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

DESCRIPTION:

This measure appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch of the State for Fiscal Years 2017-2018 ("FY18") and 2018-2019 ("FY19"). The amounts to be expended from the Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") Special Fund ("PUC Special Fund") under section 269-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") are appropriated through this measure.

POSITION:

The Commission supports the adjustments proposed in the original version of H.B. No. 100, which appropriates PUC Special Fund expenditures of \$16,530,997 in FY18 and \$15,285,048 in FY19.

COMMENTS:

The Commission anticipates the need for three significant adjustments to the Commission's current budget for FY18 and FY19. These requested adjustments are critical to the Commission's efforts to effectively complete its statutory duties and regulatory responsibilities. These budget adjustments are:

- 1) Adding \$942,000 in FY18 to provide the Commission with resources to acquire consultant support services and to provide staff training in the regulated utilities area.**

In 2017, the Commission will be undertaking numerous dockets of significant impact concurrently due to the statutorily required timelines for rate case filings. This budget request will assist the Commission to procure specialized consultant support services to diligently review ongoing and anticipated complex energy dockets while simultaneously providing for accelerated relevant training to almost 50% of its professional staff so that less specialized consulting support services are necessary in the future.

As Hawaii continues to transform its energy sector, the Public Utilities Commission is responsible for administering key energy initiatives through several major legislative mandates, including the Renewable Portfolio Standards (See 269-92, HRS), the Energy Efficiency Portfolio Standards (See 269-96, HRS), the Public Benefits Fee and related programs (See 269-121, HRS), and the Community-Based Renewable Energy Program (See 269-27.4, HRS). The State remains committed to some of the nation's most aggressive clean energy goals, which makes Hawaii a worldwide model and testbed for innovation in both energy technology and regulatory structures. While the proceeding concerning the offer by NextEra Energy to acquire Hawaii's major electric utilities recently concluded (See Docket No. 2015-0022), the sense of urgency and the work necessary for Hawaii to hit its critical clean energy targets continues. To keep pace with desired change, the Commission continues to push forward to resolve a large list of key energy-related dockets and issues that were heavily impacted since late 2014 by the resource-consuming merger proposal of NextEra Energy and the Hawaiian Electric Companies.

Commission resources were reallocated during calendar year 2015 and the first half of 2016 from critical energy dockets toward resolving the NextEra proceeding. The dockets impacted include the review of the HECO Companies' Power Supply Improvement Plans (See Docket No. 2014-0183), creation of a cohesive Distributed Energy Resources policy for the state (See Docket No. 2014-0194), and the establishment of a workable Community-Based Renewable Energy tariff structure and program (See Docket No. 2015-0389). As a result, the Commission is currently positioned to focus its efforts on these dockets while also reviewing the forthcoming five major rate cases. Hawaii Electric Light Company's (See Docket No. 2015-0170) and Hawaiian Electric Company's (See Docket No. 2016-0328) applications have already been filed, and Maui Electric Company's application is anticipated in mid-2017 along with general rate increase applications from Hawaii Gas and Kauai Island Utility Cooperative. Additionally, during the rate cases for the HECO utilities, the Commission intends to consider the implementation of certain performance incentive mechanisms to better align utility

performance with State energy goals and protecting ratepayers from potentially unnecessary costs.

The Commission will be required to perform its review and analysis with many new and relatively inexperienced employees. Regulatory work is unique and it is difficult to find employees with significant experience. The Commission must develop staff expertise internally through training and work experience. Retaining consultants to work alongside staff on complex and technical issues will supplement this effort while still allowing the Commission to carry out its responsibilities in a timely and effective matter. The Commission's request for added funds to both hire consultants with advanced technical and regulatory expertise and to quickly train an increased staff in the intricacies of energy and general utilities regulation will greatly assist the Commission to address its heavy backlog of important proceedings and to efficiently increase its internal capacity as the State moves toward its statutory target of 100% renewable energy by 2045.

Loss of this funding request would result in the loss of this unique staff development opportunity while also negatively impacting the Commission's ability to effectively perform rigorous analyses on critical dockets. Furthermore, the Commission would be forced to make choices as to which dockets deserve the most attention at a time when all energy related dockets are interrelated and essential to the achievement of the 100% RPS goal. For example, the Commission is currently looking at hiring consultants to serve as Independent Observers to oversee five RFPs as requested by the HECO companies in their efforts to acquire more renewable generation. Based on the proposals received, these Independent Observers will cost in excess of \$1 million. Without the additional requested funding, the Commission may be forced to divert significant resources from other important matters currently before the Commission, which may result in increased customer bills and delays achieving the State's renewable energy goals.

2) Increase PUC Special Fund ceiling by \$303,949 in FY18 for non-recurring expenses for equipment and one-time costs. Increase Special Fund ceiling by \$35,800 in FY18 and FY19 for recurring expenses due to increased staff and office space.

The Commission is requesting an increase to the PUC Special Fund ceiling of \$303,949 in nonrecurring costs for FY18 and \$35,800 in recurring costs for FY18 and FY19 to meet expenses necessitated by the Commission's reorganized and expanded staff and office expansion project. These expenses, due primarily to moving costs and communication

and networking equipment, must be met to adequately complete the Commission's ongoing office space expansion project in the Kekuanaoa Building. In short, these requests will allow the PUC staff, in its entirety, to work in office space in one building with adequate resources that will allow for their continued performance of daily duties and responsibilities.

The one-time \$303,949 request will cover (1) moving expenses to relocate displaced staff from temporary 'renovation duration' swing spaces back to their permanent workspace, (2) DAGS in-house renovation support services, and (3) costs for the purchase and installation of networking and communication equipment to adequately accommodate the Commission's expanded staff and office renovation so they can effectively perform their daily duties and responsibilities.

The recurring \$35,800 request for FY18 and FY19 will cover the Commission's additional recurring phone costs and government private cloud (GPC) costs. The Commission's phone costs have increased due primarily to the fact that (1) the Commission has increased staffing levels to near full capacity, necessitating phone lines to accommodate an additional 22 staff and (2) the Commission is transitioning its telecommunication system from Hawaiian Analog Telephone Service (HATS) to a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) system. Transitioning the Commission's telecommunication system to VoIP will modernize and improve the Commission's telecommunication system, in alignment with those of other State departments and agencies, while also avoiding imprudent expenditures to replace the Commission's existing 20-year-old analog handsets which are starting to fail and have an SPO list price of approximately \$450. Modernizing the Commission's telecommunication system will facilitate access and information exchange for Commission staff which will in-turn support improved operational efficiency and decision making for the Commission. A portion (\$8,080) of the requested funds will also cover the Commission's GPC costs, through which the Commission has recently migrated the PUC Document Management System. The GPC has enabled long term reduced operational costs as well as improved system reliability and disaster recovery.

3) Increase Special Fund ceiling by \$193,220 in FY18 and FY19 for fringe benefits resulting from increased staff.

Pursuant to Finance Memorandum No. 16-12, the State's fringe benefit assessment rate for non-general fund programs increases to 60% for FY18 and FY19 due primarily to the

projected costs for the prefunding of other post-employment benefits. This requested adjustment effectively funds fringe benefits for all authorized positions, as is required.

The Commission respectfully requests this Committee's concurrence with the Commission's position regarding these adjustments to the PUC Special Fund appropriations. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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Dear Senators Tokuda and Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: HB 100 HD1- RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS HB 100 HD1** relating to the specific budget items noted below. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years (FY) 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

1. HTH 905 – Developmental Disabilities Council

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HTH 905	FY 2018	FY 2019
	2.50*	2.50*
HTH	230,932A	230,932A
	6.50*	6.50*
HTH	528,666 N	528,666N

The appropriation amount in HB 100 HD1 provides the Council with its current staffing and fiscal resources to implement its 2017-2021 State Plan activities in the areas of community supports; health and children and youth; public awareness, education and training; transition and employment; and self-advocacy and self-determination. Activities include policy development, implementation and analysis; informing and educating policymakers about developmental disabilities; establishing networks and coalitions on specific issues and concerns relating to developmental disabilities; conducting legislative advocacy training; providing leadership training; demonstrating new approaches to services and supports; fostering interagency collaboration and coordination; coordinating and sponsoring the annual Day at the Capitol, transition events, and neighbor island legislative forums, etc.

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SEQ# 80-001 Executive Request:
Convert (1) position from temporary to permanent for self-advocacy activities
(HTH905/AH) (FY 18: 1.00/A; FY 19: 1.00/A)

House concurs

Detail of Governor's Request:
(1) Program Specialist IV - Developmental Disabilities SR22 (#118735; 51,930)

We are extremely pleased that the House concurred with the above request to convert the Program Specialist (DD) IV position from temporary to permanent for self-advocacy activities. This position was established per Act 213/SLH 2007 as a temporary civil service position. The legislature acknowledged self-advocates as an important stakeholder and was very supportive of them to be active participants in policy development and implementation. Therefore, the legislature established the position as temporary civil service to give the DD Council the go ahead and a mechanism to fill the position.

The position serves as a critical link in providing planning and coordination of statewide self-advocacy activities, outreach and leadership training and educational events for the Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) and a statewide self-advocacy network that is comprised of individuals with DD (self-advocates). Through outreach and self-advocacy leadership training, self-advocates are increasing their knowledge base, developing leadership skills, empowering themselves and others to take control over their lives, engaging in leadership roles, and participating as a significant stakeholder in the development and implementation of county, state and federal policies and programs that promote person-centered planning, self-directed services, self-determination, community inclusion and integration, and consumer satisfaction for people with DD.

There is no other position performing similar work as Position #118735, and no position within the Developmental Disabilities Council and the Department of Health that provides planning and coordination of statewide self-advocacy activities that cut across other state departments (i.e., Departments of Education, Health, Human Services, Labor and Industrial Relations, and Transportation). Establishing permanency in the position would assure continuity in providing staffing for the Self-Advocacy Advisory Council, establishing a statewide self-advocacy network, and coordinating statewide self-advocacy activities.

SAAC is working with the DD Council, University of Hawaii Center on Disability Studies, and Hawaii Disability Rights Center to provide leadership training, education, skill building, and assistance in helping self-advocates to develop partnerships with other organizations and advocacy groups that represent a range of diverse cultures and disabilities; working on building their skills in decision-making, goal setting with

measurable results, setting priorities, and strengthening their leadership role in the community; and working on strengthening their advocacy skills to expand their outreach and build stronger, inclusive communities.

2. HTH 501- Developmental Disabilities

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SEQ# 101-001 Executive Request:

Add funds for rebased provider payment rates (HTH501/CN).

(FY18: \$2,754,980A; FY19: \$7,118,914 A)

House concurs

Detail of Governor's Request:

Home and Community Based Services Waiver

(FY18: \$2,754,980A; FY19: \$7,118,914 A)

According to calculations by the Department of Health DD Division, the above request to add funds to rebase provider payment rates would leverage an additional \$4.8 million in FY2018 and additional \$10.1 in FY2019. (Total Biennium: Additional \$14.9 million over current Medicaid claiming for the Waiver).

Hawaii received conditional approval of its Waiver effective July 1, 2016. The Waiver was approved based on the assurance that the State would comply with all applicable federal regulations and requirements contained in the Waiver. One of the stipulations is "requirements provided in §1902(a)(30)(A) of the Social Security Act that the state must assure that payments are consistent with efficiency, economy, and quality of care and are sufficient to enlist enough providers so that care and services are available under the plan at least to the extent that they are available to the general population in the geographic area." Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requires Waiver programs to have payments that are sufficient to have an adequate pool of service providers. The rebasing reflects payments for actual costs of providing services.

Although there was a slight increase in rates in 2009, most rates remained unchanged since the early 2000s. Rate increases were not funded over the duration of the previous Waiver. Factors that impact costs are the minimum wage increases, cost of living, new Home and Community-Based Services requirements (CMS final rule on community integration) mean new types of services and supports are needed to integrate people fully into the community.

3. EDN 200 – Instructional Support

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SEQ # 100-001 Executive Request:

Add funds for seclusion and restraints training and certification (EDN200/GD).
(/300,000 A/300,000)

House does not concur

Breakout as follows:

(1) Perm Educational Specialist II (91,909)

Service for fee (300,000)

Technology service (75,000)

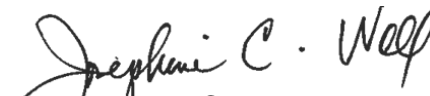
The Council is pleased with the above House amendment to add funds for an Educational Specialist II and service for fee to address the seclusion and restraints training. Act 206, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014 addresses the policies and procedures for the use of restraint and seclusion as well as training and certification for staff utilizing restraint and seclusion in facilities and programs. The funds designated above would provide the staff and fiscal support for the Department of Education to implement the provisions of Act 206.

The Council respectfully ask for your favorable support and appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony **strongly supporting the above-mentioned budget items in HB 100 HD1.**

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW
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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 100 HD1
A BILL RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

PRESENTATION TO
THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
BY
MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL
26 March 2017

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

I am Major General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 100 HD1.

The Department of Defense supports HB100 HD1 with comments reflected in the House Budget impact statement previously submitted.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 100 HD1.

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From: Cheryl Kakazu Park, Director

Date: March 29, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Re: Testimony on H.B. No. 100, H.D. 1
Relating to the State Budget

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this bill. The Office of Information Practices (“OIP”) **supports the Governor’s original request regarding AGS 105 to increase OIP’s budget by \$75,000 and to convert 2.5 FTE temporary to permanent positions.** Although the H.D. 1 of this bill retained the proposal to convert 2.5 FTE temporary to permanent positions, it did not concur with OIP’s request for an additional \$75,000. OIP respectfully requests that the Senate WAM support the Governor’s original request.

The state Office of Information Practices (OIP) protects the public’s right to transparency and accountability by the state and county governments. Specifically, OIP provides legal guidance and assistance to the public as well as to all state and county agencies and boards in the application of Hawaii’s open government laws: (1) the **Uniform Information Practices Act** (modified), chapter 92F, Hawaii Revised Statutes (UIPA), requiring public access to government records, and (2) the **Sunshine Law**, Part I of chapter 92, HRS, requiring access to public meetings. Both laws are intended to open up governmental processes to public scrutiny and participation by requiring government business to be conducted as transparently as possible, while balancing personal privacy rights guaranteed under the Hawaii State Constitution. In addition to these laws, OIP also assists the state Office of Enterprise Technology Services (ETS) (formerly called Office of Information Management and Technology) in implementing Hawaii’s **Open Data policy**, codified as Part VII of chapter 27A, HRS, which seeks to make public information readily accessible online.

Because the UIPA applies to all government agencies, **OIP advises all state, county, and independent agencies in all branches of government, including** the Governor’s Office, Lt. Governor’s Office, all state departments, the Judiciary, the Legislature, all counties and their legislative and executive branches, and independent entities such as the University of Hawaii and Office of Hawaiian Affairs. OIP also advises most boards and commissions regarding the Sunshine Law. Given its extensive jurisdiction, **OIP plays a unique role in providing uniform advice and training on the open government laws to all state and county entities and the general public**, and OIP’s advice is frequently sought by attorneys wishing to **keep government agencies in compliance with the laws**. Rather than dealing with different rules and inconsistent rulings from many different agencies, anyone can go to OIP for uniform, free, and neutral advice, training, assistance, and dispute resolution. If disputes arise, **OIP is a neutral third party that provides assistance or resolves disputes through an informal process that is a free alternative to litigation, which also helps to keep the courts’ backlog from growing**. While OIP has no enforcement powers, OIP’s decisions are subject to a high standard of judicial review and are not usually appealed to or overturned by the courts.

In FY 2016, OIP received 1,162 requests for assistance from the general public as well as government agencies and boards. **OIP typically responds within the same day to nearly 85% of all requests for assistance** through its Attorney of the Day (AOD) service. While the remaining requests for assistance are formal cases requiring more time to investigate, research, review, and resolve through correspondence or opinions, **OIP was able to complete nearly 77% of the formal cases opened in FY 2017 in the same year**. Thanks to a decrease in the number of new formal cases opened in FY 2016 and an increase in its productivity, OIP was able to reduce the number of pending cases by over 41% in FY 2016. **OIP also reduced the age of the backlogged cases to two years at the end of FY 2016, compared to 12 years in FY 2011. For FY 2017, however, OIP is experiencing a 56% increase in the number of new formal cases filed to date** and expects the number of backlogged cases to increase this year, but intends to keep the age of pending cases down at two years.

Besides managing its heavy caseload, OIP continues to fulfill its administrative functions and **many other duties** that are found in Chapter 92F-42, Hawaii Revised Statutes. These duties include training, monitoring legislation and lawsuits, public communications, reports, and rulemaking. In preparation for the new administrative rules that it is currently drafting, OIP created the **UIPA**

Record Request Log to obtain objective, empirical data as to how the UIPA is working in Hawaii. The Log was incrementally rolled out to all state and county agencies since FY 2012, so that 193 state agencies and 79 county agencies provided Log reports to OIP in FY 2016. OIP is in the process of finalizing its FY 2016 Reports of the state and county agencies' Log results, which will soon be posted on the Reports page of oip.hawaii.gov and summarizes important information that **will help OIP in drafting new rules.**

OIP does all of this, and more, with its lean staff of 8.5 FTE total authorized positions, which consist of 1.0 FTE Director, 5.0 FTE attorneys and 2.5 FTE administrative staff.

It is of utmost importance to OIP's continued efficiency and productivity that it retain all of its attorneys. OIP is fortunate to have retained, so far, the services of five staff attorneys, four of whom have been licensed as attorneys for at least 21 years (not including the Director, who has been a licensed attorney for over 35 years). Moreover, OIP's three senior attorneys each have between 12 to 22 years of service at OIP. These highly experienced attorneys have been training and mentoring the two junior attorneys who joined OIP in 2014. OIP could not have done the training without its three senior attorneys, who share their extensive experience and institutional knowledge with the junior attorneys while continuing to resolve their own caseloads. Moreover, one of the senior attorneys also must double as OIP's IT person, as she is the only employee at OIP with the ability to provide support for day-to-day computer and networking operations and troubleshooting.

Equally important to OIP's success is the administrative staff, which consists of a 1.0 FTE Secretary to the Director, 1.0 FTE Administrative Assistant (AA), and a .50 FTE Records Report Management Specialist (RRMS). As a small, independent agency, OIP's administrative staff must perform varied and often confidential tasks that would normally be handled by multiple personnel in a larger department, and OIP's staff must be able to cover for each other during vacations, illnesses, or vacancies. OIP's Secretary and RRMS have been with OIP for over 13 and 20 years, respectively. The AA has been with OIP since 2015, and is the third in that position within the past three years.

Employee retention is a real concern for OIP, which has trained and lost two AAs as well as two attorneys to better job opportunities with other state or county government agencies. The loss of just one employee would be 11% of

OIP's 9-member work force, the loss of one attorney is 20% of OIP's legal staff, and the loss of a senior attorney will have an even greater, disproportionate negative impact on OIP's productivity, institutional memory, and ability to train new employees. Because it takes several years to fully train new employees, OIP cannot afford to lose its multi-year investment in any employee. OIP currently has an outstanding team, and **OIP's top priority is to retain its current legal and administrative staff.**

After years of hiring and pay freezes, furloughs, mandatory leaves of absences without pay, no step movements, and minimal cost of living pay increases, OIP's current salary structure is inadequate to compensate OIP's highly experienced and competent employees, or to attract new employees of comparable experience who would not require extensive training. OIP's employees have knowledge and skills that are valued by nearly all state and county agencies, which typically pay more than OIP has been able to offer and thus threaten OIP's ability to retain employees.

For example, the County of Maui pays its newly licensed deputies corporation counsel \$57,620, and up to \$113,154 to those who have been licensed nine or more years. According to the City and County of Honolulu's Resolution of the 2016 Salary Commission adopted on April 19, 2016, the range of pay for deputies corporation counsel is \$66,480 to \$147,360. Notably, during the 2016 session, the Legislature appropriated a total of \$1,940,000 to the Department of the Attorney General for pay increases; **OIP got nothing. Yet, OIP's attorneys are frequently called upon by the state's deputy Attorneys General, as well as the deputy Corporation Counsels from all counties, for advice and training on UIPA and Sunshine Law issues.**

To move toward compensation levels that will help it to retain employees, OIP respectfully requests a supplemental appropriation of \$75,000 for each year of FB 2018-19. When added to OIP's FY 2017 base budget of \$576,855, **OIP's total proposed appropriation for each year of FB 2018-19 would be \$651,855, or \$175,682 less in non-inflation adjusted dollars than the \$827,537 budget (\$1,343,753 if adjusted for inflation) that OIP had 23 years ago for FY 1994 when it administered only the UIPA with 15 employees.** Given the more than doubled increase in OIP's responsibilities and workload and the approximately 50% decrease in staff and funding (adjusted for inflation) experienced since FY 1994, OIP hopes that FY 2017 will be the year of long-delayed

salary increases for its employees. **OIP has been doing more than twice the amount of work with about half the number of people that it had in FY 1994, and now requests salary increases to bring its salary levels closer to those of other state and county employees.**

Finally, OIP’s non-fiscal request for conversion of three temporary positions to permanent positions is warranted because these positions, which originated in FY 99 and earlier, are critical to OIP’s efficient operations and OIP is now recognized as a permanent agency administratively attached to the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS), effective July 1, 2016. Of its total 8.5 FTE positions, OIP currently has two Staff Attorneys (position numbers 102088 and 117247 each at 1.0 FTE) and one Records Report Management Specialist (position number 102257; .50 FTE) who are classified as temporary employees. Like the other six permanent positions, OIP’s three “temporary” positions are necessary to fulfill OIP’s duties to provide legal advice, training, and dispute resolution to the state and county agencies and the general public.¹

In conclusion, OIP thanks this Committee for considering its testimony and hopes that it will concur with OIP’s request for an additional \$75,000 per FY and the nonfiscal conversion of 2.5 FTE positions from temporary to permanent. Mahalo.

¹ Note that the BJ tables have not been updated to reflect changes that were approved by DHRD in FY16, which is why OIP’s current request is showing the abolishment of one position, 121267 and the reallocation of .65 FTE and the BJ funding to another position, 102088. Position 102088 was initially set up as a temporary position, and authorized at 1.0 FTE. In FY14, a new temporary position 121267 was created and approved by DHRD for the purpose of job sharing with position 102088. Position 121267 was authorized at .65 FTE and 102088 was authorized at .35 FTE. In FY16, the job sharing positions ended once position 102088 became vacant, and position 121267 was abolished by DHRD. The .65 FTE from position 121267 was added back to position 102088, which returned 10288 to a 1.0 FTE position.

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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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SUBJECT: **Testimony on H.B. No. 100, H.D. 1 Relating to the State Budget**

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this bill. The Campaign Spending Commission ("Commission") strongly supports this bill and urges its passage with the amendments provided in this testimony.

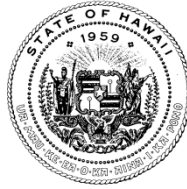
This bill in its original form, in part, appropriated from the state's general fund the sum of \$505,585 for fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 to pay for the Commission's operating expenses, including staff salaries and fringe benefits. Presently, the Commission's operating expenses, including staff salaries and fringe benefits, are paid out of the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund ("HECF"). HRS §11-421(c). H.B. No. 100, H.D. 1 removed this general fund appropriation from the bill.

For the past ten fiscal years, the Commission has been operating at an average net deficit of about \$413,370.16. The Commission's attempts to increase revenue have not been successful; especially since the Commission's revenue is dependent on the \$3 state income tax check-off, the interest generated from the principal, and any funds that escheat to the HECF pursuant to campaign finance laws. These sources of funding have been steadily decreasing. Given this trend, the Commission is concerned that its revenue is insufficient to sustain Commission operations and programs. The Commission projects that by November 2017, the funds will be "near depletion" such that the Commission will be unable to run the public funding program for the 2018 election. See, HRS §11-422(a).

We therefore request the re-inclusion of our general fund appropriation into the Executive State Budget to restore the original purpose of the HECF to fund public funding (see, Hawaii

Constitution, Article II, Section 5) and to have general funds pay for the government and statutory functions provided by the Commission (see, HRS §11-314).

The Commission urges this Committee to pass this measure with the re-inclusion of the general fund appropriation for the Commission's operating expenses, including staff salaries and fringe benefits.



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H.B. 100, H.D. 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of H.B. 100, H.D. 1, which appropriates funds for the DOT's operations and maintenance (O&M) and capital improvement program (CIP) in the Governor's Budget for Fiscal Biennium 2017- 2019, as amended by the Governor's Message (GM) No. 6 dated March 2, 2017. The DOT appreciates and recognizes that HD1 revised the Department's O&M budget by reallocating funds related to equipment, motor vehicles, and special maintenance projects (SMP). Base budget ceilings were reduced to zero at the district levels in each Division and re-allocated as a consolidated sum in each Division's Administration program ID. Hopefully, this will allow the Divisions, and ultimately the Department, to have more flexibility, better planning and tracking, and promote greater efficiencies in procurement and management of program's equipment, motor vehicles and SMP.

The Department concurs with HD1 budget, with the exception of the following adjustments as presented in the Attachment - O&M and CIP Justifications/Comments. Those budget requests that were modified in H.D. 1, the Department offers justifications and comments for your review and consideration. Please see the Attachment below.

In the Attachment, the O&M budget requests, by division, present the Department's requested adjustments. For CIP, the budget changes in HD1 are grouped according to: a) The Means of Financing (MOF) was changed in HD1; b) HD1 added the following CIP projects; c) Funding amount changed in HD1 from the Governor's budget; d) Deleted CIP in HD1 but requested in Governor's budget; e) Governor's Message No. 6 not included in HD1; and f). Change in HD1 Description. The Department's requested adjustments in CIP are also presented.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

ATTACHMENT – O&M AND CIP JUSTIFICATIONS/COMMENTS

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE (O&M):

Presented below are some O&M budget requests that were modified in HB 100 HD1, which the Department would like to highlight for your review and budget adjustments:

AIRPORTS DIVISION

TRN 102, Honolulu International Airport

Sequence #111-001, FY18: 478,000B; FY19: 478,000B

The Department requests that funds totaling 478,000B in FY18 and 478,000B in FY19 be provided for janitorial supplies. This request, which would provide for additional supplies such as hand soap, paper towels, and other janitorial supplies, is essential to the health and safety of airport staff and the travelling public. Honolulu International Airport's base budget for janitorial supplies has been constant at \$605,000 for the past five years. Actual expenses in FY16 were over \$1,083,000. This necessary increase in funding can be attributed to rising costs for supplies and increases in usage due to a higher number of travelers and airport users.

TRN 111, Hilo International Airport

Sequence #107-001, FY18: 459,000B; FY19: 461,000B

The Department requests that funds totaling 459,000B in FY18 and 461,000B in FY19 be provided for janitorial supplies, routine repair and maintenance, and safety supplies. Hilo International Airport is anticipating an increase in supplies needed for the six additional restrooms in the new cargo facility and seven additional restrooms in the new Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting Station. New routine maintenance contracts going out for bid also need to expand in scope to incorporate the maintenance of these new facilities. Hilo Int'l Airport's ongoing FAA compliance requires these facilities to be adequately supplied and maintained, and failure to do so could result in jeopardizing federal CIP funds.

TRN 114, Kona International Airport at Keahole

Sequence #103-001, FY18: 101,144B; FY19: 141,645B

The Department requests that funds totaling 101,144B in FY18 and 141,645B in FY19 be provided for increased water expenses. Water usage at Kona International is projected to rise due to increases in arrivals and departures, additional projects related to the Federal Inspection Station, terminal improvements, and irrigation system upgrades. Utility rate increases have also affected water expenses. Actual expenses in FY16 were \$399,244, and year-to-date (as of February 2017) expenditures in FY17 are t \$317,989, while the base budget has remained constant at 392,000B.

Kahului Airport (TRN 131)

Sequence #104-001, FY18: 100,000B; FY19: 100,000B

The Department requests that funds totaling 100,000B in FY18 and 100,000B in FY19 be added to provide base budget funding for security fence recurring maintenance. Kahului Airport needs to periodically replace security fencing around the airport due to rust, vehicle, or wildlife damage. Currently, there is no base budget allotted for security fence repairs. Funds for such repairs are drawn based on limited savings availability from other repair and maintenance budget allotments.

TRN 195, Airports Administration

Sequence #2-001

The Department respectfully requests that two temporary positions which were authorized in HB 100 and removed in HD1 be reinstated:

1. The Special Assistant to the Deputy Director fulfills duties as required by the Deputy Director of the Airport's Division to assist in managing airport operations statewide.
2. The Information Technology Specialist was originally requested in 2016 as a full time permanent employee, but was authorized in Act 124, SLH 2016 as temporary. With the expansion of airports facilities statewide, this additional IT Specialist is needed to maintain IT operations across statewide airports facilities.

Sequence #102-001, FY18: 3,700,000B; FY19: 3,700,000B

The Department requests that funds totaling 3,700,000B in FY18 and 3,700,000B in FY19 be added for consultant services for design and construction management of special maintenance projects. The Airports Engineering Branch is responsible for the maintenance and management of all existing facilities and equipment as well as the airfields at 15 airports statewide. To maintain the airports facilities and prevent deferred maintenance, the Airports Division has an annual \$30 million budget for non-recurring special maintenance projects and utilizes the services of contracted Architectural & Engineering (A&E) firms to assist with the design and construction management of these special maintenance projects. In order for Airports to expend its \$30 million construction budget and prevent deferred maintenance, the A&E consultant services are needed.

Sequence #103-001, FY18: 200,000B; FY19: 200,000B

The Department additionally requests that funds totaling 200,000B in FY18 and 200,000B in FY19 be added to acquire consultant services for hazardous material compliance. Support resources are needed for the Airports Division environmental engineering section to provide a broad range of hazardous materials services statewide including assessment, testing, air monitoring, inspections, compliance services, and design of remediation measures. Airports facilities statewide contain asbestos, lead paint, and ground petroleum. Airports staff are not qualified to assess compliance relating to these hazardous materials. As a health and safety issue for airports staff and the travelling public, it is critical that these support resources be acquired.

HARBORS DIVISION

TRN 301, Honolulu Harbor

Sequence #2-001

The Department respectfully requests that two temporary positions which were authorized in HB 100 and removed in HD1 be reinstated:

1. Per 33 CFR 105.205, the US Coast Guard requires a Facility Security Officer to provide security contract procurement, oversight, and management. The General Professional III position at Honolulu Harbor is the designated Facility Security Officer. This position was established to provide weekend security oversight during passenger related operations and comply with the Coast Guard's requirements.
2. The Program Specialist IV, SR-22, position number 118403, in the Oahu Harbors district is its only cruise industry position dedicated to provide ground transportation, passenger wayfinding, and HTA related grant management for the cruise industry. This position improves standards, policies, and operations for arriving and departing cruise passengers.

TRN 395, Harbors Administration

Sequence #2-001

The Department respectfully requests that one temporary position which was authorized in HB 100 and removed in HD1 be reinstated:

1. The Program Specialist V position was established to write and modify natural and man-made disaster plans for the Harbors Division. This position represents the division and coordinates with State Civil Defense, the US Coast Guard, FEMA, the US Army Corp of Engineers, and private industry regarding disaster mitigation and disaster-related port operations.

HIGHWAYS DIVISION

TRN 531, Maui Highways

Sequence #2-001

The Department respectfully requests that one temporary position which was authorized in HB 100 and removed in HD1 be reinstated:

1. The Heavy Equipment Operator was established in 1977 to satisfy a grievance settlement. This position is used on an "as-needed" basis on the island of Lanai when existing staff are required to operate heavy equipment outside of normal functions and responsibilities. The Lanai maintenance fleet has a 2.5 cubic yard dump truck which qualifies as heavy equipment and requires a Type 2 Commercial Driver's License. If the position is eliminated, it will more likely initiate another grievance that was settled 40 years ago.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

TRN 995, General Administration

Sequence #2-001

The Department respectfully requests that two temporary positions which were authorized in HB 100 and removed in HD1 be reinstated:

1. The Community Development Specialist, as the head of the Department's public affairs office, coordinates departmental outreach and provides informational updates to the public. This position is crucial for providing the public with important information about transportation safety, roadway and facilities conditions, and projects that may impact public travel.
2. The FTA Grant Development Specialist assists in coordinating with national DOT and the FTA to expand existing federal grant awards and secure new awards. This position assists the Director in identifying policies and procedures to establish and maintain qualifications for federal awards.

The Department's Computer Systems and Services Office requests were approved by the State CIO since requested funding for several IT related requests will address critical infrastructure needs. These requests ensure that the Department's operations can continue in disaster scenarios, and further implement key solutions to eliminate manual processes, bringing the DOT closer to existing standard practices nationwide. The Department recommends that the programs listed below be reinstated:

1. Automated Budget-to-Actuals Reporting
Sequence #101-001, FY18: 175,000B; FY19: 65,000B
This project would expedite accurate budget reporting of expenditures and encumbrances, and assist in providing early shortfall notification and fund lapse notification.
2. Director's Document Tracking System
Sequence #104-001, FY18: 614,400B; FY19 100,000B
This project would allow for automatic document tracking, paperless correspondence, and electronic signatures.
3. Disaster Recovery & Continuity of Operations Refresh
Sequence #105-001, FY18: 4,268,600B; FY19: 1,350,000B
This project would ensure critical infrastructure can be recovered in the event of a disaster at the Department's primary computing facility.
4. Firewall Upgrade
Sequence #106-001, FY19: 90,000B
Existing firewall equipment is reaching capacity and requires replacement. Failure of the existing firewall would potentially expose the Department's computers to malware.

5. Tape Library Hardware

Sequence #108-001, FY18: 150,000B

Although may be considered as an “old” technology, this tape library hardware would provide a secure backup that is not susceptible to risk of infection by malware, and which would be stored in a separate physical location for additional record security.

Sequence #109-001, FY18: 500,000B; FY19: 500,000B

The Department also requests that funds totaling 500,000B in FY18 and 500,000B in FY19 be reinstated to provide funds for consultant services to assist the Department’s Public Affairs Office. The Department has a continuous responsibility to provide information and respond to the public, media, lawmakers, neighborhood boards, and others regarding the state’s ongoing transportation status. Acquiring support for these services would help the Department to better fulfill these responsibilities and further promote improvements to transportation infrastructure statewide.

Sequence #113-001, FY18: 25,000B; FY19: 25,000B

The Department requests that funds be reinstated totaling 25,000B in FY18 and 25,000B in FY19 for Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Certification Software. Existing software acquired by DOT’s Office of Civil Rights to assist its DBE system has proven efficient and made the application process less burdensome on small businesses. The system has also enabled applications to go paperless and reducing the processing burden for the Department. However, there is no current base budget for ongoing maintenance of this software, and in the event that funding is not acquired, the system would be dismantled.

Sequence #120-001, FY18: 305,285R; FY19: 314,443R

The Department requests that funds totaling 305,285R in FY18 and 314,443R in FY19 be added for Capital Assistance for Transportation of the Elderly and Disabled. This ceiling increase would allow the Department to expend a required local share match funded by private contributions to secure federal funds which would improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities.

Sequence #1000-001, FY18: 2,000,000A, 2,000,000B

Per HB 100 HD1, funds totaling 2,000,000A and 2,000,000B were added in FY18 for Homeless Program – Illegal Encampment Clean Up and Debris Removal Services. This adjustment would require the Department to expend 2,000,000B from its own sources of revenues. Currently, there are no savings from which the Department could draw to fund such an initiative. The Department requests that the addition of 2,000,000A in general funds be preserved and requests that the addition of 2,000,000B be removed from the budget.

Reallocation of Budget Ceilings for Equipment, Motor Vehicles, and Special Maintenance Projects

HB 100 HD1 revised the Department’s budget by reallocating funds relating to equipment, motor vehicles, and special maintenance projects. Base budget ceilings were reduced to zero at the district level and re-allocated as a single sum in the Divisions’ administration program IDs to allow the Department more flexibility over fund allocation for equipment, motor vehicles, and

special maintenance projects. The Department of Transportation **supports the intent** of the changes made in HB 100 HD1 and **recommends the following adjustments** to ensure that all district base budgets for equipment, motor vehicles, and special maintenance projects are zero and that the appropriate amount is added to each Division's Administration program IDs.

TRN 501, Oahu Highways

Per HB 100 HD1, TRN 501 Oahu Highways has a negative equipment budget of (140,000B) in FY18 and (140,000B) in FY19.

1. Modify Sequence #1000-001 to transfer out funds from TRN 501 to TRN 595:
FY18: (1,225,773B)
FY19: (1,225,773B)

Per HB 100 HD1, TRN 501 Oahu Highways has a negative motor vehicle budget of (517,374B) in FY18 and (517,374B) in FY19.

2. Modify Sequence #1001-001 to transfer out funds from TRN 501 to TRN 595:
FY18: (1,439,858B)
FY19: (1,439,858B)

TRN 531, Maui Highways

Per HB 100 HD1, TRN 531/DL Maui Highways (Lanai Office) has a negative equipment budget of (63,787B) in FY18 and (63,787B) in FY19. Furthermore, TRN 531/DM Maui Highways (Molokai Office) has a positive equipment budget of 63,787B in FY18 and 63,787B in FY19.

3. Add a new Sequence to transfer funds from TRN 531/DM to TRN 531/DL:
TRN 531/DM FY18: (63,787B)
TRN 531/DM FY19: (63,787B)
TRN 531/DL FY18: 63,787B
TRN 531/DL FY19: 63,787B

TRN 561, Kauai Highways

Per HB 100 HD1, TRN 561 Kauai Highways has a negative equipment budget of (800,000B) in FY18 and (800,000B) in FY19.

4. Modify Sequence #1000-001 to transfer out funds from TRN 561 to TRN 595:
FY18: (119,502B)
FY19: (119,502B)

TRN 595, Highways Administration

Per HB 100 HD1, the Highways Division will have a total equipment budget of 4,148,740B in FY18. However, the Highways Division's FY18 equipment needs total 5,167,172B.

5. Add a new Sequence to increase the budget equipment ceiling in TRN 595:
FY18: 1,018,432B (Non-Recurring)

TRN 597, Highways Safety

Sequences #10-001 and #10-002 were listed in the HD1 budget worksheets as trading-off 6,342B in FY18 and 6,342B in FY19. The MOF for these trade-offs should be 'P' funds.

6. Revise all MOFs for Sequence #10-001 & #10-002 to be 'P' funds.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP):

The Department concurs with the HD1 budget, with the following exceptions and budget adjustments:

- a). The Means of Financing (MOF) was changed in HD1.

AIRPORTS DIVISION

TRN 114, Kona International Airport at Keahole

Item No.: C-26

Title: KONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT KEAHOLE,
FEDERAL INSPECTION STATION, HAWAII

Description: CONSTRUCTION FOR A FEDERAL INSPECTION STATION AT KONA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT KEAHOLE

Adjustment: Replaced the original \$50,000,000C General Obligation Bond fund request with \$50,000,000E in Airport Revenue Bond funds.

Justification: HD1 revision changes the construction appropriation of \$50,000,000C in General Obligation Bond funds to \$50,000,000E in Airport Revenue Bond funds. The re-establishment of international services at Kona International Airport at Keahole will provide overall economic benefits (including tax revenues, employment opportunities, etc.) to the entire State economy and will increase the level of service for international travelers. The overall economic infusion into Hawaii's tourism industry is estimated at \$60,000,000 annually per the Hawaii Tourism Authority based on just three flights a week into Kona International Airport at Keahole. Using Airport Revenue Bonds would result in airline rate increases for cost recovery of the facility, which would make air travel to Kona International Airport at Keahole less viable. For this reason, the airlines do not support using Airport Revenue Bonds to fund this project. In addition, having a Federal Inspection Station at Kona International Airport at Keahole will enable the State of Hawaii to have a second port of entry should any unforeseen event occur at Honolulu International Airport. Because of this, and the socio-economic benefits to Hawaii, including the overwhelming support from congressional, state legislative, and community leaders, using General Obligation Bond funds is the best alternative for funding this project.

The Department requests that the original \$50,000,000C in General Obligation Bond funds in FY 18 be restored.

b). HDI added the following CIP projects.

HARBORS DIVISION

TRN 301, Honolulu Harbor

Item No.: C-56
Title: PIERS 24-25 REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS, HONOLULU HARBOR, OAHU
Description: CONSTRUCTION FOR REPAIRS TO PIER STRUCTURES AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS RELATED TO CONCRETE RESURFACING AND PAVEMENT AND STORMWATER CONTAINMENT.

Adjustment: Legislative Add-On of \$20,000,000 in Harbor Revenue Bond funds.

Justification: The source of funding is from the Harbor Revenue Bond fund. Before these funds can be used Pacific Shipyards International will need to explain to the Hawaii Harbors Users Group (HHUG) the use of these funds as it will impact funding Harbors Capital Improvement Program projects such as the Kapalama Container Terminal and Kalaeloa Barbers Point Harbor Fuel Pier. Should these improvements be acceptable to HHUG, PSI will become responsible for all future repair and maintenance costs at the improved pier(s).

The Department does not support the addition of this appropriation.

TRN 313, Kawaihae Harbor

Item No.: C-57
Title: KAWAIHAE NORTH AND SOUTH SMALL BOAT HARBOR, HAWAII
Description: CONSTRUCTION FOR PAVING AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS.

Adjustment: Legislative Add-On of \$1,100,000 in General Obligation Bond funds.

Justification: The Department does not support the addition of this appropriation because small boat harbors do not fall under the Department of Transportation purview. The Kawaihae North and South Small Boat Harbor improvements should be completed under the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, who have jurisdiction over small boat harbors.

The Department does not support the addition of this appropriation.

TRN 331, Kahului Harbor

Item No.: C-58
Title: KAHULUI HARBOR, MAUI
Description: EQUIPMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A LARGE PORTABLE BATHROOM COMPLEX TO SERVICE KAHULUI HARBOR.

Adjustment: Legislative Add-On of \$150,000 in General Obligation Bond funds.

Justification: The Department does not support the addition of this appropriation and has no need for such an improvement at Kahului Harbor, Maui. It is our understanding that this portable bathroom complex is intended to serve the unimproved West Maui portion of the harbor which has no DOT Harbors improvements at this time. However, these lands also contain a small boat launch ramp operated by the DLNR. The DOT- Harbors Division does not support the addition of this appropriation because small boat harbors and associated improvements do not fall under the Department of Transportation's purview. The proposed improvements should be procured and serviced by the DLNR, Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, who have jurisdiction over small boat harbors and operations.

The Department does not support the addition of this appropriation.

HIGHWAYS DIVISION

The Highways Division respectfully requests that Capital Project Numbers (CPN) for each CIP item be added back into the budget.

b). HDI added the following CIP projects.

TRN 501, Oahu Highways

Item No.: C-74 (CPN: SP1307)

Title: FORT WEAVER ROAD, OAHU

Description: PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR ADDING A THIRD LANE AND SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ON FORT WEAVER ROAD FROM THE CROSS SECTION OF GEIGER ROAD TO KEONEULA BLVD GOING BOTH WAYS.

Adjustment: This appropriation provides \$33,000,000 in Highway Revenue Bond funds for the planning, design, and construction of this project.

Justification: This project is not included in the current Oahu Regional Transportation Plan, and although the DOT may support the intent of this project, there are insufficient Highway funds to implement projects beyond those already programmed and found warranted.

The Department does not support the addition of this appropriation.

Item No.: C-84

Title: KALAELOA TO HAKIMO ROAD, OAHU

Description: PLANS, DESIGN, AND CONSTRUCTION FOR EXTENSION OF THE FIFTH LANE OF FARRINGTON HIGHWAY AND FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, PRESERVATION OF EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE, AND TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF ALONG WAIANAE COAST; GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS.

Adjustment: This appropriation provides \$3,000,000 in Highway Revenue Bond funds for the planning, design, and construction of this project.

Justification: A study to identify recommendations to provide a second access into and out of the Nanakuli, Maili, Waianae, and Makaha areas, reduce congestion, increase capacity, and improve safety is currently underway. This study includes a feasibility analysis of a fifth lane for Farrington Highway, and if / when it is recommended, we will proceed with consultant selection for the development of this project which would require the authorization provided by this appropriation.

The Department supports the addition of this appropriation.

Item No.: C-86 (Act 119/15, Item K-26)
Title: KALIHI STREET, OAHU
Description: PLANS AND DESIGN FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, WIDENING AND REPAIR TO KALIHI STREET FROM KALAEPA DRIVE TO 3080 KALIHI STREET.

Adjustment: This appropriation provides \$1,500,000 in General Obligation Bond funds for the planning and design of this project.

Justification: This area is not on the State Highway System, but under the jurisdiction of the City and County of Honolulu, and thus, we feel it is more appropriate for the City and County to implement this project under SUB201 – City and County of Honolulu.

The Department does not support the addition of this appropriation.

Item No.: C-90 (CPN: SP0701)
Title: LANIAKEA HWY, OAHU
Description: DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR THE REALIGNMENT OF KAMEHAMEHA HWY AT LANIAKEA BEACH PARK; GROUND AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS.

Adjustment: This appropriation provides \$15,000,000 in Highway Revenue Bond funds for the design and construction of this project.

Justification: Although the DOT may support the intent of this project, there are insufficient Highway funds to implement projects beyond those already programmed and found warranted. The DOT is currently in the process of obtaining the appropriate environmental clearances to determine possible solutions to the issue of pedestrian safety. Until this process is complete, the placement of barriers adjacent to Kamehameha Highway may or may not be a viable alternative.

The Department does not support the addition of this appropriation.

TRN 511, Hawaii Highways

Item No.: C-95

Title: 4 MILE CREEK BRIDGE, HAWAII

Description: CONSTRUCTION TO REPLACE THE CURRENT ONE-LANE BRIDGE FOR THE COMMUTERS BETWEEN HILO AND PUNA.

Adjustment: This appropriation provides \$13,000,000 in Highway Revenue Bond funds for the construction of this project.

Justification: This facility is not on the State Highway System, but under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii County, and thus, we feel it is more appropriate for the County to provide funding and implement this project under SUB301 – County of Hawaii.

The Department does not support the addition of this appropriation.

Item No.: C-96

Title: ACCELERATION LANES FOR HWY 11, HAWAII

Description: CONSTRUCTION OF AN ACCELERATION LANE ON HWY 11.

Adjustment: This appropriation provides \$2,000,000 in Highway Revenue Bond funds for the construction of this project.

Justification: Location of these improvements are not clear, and thus we could not provide support for the inclusion of this appropriation at this time.

The Department does not support the addition of this appropriation.

TRN 531, Maui Highways

Item No.: C-119 (CPN: V051)

Title: LAHAINA BYPASS ROAD, MAUI

Description: PLANS, LAND ACQUISITION, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND EQUIPMENT FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE LAHAINA BYPASS ROAD FROM NORTH KEAWE STREET TO BEYOND PUUKOLII ROAD.

Adjustment: This appropriation provides \$40,000,000 in Highway Revenue Bond funds for the design and construction of this project.

Justification: Although the DOT may support the intent of this project, there are insufficient Highway funds to implement projects beyond those already programmed and found warranted. We would consider implementation, however, if non-highway funding is made available. We would also note that construction is currently estimated at \$70,000,000.

The Department does not support the addition of this appropriation.

c) Funding amount changed in HD1 from the Governor’s budget.

TRN 595, Highways Administration

Item No.: C-150
Title: SEISMIC RETROFIT OF VARIOUS BRIDGES, STATEWIDE
Description: DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR SEISMIC RETROFIT OF VARIOUS BRIDGES STATEWIDE. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.

Adjustment: Correction to appropriation amounts is respectfully requested as follows:

	<u>FY2017-2018</u>	<u>FY2018-2019</u>	
PLANS		600	750
EQUIPMENT		1,000	1,250
TOTAL FUNDING	E	0	400
	N	1,600	1,600

Justification: This appropriation currently provides \$1,600,000 in other Federal Funds in the second year of the biennium. Original request had included \$400,000 in Highway Revenue Bond funds in addition to the \$1,600,000 in other Federal Funds. We respectfully request that the \$400,000 Highway Revenue Bond appropriation be re-included in order to fund this program as planned.

The Department respectfully requests that the \$400,000 Highway Revenue bonds in FY19 appropriation be re-included in this program.

d). Deleted CIP in HD1 but requested in the Governor’s budget.

TRN 531, Maui Highways

Item No.: N/A (CPN: V075)
Title: HANA HIGHWAY ROCKFALL MITIGATION, HUELO TO HANA, MAUI
Description: CONSTRUCTION TO MITIGATE ROCKFALLS AND POTENTIAL LANDSLIDE AREAS ALONG THE SLOPES OF ROUTE 360 HANA HIGHWAY AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

Adjustment: Deleted FY19 appropriation in HD1.

Justification: Hana Highway is constantly under threat of closure whenever heavy rains occur. Current appropriations under CPN V075, to address some of the needs of this route, will lapse 6/30/18. The \$2,000,000 requested in FY19 would allow this program to continue as planned; without it, the Hana Highway rockfall mitigation program will be delayed and/or the statewide rockfall / slope mitigation program will be reduced to fund efforts along Hana Highway.

The Department respectfully requests reinstatement of FY19 \$2,000,000 Highway Revenue Bond construction appropriation.

e) Governor's Message No. 6 not included in HD1.

TRN 501, Oahu Highways

Item No.: N/A (CPN: S331)

Description: CONSTRUCTION FOR MODIFICATIONS TO H-1 FREEWAY AND VIADUCT STRUCTURE. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.

Adjustment: This appropriation, as requested under Governor's Message No. 6, dated March 2, 2017, was not included in HB100, HD1.

Justification: This appropriation would have provided \$40,000,000 in Highway Revenue Bond funds and \$40,000,000 in Federal funds for construction of modification of the H-1 freeway from the vicinity of Waikele to the vicinity of Halawa to provide greater capacity and/or operations long this corridor. The population of Leeward and Central Oahu has been increasing rapidly. The traffic generated from these areas make the segment of H-1 between Waikele and Halawa one of the most congested segments during the peak periods. Congestion will continually increase if the project is deferred. We respectfully request that the \$40,000,000 Highway Revenue Bond and 40,000,000 Federal fund appropriations be included in order to fund this program as planned.

The Department respectfully requests that this CIP be added in the appropriation.

TRN 561, Kauai Highways

Item No.: N/A (CPN: X142)

Title: KUHIO HIGHWAY, HANAIEI VALLEY VIEWPOINT, KAUAI

Description: CONSTRUCTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE RELOCATION OF THE HANAIEI VALLEY LOOKOUT ON KAUAI.

Adjustment: This appropriation, as requested under Governor's Message No. 6, was not included in HB100, HD1.

Justification: This appropriation would have provided \$1,000,000 in Highway Revenue Bond funds for construction of provisions for ingress and egress to a relocated scenic stop, as well as related improvements to accommodate vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians and transit. The existing scenic stop, located approximately 1/2 mile to the east along Kuhio Highway, is vital to the economy for Kauai's major tourism industry and will afford visitors an improved view plain of the historic Hanalei Valley Wildlife Sanctuary. The existing stop could remain as the primary viewpoint; however, the existing concerns regarding size sufficiency, as well as ingress/egress movements will not be addressed. Deferral would adversely affect operations on Kuhio Highway (Route 56) while accessing the Hanalei Valley Viewpoint, potentially delaying significant economic stimulus for the north shore of Kauai. We respectfully request that the \$1,000,000 Highway Revenue Bond appropriation be included in order to fund this program as planned.

The Department respectfully requests that this CIP be added in the appropriation.

TRN 595, Highways Administration

Item No.: N/A (CPN: Y100)

Title: ALIIAIMOKU HALE, ELEVATOR MODERNIZATION, STATEWIDE

Description: CONSTRUCTION FOR ELEVATOR RENOVATION AND/OR REPLACEMENT, AND OTHER RELATED TASKS.

Adjustment: This appropriation, as requested under Governor's Message No. 6, was not included in HB100, HD1.

Justification: This appropriation would have provided \$200,000 in Highway Revenue Bond funds to modernize the outdated elevators at AliiAIMOKU Hale.

The elevator cabs had been retrofitted in the 1970s to meet ADA standards of the time; however, the machinery, equipment and electrical components have not been upgraded since the construction of the building in 1959. It is becoming more difficult to maintain the elevators because parts are no longer available and because there are only a few elevator technicians capable of repairing older equipment. Administration and the main conference room for the Department of Transportation is located on the 5th floor. Accessibility to personnel and shared spaces are concerns as they service not only interdepartmental staff, but their business partners and associates, as well as the general public.

If the replacement is not performed, the elevators will continue to have problems and jeopardize the safety of the public and employees of AliiAIMOKU Hale. There will be an increase in the risk of having both elevators to be out-of-service. We respectfully request that the \$200,000 Highway Revenue Bond appropriation be included in order to fund this program as planned.

The Department respectfully requests that this CIP be added in the appropriation.

Item No.: N/A (CPN: X243)

Title: ALIIAIMOKU BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE

Description: CONSTRUCTION FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S MAIN OFFICE BUILDING.

Adjustment: This appropriation, as requested under Governor's Message No. 6, was not included in HB100, HD1.

Justification: This appropriation would have provided \$400,000 in Highway Revenue Bond funds for construction to replace the main vertical electrical bus riser and corroded emergency exit doors, refurbish the carport and landscaping, repair drainage systems, and repaint the fins in front of the building.

AliiAIMOKU Hale has insufficient and unstable power which affects the computer equipment in the building. The electrical repairs are difficult to perform since most of the equipment was installed when the building was built in 1959. The carport needs to be repaired, reroofed and repainted. In phase 1 of this project, building was painted and reroofed but the carport was not included because of insufficient funding. The glass blocks in the back of the building are in need of repair or replacement because of leaks during heavy rains. Vertical roof drain lines should be sleeved

because they are corroded. The horizontal extensions of the roof drains in the sidewalk should be repaired because water does not freely flow thru the pipe; the water flows out of cracks in the sidewalk. As with the carport, the fins fronting the building were not painted in phase 1 and should be included in this project. Emergency exit doors needs to be replaced due to wear and corrosion damage. The building does not have a backflow preventer which is required by the building code. The landscaping has deteriorated and needs new sprinkler system. If the electrical upgrades are not performed, the DOT will not be able to support IT equipment in the building without supplemental power systems (UPS). If the carport is not repaired the concrete will continue to spall and create a hazardous condition. If the glass blocks are not repaired water will continue to leak into the building and damage office supplies and furniture. Roof drain pipes need to be maintained to prevent water damage internally. The fins fronting the building will continue to deteriorate if they are not sealed. There may be difficulty in opening the corroded exit doors in an emergency and they may not lock properly causing security concerns. We respectfully request that the \$400,000 Highway Revenue Bond appropriation be included in order to fund this program as planned.

The Department respectfully requests that this CIP be added in the appropriation.

TRN 595, Highways Administration

Item No.: C-144 (CPN: X099)
Title: HIGHWAY PLANNING, STATEWIDE
Description: PLANS AND EQUIPMENT FOR FEDERAL AID AND NON-FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THAT INCLUDE ROADWAY CLASSIFICATION, DATA COLLECTION, LONG AND MID-RANGE PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION NEEDS STUDIES, RESEARCH, HRS 343/NEPA STUDIES, CORRIDOR STUDIES, SCOPING, AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.

Adjustment: This appropriation, as requested under Governor’s Message No. 6, was not included in HB100, HD1. Revision to appropriation description and amounts is respectfully requested as follows:

Description: PLANS AND EQUIPMENT FOR FEDERAL AID AND NON-FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS THAT INCLUDE ROADWAY CLASSIFICATION, DATA COLLECTION, LONG AND MID-RANGE PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION NEEDS STUDIES, RESEARCH, HRS 343/NEPA STUDIES, CORRIDOR STUDIES, SCOPING, BRIDGE EVALUATIONS, AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.

	<u>FY2017-2018</u>	<u>FY2018-2019</u>
PLANS	500 <u>10,500</u>	11,000
EQUIPMENT		1,000
TOTAL FUNDING	100 <u>2,100</u> E	2,400 E
	400 <u>8,400</u> N	9,600 N

Justification: This appropriation currently provides \$500,000 (\$100,000 in Highway Revenue Bonds, and \$400,000 in other Federal Funds) in the first year of the biennium, as well as \$12,000,000 in total in the second fiscal year. A request to increase FY17/18 authority by \$10,000,000 in order to include funding for a required Bridge Load Rating study, was requested under Governor’s Message No. 6. This funding failed to be included in the initial budget submittal as scheduling requirements became apparent following submittal of the executive budget.

The Department respectfully requests that increase in FY18 appropriation by \$10,000,000 be included in the appropriation.

f). Change in HD1 Description.

TRN 511, Hawaii Highways

Item No.: C-98

Title: DANIEL K. INOUYE HIGHWAY EXTENSION, MAMALAOA HIGHWAY TO QUEEN KAAHUMANU HIGHWAY, HAWAII

Description: LAND ACQUISITION AND DESIGN FOR A NEW ROADWAY AND/OR REALIGNMENT, AND EXTENDING THE DANIEL K. INOUYE HIGHWAY FROM THE HILO TERMINUS TO THE QUEEN KAAHUMANU HIGHWAY. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.

Adjustment: Revise “...design...” to “...construction...” in the appropriation Description and Funding element row.

Justification: Not applicable.

The Department respectfully requests above adjustment in appropriation description and funding element row.

TRN 531, Maui Highways

Item No.: C-116 (CPN: V103)

Title: HANA HIGHWAY BRIDGE PRESERVATION PLAN, MAUI

Description: LAND ACQUISITION AND DESIGN FOR DEVELOPING A BRIDGE PRESERVATION PLAN FOR HANA HIGHWAY IN THE VICINITY OF THE HANA PRESERVATION DISTRICT. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.

Adjustment: Title and Description corrections are respectfully requested as follows:

Title: HANA HIGHWAY BRIDGE PRESERVATION ~~[PLAN]~~, MAUI

Description: LAND ACQUISITION AND DESIGN FOR THE ~~IMPLEMENTATION OF THE [DEVELOPING-A]~~ BRIDGE PRESERVATION PLAN FOR HANA HIGHWAY IN THE

VICINITY OF THE HANA PRESERVATION DISTRICT TO INCLUDE BRIDGE REHABILITATION AND/OR REPLACEMENT. THIS PROJECT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR FEDERAL AID FINANCING AND/OR REIMBURSEMENT.

Justification: The Hana Highway Bridge Preservation Plan has been completed. The purpose of this biennium's request was to take the next step and appropriate funds to begin implementation of the plan's recommendations. Title and description revisions were unfortunately not included at the time of budget submittal, and we therefore request that these adjustments be made in order to better reflect and align with our program.

The Department respectfully requests above adjustments in title and description.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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March 29, 2017

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

Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Linda Chu Takayama, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: H.B. No. 100 HD1 Relating to the State Budget

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide you with information on DLIR's modest budget requests. DLIR is in strong support of the contents of this measure pertaining to the department.

DLIR's budget requests are to improve services and enhance outcomes of functions relating to rights and benefits of workers along with a request to strengthen the Office of Community Services' Grant-in-Aid program. The following is a concise summary of the department's additions in the HD1.

➤ **LBR183 Disability Compensation Division:**

- ✓ One (1) program specialist to administer the Professional Employer Organization (PEO) program according to its statutory responsibilities.
- ✓ Two (2) additional special-funded Facilitators. The Facilitator Unit was established in 2000 to assist injured workers in filing their Workers' Compensation claims, assist insurers, employers, and providers, and facilitate the Workers' Compensation process.
- ✓ One (1) position and funding for DCD modernization. The Legislature provided a general fund appropriation for FY2015-16 for a Business Process Optimization Analysis and Case Management System Modernization. The analysis performed by the consultants recommended

three major initiatives to further streamline and automate DCD processes to improve efficiency, quality, timeliness, and customer service:

- 1) Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Intake (i.e. electronic claims intake)
- 2) Business Process Automation and Case Management (i.e. business process workflow)
- 3) Self-Service Portal (online services for claimants and providers)

➤ LBR903 Office of Community Services:

- ✓ Act 189 (SLH, 2016) appropriated \$110,000 for two positions for grant administrative support personnel for OCS. Subsequently, the Governor authorized a special project for this function (Act 160, SLH 2015) and the temporary/exempt positions will be filled with a NTE date of 6/30/2017. This request will enable DLIR/OCS to continue at least one position beyond the 6/30/2017 date to accommodate the increased GIA related workload.

➤ LBR812 Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board:

- ✓ One (1) Office Assistant to help set up and processing of appeals. LIRAB received 404 new appeals in FY2015-16, or an average of 33 new appeals per month. The delay in processing appeals makes it difficult for LIRAB to meet its performance measurement to resolve 25% of its cases within 15 months of the receipt of the appeal. The additional staff will reduce the current wait time of almost 2.25 years.

➤ LBR153 Wage Standards Division:

- ✓ One (1) Labor Law Enforcement Specialist (LLES) to reduce the backlog in the Compliance Branch, which investigates cases based on five laws: (Wages and Hours of Employees on Public Works Law, chapter 104, HRS; Wage and Hour, chapter 387, HRS; Payment of Wages and Other Compensation, chapter 388, HRS; Child Labor Law, chapter 390, HRS; Hawaii Family Leave Law, chapter 398, HRS; and Employment Practices Law, chapter 378, HRS, Part II-Lie Detector Tests). The resolution time has increased for each type of claim. For the most complicated cases, the waiting time has increased 842% from an average of 66 days when WSD had 24 FTE, to an average of 622 days with only 17 FTE.

DLIR also supports the House additions to the Workforce Development Division for Enrichment Programs of the Advisory Boards for Healthcare, Agriculture, and STEM (LBR111 1000-001), and to the Workforce Development Council for funds to transition to the federal Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (LBR135 1000-001).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Before the Senate Committees on

WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

9:30 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 100 HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

House Bill 100 HD 1 in addition to appropriating funds for the State Executive Branch also appropriates capital improvement project funds to support critical projects for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission under LNR 906. The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) strongly supports this position. Additionally, the initial draft of House Bill 100 and the Governor revisions in Governor Message 2 supported funding 15 currently existing staff positions for the KIRC. The HD 1 version deleted this funding. The KIRC respectfully request the Senate to support funding these KIRC staff position in order to continue the to continue the long term restoration of this important and valuable island, to honor the State's commitment when the island was returned to manage and provide safe use and to remember the struggle and the lives lost in stopping the bombing of Kaho'olawe.

This funding is necessary for the KIRC to effectively meet the unique challenges of restoring, preserving and managing the appropriate, safe uses of the Reserve for the people of Hawai'i. Funding will enable the continuation of innovative KIRC land and ocean restoration programs for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve and entrust a unique and critical opportunity to introduce, encourage and develop the next generation of land, ocean and cultural resource managers through an integrated *mauka to makai* volunteer program. Through immersive, hands-on experiences within a cooperative natural and cultural resource management system, these opportunities incorporate both traditional indigenous practices and modern scientific methods.

This request includes funding to support KIRC staffing and operations for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019. Without additional funding, the KIRC will be unable to continue its innovative management regime beyond Fiscal Year 2017. The KIRC's management and control of Kaho'olawe is not only restoring the ecological damage on Kaho'olawe and protecting its endangered and rare flora and fauna, but ensuring the meaningful and safe use by the people of Hawai'i that fortify the Reserve.

Without this funding, the KIRC will not be able to retain its highly trained and effective staff, continue its innovative restoration programs or keep the island of Kaho`olawe open for safe, escorted public access.



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Statement of
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

March 29, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 211

In consideration of
H.B. 100, H.D. 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

HHFDC supports H.B. 100, H.D. 1. However, HHFDC respectfully requests that the Committee restore HHFDC's portion of the Governor's Supplemental Capital Improvement Project (CIP) request for FY2018 as follows:

902 Alder Street, Honolulu, Oahu (BED 160/HD) \$15,000,000 (C)

HHFDC intends to use the \$15 million appropriation to finance Phase 1 of the juvenile shelter/services component of this mixed-use residential project located at the site of the old Detention Home. HHFDC's financing resources are able to finance the residential component of the mixed-use project. However, Capital Improvement Project appropriations for the non-housing component of the project are needed in order for the entire project to be able to proceed.

The stated purpose of this appropriation is to provide funding to expand and preserve rental housing opportunities and construct a juvenile services and shelter center for runaway and homeless youths. We would like to clarify that the juvenile shelter is intended to serve young status offenders and low end law violators who are wards of the court and unable to reside with their families in the short term because of safety and other concerns. The services center will be provided through probation and partnering with social services agencies.

Rental Housing Revolving Fund Infusion, Statewide (BED 160/HF) \$50,000,000 (C)

The \$50 million infusion into the Rental Housing Revolving Fund will help finance the development, or the acquisition and rehabilitation, of rental housing. The Rental Housing Revolving Fund provides loans to projects that set aside rental units affordable to extreme and very low-income families.

The loans fill the financing gap to develop an affordable rental housing project. Since its inception, Rental Housing Revolving Fund awards have been made to 78 affordable rental projects comprising a total of 6,232 units statewide.

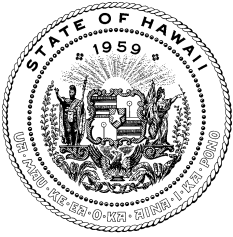
Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund Infusion, Statewide (BED 160/HD) \$50,000,000 (C)

This appropriation for the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF) is to implement Act 132, SLH 2016. Act 132 broadened the uses of DURF to include regional state infrastructure construction in conjunction with housing and mixed-use transit-oriented development projects. This funding will enable the state to address a significant barrier to housing development - the lack of roads, water, sewer, drainage, and utilities.

Low Income Housing Tax Credit Loans, Statewide (BED 160/HF) \$8,400,000 (C)

The Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Loan Program encourages the development and preservation of rental housing for lower income households by providing a cost-effective financing mechanism for projects that are awarded State LIHTCs. Projects which have been awarded State LIHTCs that demonstrate the inability to find investors for their State tax credits may exchange their credits for a LIHTC loan instead.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration of these requests. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Wednesday, March 28, 2017
9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

IN CONSIDERATION OF
HOUSE BILL 100, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

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

The Office of Environmental Quality Control (OEQC) administers Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 343, Environmental Impact Statements (EIS). The purpose of the EIS law is to "establish a system of environmental review which will ensure that environmental concerns are given appropriate consideration in decision making along with economic and technical considerations" (HRS §343-1). Additionally, the OEQC serves "the Governor in an advisory capacity on all matters relating to environmental quality control," as directed in HRS §341-3.

House Bill 100, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate sums to accomplish a variety of designated purposes and programs, including HTH 850 - Office of Environmental Quality Control. We observe the appropriated funds in House Draft 1 maintain the existing permanent position ceiling, and provide a nominal increase in General Funds to add funds for collective bargaining costs, but do not include the Governor's Request to add one permanent position, along with funds for administrative support to OEQC and the Environmental Council, as explained in detail in the Legislative Budget Worksheet (1.00/36,026A; 1.00/47,792A). We request the proposed funding request be reinserted to enable OEQC to better meet the needs of the public and the stakeholders going through environmental review process.

With adequate resources, OEQC looks forward to continuing to support the state with broad environmental and sustainability concerns, as mandated by HRS Chapters 341 and 343.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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March 28, 2017

Honorable Chair Jill Tokuda, Honorable Vice-Chair Donovan Dela Cruz,
and Committee Members
Committee on Ways and Means
Hawai'i State Senate
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 211
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Dela Cruz and Committee Members:

Subject: House Bill 100, HD1 – Relating to the State Budget
Hearing: March 29, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

The Department of Water Supply, County of Hawai'i (HDWS) supports the full restoration of budget allocations and additional fund requests that were included in the original House Bill (HB) 100. The funding levels originally provided for watershed protection in HB 100 are essential to maintaining progress toward the goal of protecting and maintaining Hawai'i's watershed areas, which in turn provides the sources of our drinking water supplies.

Thank you for your time and consideration on HDWS's testimony for this proposed bill. Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at (808) 961-8050.

Sincerely yours,

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

FROM: Deborah Stone-Walls, Executive on Aging
Maui County Office on Aging (MCOA)

SUBJECT: HB100, HD1 Relating to the State Budget

HEARING: Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 am
Conference Room 211

POSITION: MCOA **strongly supports** HB100, Item No. 25, making appropriations for the Executive Office on Aging (HTH904).

MCOA supports the EOA operating budget as outlined in the General Appropriations Act of 2017, 2 HB0100 HD1, pages 27-28, item 25 for HTH 904 and respectfully requests re-inserting funds for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for Kupuna Care (\$4,145,695A) and the Aging and Disability Resource Center (\$1,700,000A). We appreciate the additional \$57,168 for the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program for both fiscal years.

Without these levels of funding, services to our most vulnerable seniors in the state will be greatly reduced.

Justification: Census projections indicated that the senior population in Hawaii will almost double between the period between 2010 and 2020 with the highest percentage increase occurring in those over the age of 85. In order to minimize the potential **financial strain** of the burgeoning aging population on the State, **proactive** efforts are required now. ***Keeping seniors healthy and at home is the most cost-effective***

To promote and protect the well-being of the Older Americans in Maui County.

manner to address the needs of one of our most valuable societal resources, and HB 100, HD1 will ensure that state funds are utilized to provide assistance in the community at a much lesser financial drain than institutional services.

Kūpuna Care: MCOA supports a total appropriation of at least \$9,000,000,000 each fiscal year, ideally with the entire amount in the State base budget. Each County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) oversees a variety of home and community-based service areas designed specifically to ensure that elders have the care they need in the least restrictive, and often most economical, setting as possible in order to assist Hawaii's kupuna to lead independent, meaningful, and dignified lives. These state funds are targeted to those who are frail and vulnerable and who do not have access to other services. AAAs have consistently succeeded in reaching the objective to prevent and/or delay the need for more restrictive levels of care.

Moving the full amount of Kūpuna Care appropriation to the base budget for FY17 allowed for a more consistent contracting and service delivery system. MCOA was able to better plan for consistent service delivery throughout the year for the first time in many years. Conversely, when funds are released at varying times throughout the year, the process of planning for steady service delivery to frail elders is more difficult. AAAs must wait for the release of funds not appropriated through the base budget; therefore, service delivery cannot be planned in a reliable, steady manner. Knowing on July 1 of each year the exact amount of appropriation for these vital services will allow AAAs to more effectively plan for and meet the needs of eligible seniors.

Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC): Implemented on Maui on April 16, 2012, the ADRC has allowed MCOA to improve efficiency and effectiveness in working with elders, individuals with disabilities, and family caregivers across a broad spectrum of functional abilities and financial standing. The ADRC is designed to serve as a highly visible and trusted resource agency where people with disabilities of all ages can find information on the full range of long-term support options and can access a single point

of entry to public long-term support programs and benefits. Benefits of the ADRC include but are not limited to:

- Efficient Screening and Referral: The HI ADRC Intake process provides a concise indication of individual functional needs supports as well as personal resources available to assist in meeting functional needs.
- Better care for seniors and ease of access for family caregivers: The ADRC is designed to serve as a highly visible and trusted resource agency where people with disabilities of all ages can find information on the full range of long-term support options and can access a single point of entry to public long-term support programs and benefits.
- Comprehensive **individualized** interventions: The HI ADRC Assessment Tool provides in-depth information regarding individual circumstances, needs, and appropriate interventions in twenty-seven (27) Clinical Assessment Protocols (CAPS). When a CAP is “triggered,” there is a clear indication not only that assistance is likely needed, but also **what type of intervention is most appropriate**. For instance, if the Falls CAP is triggered, MCOA staff can determine the likely reason for the risk for a fall and speak with the elder and/or family member regarding appropriate interventions. If the risk of fall is most likely due to poor lighting, for instance, a plan to increase light in poorly illuminated areas would result. Prior to the ADRC tool implementation, MCOA knew that seniors in general were at risk for falls, but we had no way to clearly identify which senior risked a fall and what intervention would most likely result in reducing that risk of a fall. This type of data allows MCOA to better focus interventions. In short, the ADRC Assessment tools allow MCOA personnel to **effectively target interventions** resulting in a much **more efficient use of public funds**.
- Increased AAA capacity to target services to those most at need: Through the Intake and Assessment process, MCOA gathers functional and financial data that assists employees in effectively and efficiently identifying those individuals who demonstrate the greatest need. The HI ADRC Assessment process allows the identification of those individuals at the lowest income and highest risk. The

Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended in 2016, tasks Area Agencies on Aging to target services to older individuals with: greatest economic need; greatest social need; those at risk for institutional placement; low-income minority older individuals; older individuals with limited English proficiency; and older individuals residing in rural areas. The ADRC tools allow us to easily comply with this federal requirement and thereby utilize public funds in the most efficient manner.

- Ease of access to Quality Improvement Information: Through the ADRC information system, MCOA now has a means to track the actual success of services in helping seniors remain at home. For example, the Assessment tool identifies those individuals who have a CAPS trigger for Institutional Risk. AAAs using the ADRC system can now quantify the number of individuals who continue to live in the community through support of home and community-based services. This ability to objectively quantify the effectiveness of service delivery in order to ensure the best use of public funds has not been present in Hawaii previously.

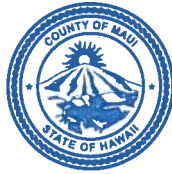
Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP): The State is mandated to ensure that vulnerable seniors residing in facilities receive assistance in ensuring the safety and adequacy of such facilities. This is accomplished through the LTCOP that is described in the Older Americans Act of 1965 most recently amended in 2016. The LTCOP is responsible to visit each facility four times per year. We know that individuals residing in facilities and their family members often experience high levels of vulnerability thereby making even the task of suggesting small improvements difficult for residents. They wonder if staff members will somehow retaliate. The LTCOP personnel are charged with maintaining effective relationships with both facility staff and administrators as well as with residents and family members so that facilities maintain a consistently emotionally safe and physically healthy environment. Each county in Hawaii must have adequate LTCOP representation in order to meet the requirements of the Older Americans Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony for this measure.

ALAN M. ARAKAWA
Mayor

WILLIAM R. SPENCE
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COUNTY OF MAUI
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING

Hearing Date: March 29, 2017

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee
on Ways and Means
Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i

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

SUBJECT: RESTORE KIRC FUNDING IN HB100, HD1

Please accept this testimony in support of providing funding for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) in the State budget.

The Governor's Request included a direct appropriation for personnel and resources for the continued restoration and management of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve (Reserve), which includes the island of Kaho`olawe and 90 square miles of its surrounding waters. This funding was removed during the House Committee on Finance's review of HB 100.

As the Chair and Maui County representative for the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC), I can attest to the urgency and importance of restoring this secure source of funding. Those of you who have been able to visit Kaho`olawe would hopefully agree.

When the State accepted the return of Kaho`olawe from the United States, it clearly accepted the responsibility to preserve and manage the Reserve while holding it as part of the public land trust until the island and its waters are transferred to the native Hawaiian sovereign entity. The terms of this acceptance were also stated in the federally-mandated Kaho`olawe Island Conveyance Commission final report to Congress in 1993: "in the short term, federal funds will provide the bulk of the program support for specific soil conservation projects and related activities. ***In the longer term, however, state revenues will be needed to continue and enhance those activities initiated with federal funds***" (emphasis added). This funding responsibility, therefore, belongs to the State.

With 25 percent of the island remaining uncleared of unexploded ordnance, a round-the-clock 24/7 presence on Kaho`olawe is needed to ensure the protection of the general public. KIRC's Restoration, Ocean Resources and Cultural programs have made great strides in restoring and protecting Kaho`olawe's native ecosystems and cultural resources, which benefit all of Hawai'i's people. Thousands of volunteers from throughout the state have contributed to

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these efforts over the years; their work should be honored by providing support for these programs to continue. These activities warrant secure state support for them to continue.

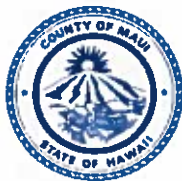
Inclusion of funding for KIRC personnel in HB100, HD1 will fulfill the State's commitment to restore and protect the Reserve; your support will be sincerely appreciated.

Mahalo for your consideration,



MICHELE MCLEAN
Deputy Planning Director, County of Maui
Chair, Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

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**Testimony of County of Maui Department of Water Supply
Supporting Funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
Watershed and Invasive Species Programs
in H.B. 100 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30AM, Room 211**

Aloha Legislators,

The County of Maui Department of Water Supply (DWS) strongly supports funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR) and Department of Agriculture's invasive species and watershed protection programs for watershed management, CIP fencing work, and invasive species prevention, control, research, and education programs and activities.

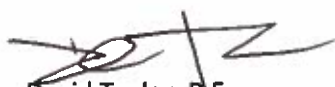
The DWS recognizes the critical role watershed protection plays in ensuring the availability of a clean and plentiful water supply to residents and visitors of Maui County. Since 1997, the DWS has provided over \$16.5 million dollars of funding to a total of 54 watershed partners. The partners represent a diverse group from the private and business sectors, nonprofit organizations, schools and various levels of government. The DWS continues to support the watershed partnerships through its annual watershed grant program.

The DWS recognizes that it is unable to meet all of the financial needs required to fully support the important work of the watershed partnerships. For example, the DWS is unable to provide additional financial assistance to support the partnerships in covering costs associated with ongoing operations and maintenance of watershed protection efforts carried out on State owned and privately owned lands. The DWS is also unable to further financially support the watershed partnerships in times of emergency, such as when damage resulting from storms requires repairs to or replacement of fencing. The DWS supports the reinstatement of CIP funding previously struck from the House Budget, including an additional \$500,000 in the overall budget to address increased operating costs of watershed protection and \$7,500,000 (\$15,000,000 over the biennium) related to fencing projects for watershed partnerships.

The DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife's budget request seeks base operating and CIP funding for the protection of our native forests, which are the source of nearly all the islands' supply of fresh water. The watershed protection and invasive species programs supported with State funds and leveraged several times over with matching funds from county, federal and private sources help to ensure healthy, managed natural resources that are critical for isolated island chains such as Hawai'i.

Thank you for your support.

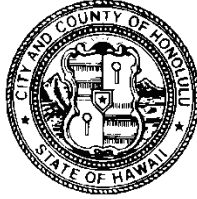
Sincerely,


David Taylor, P.E.
Director of Water Supply

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March 29, 2017

TO: THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR
THE HONORABLE DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, VICE CHAIR
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

FROM: NALANI AKI, COUNTY EXECUTIVE ON AGING
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR HTH904 FUNDING IN HB 100, HD1 RELATING TO
THE STATE BUDGET

The Elderly Affairs Division (EAD) is the designated Area Agency on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Center for the island of Oahu. EAD operates in accordance with the Older Americans Act of 1965 and develops comprehensive and coordinated systems of care that assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities.

HTH904 includes funding for important services that are essential to maintaining the health and welfare of our most vulnerable seniors and their caregivers.

The Kupuna Care program provides services that support the needs of the increasing older adult population in Hawaii. EAD coordinates advocacy efforts on behalf of elders, encourages partnerships to improve and expand services, and contracts with agencies to provide services to seniors and their caregivers. These services assist frail older adults who cannot live at home without adequate help from family or formal services. Services include adult day care, attendant care, case management, chore, home-delivered meals, homemaker, personal care, and transportation.

Annually, EAD serves an estimated total of 2,600 seniors, with at least one Kupuna Care service. There are approximately 208,000 older adults, age 60 years and older, residing on Oahu, representing 21.1% of the population. From 2009 to 2015, Oahu's older adult population grew 18.5%, with an annual growth rate of 2.32%. Further, 27,000 older adults are 85 years and older, with 55% reportedly having 2 to 4 health conditions. By 2030, the State's Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism projects that the population of 85 years or older, which has the highest rate of debilitating medical conditions, will increase by 35.6% to 40,000.

THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR
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The supplemental State funds EAD has received have not kept pace with the growing population of frail elders residing on Oahu. Although we are grateful for the support provided by the Legislature, we are equally concerned with the growing need of our seniors and the significant decreases in funding allotments. Currently, there are 310 seniors waiting for meals and 200 waiting for homemaker assistance. Although the funds contained in this bill will allow EAD to maintain these much needed services, this will prevent us from serving those who are waiting. Help for our *kupuna* is needed now more than ever.

This bill under HTH904 also includes funding for the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), a program that provides older adults, their caregivers, and persons with disabilities with a single access point to information, and it improves access to and the utilization of community-based long term services and supports. The funding included in this bill is essential to maintain the health and welfare of our most vulnerable seniors and their caregivers, and provides a streamlined process for those we serve. Therefore, we strongly support funds designated for HTH904.

The ADRC is outlined in the Federal Older Americans Act (OAA) as amended in 2006. Its vision is “to have Aging and Disability Resource Centers in every community...where people of all incomes and ages can turn for information on the full range of long-term support options and a single point of entry for access to public long-term support programs and benefits.” EAD operationalized the ADRC model on July 1, 2015, and has provided over 17,000 options counseling sessions to older adults, caregivers, their family members and the general public.

Last year, concerns were raised regarding the implementation and readiness of the Honolulu ADRC, the timeliness of assessments being completed, and consumer satisfaction. Therefore, in response to a requirement by the Legislature, the State Executive Office on Aging (EOA) conducted an independent review of each County, a total of four ADRCs.

With regard to the implementation and readiness assessment, Honolulu met nine of the ten criteria evaluated. EAD, in partnership with our service provider agencies, accomplished this level of compliance within our first year of implementation.

During the period of EOA’s review (August 15, 2016 through October 25, 2016), EAD conducted 387 assessments for new consumers. Of those assessments, 97 were completed within one day of contacting EAD and 50% or 194 consumers were completed within six days.

In addition, over 90% of Honolulu ADRC consumers agreed or strongly agreed that they were satisfied with their ADRC experience. The comments and feedback received will assist in improving our ADRC operations. The funding provided by this bill will allow EAD to continue to serve as the single access point for information on long term services and support.

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EAD supports the allocation of funds for the Kupuna Care program and ADRC for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

We ask the Committee on Ways and Means to support funding of these vital programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.



Testimony of
Kirk Saiki, P.E.
Manager and Chief Engineer
Before the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Thursday, March 29, 2017
9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

March 28, 2017

The Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda
24th Senatorial District
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means

RE: HB 100 HD1, RELATING TO STATE BUDGET

The County of Kaua'i, Department of Water (DOW), respectfully submits this testimony **supporting** the full restoration of the original funding levels for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) in House Bill 100 (HB100) for watershed management, CIP fencing work, invasive species prevention, control, research, and education programs and activities.

DOW is a member of the Kaua'i Watershed Alliance and we recognize the necessity of natural resource stewardship. We understand that the source of our water is a system of healthy forested watersheds which capture rain and cloud moisture and deliver it efficiently to aquifers and surface sources for subsequent consumption in our daily lives and for the benefit of our island economy.

The DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife's budget request seeks base operating and CIP funding for the protection of our native forests, which are the source of nearly all the islands' supply of fresh water. The watershed protection and invasive species programs supported with State funds and leveraged several times over with matching funds from county, federal and private sources help to ensure healthy, managed natural resources that are critical for isolated island chains such as Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,

Kirk Saiki P.E.
Manager and Chief Engineer

CC: Honorable Bernard P. Carvalho, Mayor, County of Kaua'i
Sherman Shiraishi, Chairperson, Kaua'i Board of Water Supply
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The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
and Members
Committee on Ways and Means
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 207
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813


Dear Chair Tokuda and Members:

Subject: House Bill 100, House Draft 1 Relating to the State Budget

We support the appropriation of funds to support the Department of Land and Natural Resources budget request for watershed management, Capital Improvement Project fencing work, and invasive species control. The protection of our forested watersheds will ensure groundwater and surface water resources are sustained.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony on House Bill 100, House Draft 1.

Very truly yours,


ERNEST Y. W. LAU, P.E.
f Manager and Chief Engineer



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

3/29/2017 at 9:30 AM in Room 211
HB100 HD1 – Relating to the State Budget

TESTIMONY — COMMENTS
Corie Tanida, Executive Director, Common Cause Hawaii

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the committee:

Common Cause Hawaii has comments on HB100 HD1 which would appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement budgets for fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

One of Common Cause Hawaii’s biggest concerns is ensuring that the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund (HECF), which supports Hawaii’s partial public funding program, is sustainable. The concept for the HECF emerged during the 1978 Constitutional Convention as Article II, Section 5 of the Hawaii State Constitution. The legislature was directed to “establish a campaign fund to be used for partial public financing of campaigns of the State and its political subdivisions,” and so the fund was established by the 1979 Hawaii State Legislature.

Although the HECF was created to fund Hawaii’s partial public funding program, in 1997, the Campaign Spending Commission’s general operating expenses was moved from general funds to the HECF.

The balance in the HECF fund has been declining steadily over the past several years, due to the Campaign Spending Commission relying on the fund to support nearly all of its operating expenses. Based on financial data presented by the Campaign Spending Commission’s website, revenue is not enough to offset its operating cost:

Fiscal Year	Beginning Balance	Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance	Difference
2010	\$5,078,353.47	\$288,977.14	\$718,208.74	\$4,649,121.87	(\$429,231.60)
2011	\$4,649,121.87	\$374,051.45	\$881,957.12	\$4,141,216.20	(\$507,905.67)
2012	\$4,141,216.20	\$73,527.79	\$790,035.44	\$3,424,708.55	(\$716,507.65)
2013	\$3,424,708.55	\$257,182.61	\$745,747.36	\$2,936,143.80	(\$488,564.75)
2014	\$2,936,143.80	\$224,620.81	\$620,208.43	\$2,540,556.18	(\$395,587.62)
2015	\$2,540,556.18	\$212,342.48	\$884,717.80	\$1,868,180.86	(\$672,375.32)
2016	\$1,868,180.86	\$336,709.37	\$691,588.83	\$1,513,301.40	(\$354,879.46)

With a fund balance of just over \$1 million left, this indicates the present approach to financing operating costs is not sustainable. We believe that it is inappropriate to have an agency funded by a special fund— particularly one that does not have a steady stream of revenue that significantly recoups its general operating expenses.

Thus we encourage the committee to include the Campaign Spending Commission’s operating expenses, including staff salaries and fringe benefits in the state budget. We must ensure the Hawaii Campaign Spending Commission is

a sustainable agency, and we must preserve the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund, as specified in the Hawaii State Constitution.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer **comments on HB100 HD1**.

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March 24, 2017

The Senate
Committee on Ways and Means
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
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Honorable Senators:

I am writing you in support of increased funding for the HI Growth Initiative, HB100, HD1.

Stafford Capital Partners, invests and administers the Hawai'i Targeted Investment Program (HiTIP) on behalf of the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Hawai'i. The HiTIP program shares HI Growth's objective to support and grow the Hawaii entrepreneurial ecosystem. A longer-term objective of both programs is to strengthen and diversify the Hawaiian economy.

The HI Growth program has been one of the critical drivers of initiatives to jumpstart Hawaii's entrepreneurial ecosystem.

HI Growth provided the anchor financing for several of the local award winning accelerators. Accelerators, by their very design, support nascent companies at a key stage when capital and support can be hardest to acquire. Many of the graduate companies from the accelerators are in the process of executing on their business plans and growing their businesses.

Two businesses that graduated from the HI Growth supported Blue Startups incubator received follow-on investments from mainland venture capital firms through the HiTIP program. These investments highlight that Hawaiian companies can be competitive on a national scale. It is difficult to see how these investments would have been possible without the support that HI Growth provided to launch the incubators.

HSDC is a demonstrated and valued partner in HiTIP's effort to increase capital availability to deserving Hawaii based businesses. We strongly support this budget request to fund the HI Growth Initiative.

Please feel free to reach out if there is any information we can provide or questions that we can answer.

Mahalo for your time.

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Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Hearing: Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 am
Room 211

Support for HB 100 - Relating to the State Budget

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

Aloha. Thank you for supporting conservation and our natural and cultural heritage in Hawai'i. Please help us continue that important work by making sure the funding priorities listed below are included in HB 100. While some of the important funding priorities listed below remain in HB 100 HD 1, others were cut from the bill.

The funding priorities listed below will protect our essential watersheds and water sources, 'ohi'a lehua forests, and habitats for rare and endangered Hawaiian species. These priorities will also support the Legacy Land Conservation Program – which funds the acquisition of lands of natural, cultural, agricultural, recreational, and historic significance, including open space, and public access – and the continued restoration of Kaho'olawe.

Governor Ige's request for the following Division of Forestry and Wildlife funding priorities:

- \$4.75M Hawai'i Invasive Species Council programs
- \$2.4M Watershed Partnerships Program
- \$1M Rapid 'Ohi'a Death research
- \$500K watershed protection/WPs
- 500K Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC, which funds the islands' invasive species committees)
- \$7.5M CIP money for watershed fences (\$15M over the biennium).

Governor Ige's request for the Legacy Land Conservation Program

- A one-time restoration of \$2,228,250 of lapsed funding from FY15 to the Legacy Land Conservation Program so that pending projects are not shortchange, including lo'i kalo preservation in Ke'anae on Maui and the birthplace of Mary Kawena Pukui at Waikapuna on Hawai'i.
- A permanent spending ceiling increase of \$1.7M for the Legacy Land Conservation Program.

Governor Ige's request for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

- A KIRC staff position. Please restore this critical funding so that the KIRC can continue its innovative restoration of Kaho'olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai'i. The mission of KIRC is to implement the vision for Kaho'olawe Island in which the kino (body) of Kaho'olawe is restored and na po'e o Hawai'i (the people of Hawai'i) care for the land.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Marjorie Ziegler



Hinahina on Kaho'olawe

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March 23, 2017

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

Reef Capital Ventures would like to express our **strong support** for increased funding for the **HI Growth Initiative via BED 145 Sequence #100-001**, as proposed in Governor Ige's budget.

The HI Growth Initiative has been instrumental in jumpstarting Hawaii's entrepreneurial ecosystem and supporting its development into the vibrant community it is today. All of these activities were catalyzed by the strategic investments of the HI Growth Initiative. The entrepreneurial ecosystem has experienced immense growth thanks to these investments, as well as others in the development of workforce and infrastructure for an innovation economy. These distinct, but complementary efforts include the 80/80 Initiative as well as University of Hawaii's slate of technical and entrepreneurial programs. The growth and development of Hawaii's innovation economy are further supported and championed by the Hawaii Business Roundtable and Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, as evidenced by their respective reports over the last couple of years.

As a Hawaii-based fund and member of the Startup Paradise community, Reef Capital Ventures is committed to investing in and helping to keep innovative startup businesses growing and profitable here in Hawaii.

Continued funding of the HI Growth Initiative is paramount to the expansion of Hawaii's innovation economy. Venture capital is a necessary source of capital for innovative startups, allowing them to grow and scale. The HI Growth Initiative will continue to help make more of this type of capital available to Hawaii startups, as well as continue to invest in the critical components necessary for our innovation economy.

We humbly ask for your continued support of the HI Growth Initiative. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lauren Primiano".

Lauren Primiano
Managing Partner
Reef Capital Ventures



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HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

**TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conf. Room 211**

**RE: SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 0100, HOUSE DRAFT 1, RELATING
TO THE STATE BUDGET (REINSTATEMENT OF ADULT DENTAL
COVERAGE FOR MEDICAID ENROLLEES -- HMS401)**

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

My name is Robert Hirokawa and I am the Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), a 501(c)(3) organization established to advocate for, expand access to, and sustain high quality care through the statewide network of Community Health Centers (Federally Qualified Health Center) throughout the State of Hawaii. The HPCA urges the reinstatement of adult dental coverage for Medicaid enrollees by funding the Governor's request under Line Item HMS401 of House Bill No. 100.

The reinstatement of adult dental benefits to Medicaid enrollees is a priority of the Ige Administration, and as such, general fund appropriations in the amounts of \$4,704,480 for fiscal year 2017-2018, and \$9,408,960 for fiscal year 2018-2019, have been requested in House Bill No. 100, Line Item HMS401. Staying consistent with our position from last year, the HPCA supports funding in these amounts.

When House Bill No. 100 was reported by the House Committee on Finance in the form House Draft 1, the funding for adult dental coverage for Medicaid enrollees was removed. (See, H Budget Worksheet, page 392, SEQ # 91-001).

Be that as it may, recent circumstances have prompted the HPCA to further clarify its position concerning the reinstatement of adult dental benefits for Medicaid enrollees. In 2013, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals opined in *California Association of Rural Health Clinics v. Toby Douglas, Director of the California Department of Health Care Services*, (2013 WL 5184355 (Ninth Cir. 2013)), that California legislation eliminating coverage for certain healthcare services, including adult dental, podiatry, optometry, and chiropractic services, conflicted with the Medicaid Act and was therefore invalid.

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As in *Douglas*, we contend that the provision of adult dental services at a FQHC is an entitlement that necessitates coverage under Hawaii's Medicaid Program. To initiate discussions that would address the entitlement recognized by the Ninth Circuit in *Douglas* while staying consistent with our position to reinstate the level of benefits provided prior to 2009, we suggest as a starting point the amount requested by Governor Ige in House Bill No. 100 (HMS401), be reduced to the percentage of adult Medicaid patients served in Hawaii's FQHCs, or approximately 33 percent. While this does not address claims that may result from the denial of benefits since 2009, at the very minimum, it would seek to address the situation moving forward. And should the Legislature in its wisdom agree to fund adult dental services at 2009 benefit levels at FQHCs, benefit levels or expansion of coverage could be a matter of discussion at a later time.

However, the reduced amount proposed should be construed solely as a potential "floor" of the benefits entitled under the *Douglas* decision. HPCA continues to support full reinstatement of adult dental coverage to all Medicaid enrollees and not just those who utilize services provided at FQHCs.

In addition, please note that we expect that the reinstatement of these much-needed benefits will result in an increase in utilization. There are many people in urgent need of dental services right now who are probably not coming to FQHCs because of the limited dental services that FQHCs can presently afford to offer.

For these reasons we **SUPPORT** House Bill No. 0100 and urge your favorable consideration of our request.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TESTIMONY ON HB 100, HD1: RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Support for funding in:

- **HMS 222, 100-001:** Funds for ongoing rental subsidies for the homeless in the State Rent Supplement Program at the Hawaii Public Housing Authority; adds 7 permanent positions for State Rent Supplement Program: \$7,000,000
- **HMS 224, 100-001:** Funds for Housing First Program: \$3,000,000
- **HMS 224, 101-001:** Funds for homeless outreach: \$1,500,000
 - Including \$300,000 for youth outreach
- **HMS 224, 102-001:** Funds for Rapid Rehousing: \$2,500,000
- **HMS 224, 151-001:** Funds for legal services to homeless: \$ 500,000
- **HTH 420, 100-001:** Funds for homeless individuals with serious and persistent mental health challenges: \$1,000,000
- **HTH 440, 105-001:** Funds for outreach and counseling services for chronically homeless individuals and families with severe substance use disorders: \$ 800,000
 - Includes \$200,000 for a LEAD pilot project
- **BED 160:** Rental Housing Revolving Fund infusion: \$50,000,000 (CIP)
- **BED 160:** 902 Alder Street, Honolulu, Oahu Project: \$15,000,000 (CIP)
- **HMS 220:** Hawaii Public Housing Authority for housing development, improvements, renovations, statewide: \$50,000,000 (CIP)
- **HMS 220:** Public housing vacant unit repairs/renovations, statewide: \$4 million (CIP)
- **HMS 220:** Public housing security improvements, statewide: \$5 million (CIP)

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

FROM: Terrence L. Walsh, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer

Hearing: **Wednesday, March 29, 2017; 9:30 AM; CR 211**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in strong support of the funding levels listed above, for HB 100, HD1 which will make a significant impact on ending homelessness in Hawaii.** I am Terry Walsh, with Catholic Charities Hawai'i. We are also a member of Partners in Care.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawai'i for over 60 years. CCH has programs serving elders, children, developmentally disabled, homeless and immigrants. Our mission is to provide services and advocacy for the most vulnerable in Hawai'i. Ending homelessness is a top priority for 2017.

We must implement targeted strategies that provide a coordinated approach to ending homelessness. There are many missing pieces in HD1. We urge your Committee to continue the development of a comprehensive, targeted system to prevent and end homeless. With your help, we could make the pieces finally come together in this bill.



Hawaii is #1 in the nation for the number of homeless per capita. More people are falling through the cracks in Hawaii. Our families are in crisis—more than 25% of homeless households have fallen into homelessness simply because they were short of money to pay their rent. 54% of all renter households are cost burdened, paying more than 30% of their income for rent. About 3,200 homeless school aged children (aged 5-17) lived with their families per the 2016 Point in Time Count. When you add younger children, families are attempting to care for thousands of kids on our streets. Unaccompanied youth are in crisis and at high risk when they become homeless. 30% of all juvenile arrests in Hawaii are for running away—averaging **4,493 per year!** More than 700 youth live on our streets; many are sexually exploited, assaulted, arrested, lonely and depressed, and unable to attend school. 30% of homeless individuals are mentally ill and about 20% of the homeless have substance abuse disorders. They are at high risk and experience crises living on the streets. High healthcare and emergency room costs often result from being homeless.

The first step is Outreach: Intensive and more strategic outreach is needed to address homeless encampments as well as those visible in neighborhoods, in caves, etc. Neighbor Island as well as Oahu providers are struggling to reach out to the increasing number of unsheltered homeless. **Catholic Charities Hawai'i supports funding to the Department of Human Services (HMS224) and the Department of Health (HTH 420 and 440)** to reach out to the homeless, provide counseling and housing navigation, and other programs. We support targeted outreach to meet the special needs of the mentally ill, substance abusers, and street kids. We also support funding for civil legal services to help homeless people resolve roadblocks to obtaining housing. Without this legal assistance, many people may remain stuck in homelessness.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i supports diverting the homeless from the criminal justice system to services. The proposed new DOH pilot project for Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) can build on other successful programs, such as Seattle's, which found that 82% of participants were homeless and 40% became housed. Instead of arresting a homeless person for a low level offense, a police officer could offer the person a chance to meet with a counselor/social worker. Last year, of the 16,000 arrests on Oahu, 61% involved people who were severely mentally ill or abusing drugs. Moreover, 43% of detainees in HPD's central cell block were homeless. This bill could divert many from the criminal justice system and help to unclog the courts. Over 20 agencies are in the LEAD Hawaii Hui, seeking to start this successful program here.

Second: **The missing piece to solving homelessness has been initiatives for the chronic homeless and rental subsidies to quickly move people into permanent rentals. This bill proposes three KEY solutions.**

We support funding for Housing First (HMS224), statewide. The \$1.5 M in federal funds allocated in HD1 is troublesome, since no federal funds are currently available. We urge full funding of \$3 million so that Housing First can be implemented on the Neighbor Islands and current residents not be put at risk of becoming homeless again. We had no successful model for the chronically homeless before Housing First. Now, \$3 million for housing subsidies with intensive wrap around services will house more than 230 people (in 175 households) in FY 17,

statewide. We must continue this program with its exceptionally high retention rate of 98.1%, within the base budget of DHS. Data shows that Housing First can result in great public cost savings. UH Center on the Family found that there was a 43% reduction in healthcare costs after just 6 months in State Housing First. Extrapolated across the 500 people estimated to be served by City/State programs this year, this is **nearly \$2.3 million per month in public cost savings.**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i further supports preventing homelessness through short term help with rent for rapid rehousing (HMS224). The recent "emergency funding" to Aloha United Way and its network of providers proved that this strategy works! In December 2016, court cases for evictions on Oahu are down 25% since the AUW program began in April 2016. The program has helped over 1,400 household containing over 4,300 individuals to avoid homelessness with an average cost of \$2,148 per household to rapidly rehouse homeless families, and an average cost of \$2,364 per household to prevent an eviction. HB 100 funds will help stop the flow into homelessness.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i also supports for ongoing rental subsidies for people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. We support funding to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HMS222) for the State Rent Supplement Program at an appropriate level to reflect time needed for a major expansion in this program. Sustained subsidies are a key to ending homelessness for working homeless, seniors on social security, etc. who experience a gap between their incomes and Hawaii's rents. Almost 20% of homeless families are working. We can rapidly move them off the streets into permanent housing with this shallow, but ongoing subsidy, allowing kids to have stable schooling and homeless to achieve self-sufficiency.

Thirdly, we must create more affordable rental units! Oahu rents soared 23% in 3 years (2012 to 2015). Hawaii needs about 13,500 units for households earning 80% and below the Area Median Income (AMI). Typically these are rental units. To end homelessness, to keep our kids in Hawaii after graduation, to keep our seniors in decent housing, and to give hope to young families, we must dedicate significant resources each year to solve our affordable housing crisis.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i supports \$50-\$75 million to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF), (BED160). This fund has produced 5,880 units as of 6/30/16. The Hawaii Housing and Development Corporation (HHFDC) **recently received \$181 million** in requests to build new affordable rentals, but they only currently have \$125 million to award. HHFDC needs **\$354 million in FY 2018-19 to meet** demand (could build 3,300 affordable rentals). Developers are ready and able to build affordable housing if the state steps up its funding.

We also support **\$15 million for the Alder Street project** (BED160). Funding this juvenile service center and shelter is critical to address the tragedy of our youth who face perilous and life-threatening situations. This funding would also enable the first TOD project in urban Honolulu to move forward, providing 180 units of affordable family rental housing in the urban core. It could provide a model for Transit Oriented Development (TOD) and collaboration of government entities to achieve multiple important State objectives!

Lastly, we also support **funding to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA) (HMS220) for housing development and improvements, and repair/renovation of public housing units as well as to provide security.** HPHA units are especially critical since they can address extremely low-income families who are homeless. There are few other resources for this population. These units offer rental subsidies so families pay just 30% of their income for rent. HPHA operates over 85 properties housing over 6,100 families (more than 20,000 individuals). Their aging housing stock requires this funding to ensure the security, health and safety of the residents in public housing.

Thank you for considering these key steps to solving homelessness. Please contact our Legislative Liaison, Betty Lou Larson, at 373-0356, or at bettylou.larson@catholiccharitieshawaii.org, if you have any questions.

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Waikiki Health

March 23, 2017

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

And members of the Committee on Ways and Means

Testimony in Support of HB 100 HD1 Relating to the State Budget

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN), a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, is writing in strong support for multiple items in HB 100 Relating to the State Budget

Hawaii's homeless population includes runaway and homeless youth who are living on the streets without support or guidance from their families. They are the most vulnerable segment of our homeless population because they are children who have not completed their education, lack employment experience, and their brain development is not yet complete.

HYSN strongly supports the following items currently in the budget, which have the potential to reduce youth and young adult homelessness:

HMS 224, 102-001: Funds for Rapid Rehousing

HMS 224, 101-001: Funds for homeless outreach, including \$300,000 for homeless youth

HYSN recommends restoring the following items to the budget that were in the budget submitted by Governor Ige:

HMS 222, 100-001: Funds for ongoing rental subsidies for the homeless in the State Rent Supplement Program

HMS 420 100-001 Funds for homeless individuals with serious and persistent mental health challenges

HMS 440 105-001 Funds for outreach and counseling services for chronically homeless individuals and families with severe substance abuse disorders.

What happens to youth who are living on the street? Many trade sex for the resources they need for survival – food, money, a safe place to sleep.

Homeless youth experience significant health challenges. Compared to their peers, they are:

- Twice as likely to get sick, be hospitalized, and go hungry.
- 7 times as likely to die from AIDS; 16 times as likely to be diagnosed w11 times as likely to experience mental health problems.
- 3 times as likely to experience major depression, conduct disorder, and PTSD.
- About 75% of homeless teens use drugs or alcohol as a means to self-medicate to deal with the traumatic experiences and abuse they face.

Safety is a constant concern:

- Trauma and rape rates among unaccompanied youth are 2-3 higher than those of the general youth population.
- A U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services study found that 46% of homeless youth left home because of physical abuse. 17% left because of sexual abuse.
- 5,000 street youth die every year because of assault, illness, or suicide.
- More likely to be the victim of a crime rather than the perpetrator.

Most unaccompanied youth practice unsafe sexual practices:

- 33% of teens will be lured into prostitution within 48 hours of leaving home.
- Average age of entry into prostitution is 14.
- 95% of homeless youth have engaged in sexual intercourse.
- Over 33% report exchanging in sex for food, shelter, or drugs.
- About 50% of street youth have had a pregnancy experience.

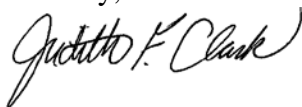
Street outreach is the first step in helping these youth leave the streets for safer and more appropriate living situations. Reuniting youth with their families, if it is safe for them, is the first choice, with placement in foster care or other out-of-home care if the family is not able to care for the youth. Workers build trusting relationships and convince youth to accept help to leave the streets, while helping them meet their immediate survival needs.

Young adults, ages 18 – 24, face many housing challenges and could benefit from rapid re-housing and rent supplement programs that can be provided through this appropriation. Typically, they work at low-wage jobs while trying to complete a GED, attend college, or participate in a vocational training program. This includes young adults who have emancipated from foster care or are participating in the Imua Kakou Program (voluntary care to age 21). Ensuring that these young adults have stable, safe housing during this critical period can provide the foundation that will enable them to be self-supporting for a lifetime.

If we want Hawaii's youth to grow up safe, healthy and ready to succeed, we must reach out to our homeless adolescents and end youth homelessness.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Judith F. Clark, MPH
Executive Director



Testimony of the Maui Invasive Species Committee
Supporting Funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
Watershed and Invasive Species Programs
in H.B. 100 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30AM, Room 211

The Maui Invasive Species Committee is in strong support of funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR) and Department of Agriculture's invasive species and watershed protection programs.

Invasive species affect everyone. Our water supply is at risk because invasive plants decrease aquifer recharge, increase runoff and erosion, and transpire more water than native species. Locally grown crops are attacked by pests and diseases, like coffee berry borer which was recently found on East Maui. Our health and well-being can be harmed by invasive animals like coqui frogs, little fire ants, and semi-slug; a known carrier of rat lungworm also recently found on East Maui. However, we recognize that together we can make a difference.

The Maui Invasive Species Committee (MISC) works in natural areas, agricultural lands and residential communities to prevent, detect, and control the establishment and spread of invasive species threats to the environment, economy, and quality of life in Hawai'i. With a staff of over 40, MISC's work not only benefits our environment and economy but provides career opportunities for local residents on Maui and Moloka'i. Most employees are graduates of local schools. Having meaningful career options allows residents to "stay home" rather than seek employment off-island.

In 2016, MISC worked on 51 invasive species. Two species warranted special attention: coqui frogs and little fire ant. We are at a critical juncture with coqui on Maui. Significant county support has helped MISC ramp-up efforts and stem the tide in the Māliko Gulch area, but efforts need to be sustained if not increased to eradicate the frogs; which now cover four miles of a steeply sided drainage and surrounding community. Additional resources are also needed to augment work on little fire ants, including control at a new infestation in Kapalua and expanded control of the Nahiku infestation. These are both major, multi-year efforts. If coqui frogs or little fire ants spread unchecked from their known locations, efforts to contain them elsewhere on the island will become impossible.

Thank you for recognizing the importance of taking swift and meaningful action now, to protect all of Hawai'i from the harm of invasive species. The DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife's budget request seeks essential funding for invasive species and watershed protection programs. We leverage these funds several times over with matching funds from county, federal and private sources which helps meet our collective goals.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Adam Radford, Manager



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Hawaii Island Business Plan Competition

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March 22, 2017

Support for HB 100 HD1 (BED 145 -- The HI Growth Initiative (Sequence 100-001))

I'm a successful Hawaii entrepreneur. I developed the world's first SPF Shrimp Broodstock Company. It was based at NELHA in Kona. Over 20 years, we received State support from 9 HISBIR grants. These were vital to developing our business, which we sold to an Asian multinational in 2012.

Last year I started the Hawaii Island Business Plan Competition (HIplan) as a community service project. It's hosted by UH Hilo and Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce. 49 Big Island based small businesses entered the contest. Following a 3-stage process, we awarded the \$25,000 prize to Ono Queens, a Puna-based bee breeder. We received donations from both public and private sources and HSDC was a donor. We will convene HIplan2017 at NELHA next fall. HIplan is intended to develop Hawaii's entrepreneurial ecosystem - a vital investment - and the best way to develop good jobs for our young people and UH Hilo grads.

I strongly support increased funding for the HI Growth Initiative. HI Growth has been instrumental in jumpstarting Hawaii's entrepreneurial ecosystem to develop a vibrant community. Hawaii's private sector sees value in supporting innovation and has participated as investors in several local startups and investment funds. A 2016 UHERO report showed the HI Growth Initiative produced a 12X leverage on state dollars. **For all these reasons, we strongly support BED 145 -- The HI Growth Initiative (Sequence 100-001) – HI Growth Initiative.**

Best regards

Jim Wyban PhD
Chairman HIplan

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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Budget Requests for
Watershed, Invasive Species, and Legacy Land Conservation Programs
H.B. 100 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30AM, Room 211

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of the lands and waters upon which life depends. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands in Hawai'i. We manage 40,000 acres in 14 preserves and work in 19 coastal communities to help protect the near-shore reefs and waters of the main Hawaiian Islands. We forge partnerships with government, private parties and communities to protect Hawai'i's important watershed forests and coral reefs.

The Nature Conservancy supports the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget requests for:

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT (LNR172, 402, 407): Base general funding plus \$7.5m CIP funds to provide long-term protection for watershed forests across the islands.

INVASIVE SPECIES (LNR402): \$5.25m for the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council to address the worst pest threats to Hawai'i's economy, environment and quality of life; and an additional \$1.0m to address the extreme threat of Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death.

LEGACY LAND PROTECTION (LNR101): Requested spending ceiling increase to help protect priority coastal, agricultural, historic, cultural, forest, and recreational resources.

AQUATIC RESOURCES (LNR401): Base general funding and staff support to address the health and productivity of Hawai'i's marine resources, including planning and strategies for sustainable fisheries management, coral reef bleaching recovery, and to work with more than two-dozen coastal communities statewide seeking to assist DLNR with care and management of these resources.

CONSERVATION ENFORCEMENT (LNR405): Funding for the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (LNR405) to operate permanent community fisheries enforcement units on four islands.

These budget items contribute to the resilience, sustainability and continued health of our islands' environment, economy, and quality of life. Thank you for appreciating the critical importance of protecting our limited and exhaustible natural resources so that they will continue to support us with fresh water, productive fisheries and farmlands, cultural treasures, and a healthy lifestyle.



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South Kona koa forest before and after fencing and animal control.



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

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

From: Paula Yoshioka, Senior Vice President, The Queen's Health Systems
Date: March 24, 2017
Hrg: Senate Committee on Ways and Means Hearing; Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 9:30AM
in Room 211

Re: **Support for Statewide Telehealth Pilot Project in HB 100, HD1, Relating to the State Budget (HTH 907/Seq. 105-001)**

My name is Paula Yoshioka, and I am a Senior Vice President at The Queen's Health Systems (QHS). We would like to express our **support** for sequence #105-001 of HB 100, HD1, Relating to the State Budget, Executive Worksheets page 580. This budget request is a priority for the Hawaii Department of Health (refer to department strategic plan Objective B1) for \$150,000 to fund 1.0 full-time equivalent telehealth coordinator and operating funds for a neighbor island telehealth pilot program.

At QHS we recognize the importance of expanding access to care through telecommunication technologies. We now operate statewide with a four hospital system: The Queen's Medical Center – Punchbowl, The Queen's Medical Center – West Oahu, Molokai General Hospital, and North Hawaii Community Hospital. It is our desire to expand health care access beyond Oahu where our trauma and tertiary/quaternary services are located at QMC Punchbowl. Telehealth programs assist with connecting our four hospitals and allow our health care workers to provide care to patients in their local communities.

The pilot program seeks to improve health care access for a major public hospital in a rural area by linking patients and providers to specialists on Oahu, as well as to link even more distant health facilities to the medical center in real time to replicate an in-person office visit. Recent legislation assuring equivalent reimbursement from insurers for telehealth visits and other reforms (Act 226 SLH 2016 and Act 159 SLH 2014) will contribute to financial sustainability.

We are supportive of state efforts to increase access to care in rural and underserved parts of the state through telehealth and we are in strong support for this appropriation to the Department of Health.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

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.



Written Statement of
Robbie Melton
Executive Director & CEO
High Technology Development Corporation
before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, March 29, 2017
9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
HB100 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

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

The High Technology Development Corporation (HTDC) **supports** HB100 HD1 that appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

As part of HTDC's vision to create 80,000 new innovation jobs in Hawaii earning \$80,000 or more by 2030, HTDC programs and new initiatives have grown significantly. HTDC leverages federal contracts (HCATT and INNOVATE Hawaii) and private sector sponsors to deliver good value to the State for the programs and services we offer. HTDC just completed its 2016 Client Economic Impact Survey with 150 companies reporting a total of \$388MM in revenue, \$156MM in income, \$27MM in state taxes generated with at total \$619MM economic impact. These companies received nearly \$12 MM in investment and \$37MM in federal SBIR funding.

In 2016, HTDC implemented 5 new programs and is working with 6 agencies to create new infrastructure that will increase the number of high wage jobs throughout Hawaii. HTDC does not have enough staff to support all of the partnerships and the projects. Therefore HTDC is requesting restoring funding for two 0.5 positions, #102275 (Special Projects Coordinator) and #102460 (COO/Industry Info Specialist).

The general funded 50% of these existing positions have been unfunded for 4 years. The executive budget changes the positions into 100% special funded positions. To fund the positions 100% through HTDC's special fund at current revenues would put HTDC into a negative cash flow.

HTDC requests that the general funded 50% of the positions be restored.

Restoring these positions would allow HTDC to hire experienced staff to move the projects to a successful outcome. The positions are urgently needed to help in facilitating the infrastructure projects and moving other projects forward to successful completion

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



THE SENATE
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
Wednesday, March 29, 2017
9:30 AM
Conference Room 211

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

RE: **HB 100, HD1 RELATING TO STATE BUDGET**

AARP is a membership organization of people age fifty and over with nearly 150,000 members in Hawaii. AARP advocates and provides information on issues that matter to our kupuna and their families, including affordable, accessible, quality healthcare, financial resiliency, and livable communities.

HB 100, HD 1 appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

AARP Hawaii supports HB 100, HD 1 relating to the Executive Office on Aging's operating budget, page 27-28, item 25 for HTH 904. However, we respectfully request re-inserting funds for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 for Kupuna Care (\$4,145,695) and the Aging and Disability Resource Center (\$1,700,000). Having the full appropriation amount of \$13,497,952 for both FY 2017-18 and FY 2018-19 would support:

- An increase to the base budget for Kupuna Care (request for \$4.1 million, total \$9 million)
- An increase to the base budget for Aging and Disability Resource Center (request for \$1.7 million, total \$3.3 million)
- An increase in funding for the Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman (\$157,168)

Including the entire amount for these vital safety net programs and services in the base budget for both fiscal years would help ensure future stability and quicker release of funds to reduce delays in services.

The Kupuna Care program helps older adults continue living at home by providing services such as transportation, personal care, home-delivered meals, case-management and attendant and

AARP Hawaii – HB 100, HD 1 (continue)

home-maker which support their daily needs to remain healthy and independent as possible. The additional funds support the growing number of elders who need the care to remain in their homes.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is the one-stop shop to access long term care information and resources which help families find services that are appropriate to care for their loved ones. All four counties operate an ADRC through the county Area Agency on Aging. The requested funds support and sustain the ADRC operations in these respective counties.

Funding for the Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman would provide additional support for all four counties. The \$157,168 appropriation would fund a full time position for Oahu, three neighbor islands contracts to support long term care facility visits, counseling and/or investigating complaints, volunteer coordination activities and trainings and for program operating expenses (e.g. travel, mileage, postage, etc.).

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAI'I

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

FROM: Terrence L. Walsh, President and Chief Executive Officer

DATE: Wednesday, March 29 2017 (9:30 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **HB 100, HD1, Relating to the State Budget**
Regarding HTH501

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing Home and Community-based Medicaid Waiver services for individuals with developmental disabilities/intellectual disabilities since 1995.

CCH supports the funding in HB 100, HD1 for the Developmental Disabilities Division (HTH501). In particular:

- **Seq # 101-001, Rebased Provider Payment Rates**
(\$2.75M in FY2018 and \$7.12M in FY2019)

The DD Division responsibly engaged in an extensive rate study upon which a new provider payment rate schedule has been developed. This updates the current payment schedule and aligns with the changes in the recently approved Medicaid Waiver amendment.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i asks for your support to ensure that quality community-based care can be provided for individuals with developmental disabilities/intellectual disabilities.

For more information or questions, please contact Diane Terada, Division Administrator, at 527-4702. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.



Testimony of Stephanie Marie Joe
Supporting Funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
Watershed and Invasive Species Programs
in H.B. 100 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
[Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30AM](#), Room 211

I am in strong support of funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources' and Department of Agriculture's invasive species and watershed protection programs.

We are a partner of the O'ahu Invasive Species Committee that works in natural areas, agricultural lands and communities to prevent, detect, and control the establishment and spread of invasive species threats to the environment, economy, and quality of life in Hawai'i.

They have helped us arrest the spread of devil weed (*Chromolaena odorata*) on Army lands. We have worked with them on a number of invasive species control programs, including coconut rhinoceros beetle and little fire ant detection and control. Their work is essential, as we only have permission to access Army lands while they are able to work on adjacent private land where the species often reside or spill over. Invasive species do not respect property boundaries.

The DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife's budget request seeks essential base operating and CIP funding for invasive species and watershed protection programs that are essential to our quality of life on O'ahu.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephanie M. Joe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the first name.

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PARTNERS IN CARE

Oahu Continuum of Care

Partners in Care is a coalition of Oahu's homeless service providers, government representatives and community stakeholders working together in partnership to end homelessness.

TESTIMONY ON HB 100, HD1: RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

TO: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair; Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair; and Members, Committee on Ways and Means
FROM: Greg Payton, Chair of the Advocacy Committee, Partners in Care
Hearing: Wednesday, 3/29/17; 9:30 am; Room 211

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony **in strong support** of multiple items in HB 100. I am Greg Payton, the Chair of the Advocacy Committee of Partners in Care (PIC).

Partners in Care is a coalition of homeless service providers and many others in the community on Oahu dedicated to ending homelessness. In the past two years on Oahu, we have developed a coordinated entry system to more effectively and strategically help homeless to navigate resources and be linked to housing. HB 100, HD1 is missing some critical funding for the most needed next steps: enhanced Outreach, including diversion of homeless from the criminal justice system (LEAD project) and outreach services to homeless mentally ill persons and substance abusers, fully funding Housing First, and ongoing rental subsidies for working homeless and others to achieve self-sufficiency. Also, significant funding for the creation/maintenance of affordable rental units that are safe and decent are critical to successfully end homelessness. Partners in Care strongly supports \$15 million for the Alder Street project, which is essential to move forward. We urge you to include these critical funding items in the Senate budget.

PIC strongly supports the following funding which will create a range of options to significantly reduced homelessness in our state:

- **HMS 222, 100-001:** Funds for ongoing rental subsidies for the homeless in the State Rent Supplement Program at the Hawaii Public Housing Authority; adds 7 permanent positions for State Rent Supplement Program: \$7,000,000
- **HMS 224, 100-001:** Funds for Housing First Program: \$3,000,000
- **HMS 224, 101-001:** Funds for homeless outreach: \$1,500,000
 - Including \$300,000 for youth outreach
- **HMS 224, 102-001:** Funds for Rapid Rehousing: \$2,500,000
- **HMS 224, 151-001:** Funds for legal services to homeless: \$ 500,000
- **HTH 420, 100-001:** Funds for homeless individuals with serious and persistent mental health challenges: \$1,000,000
- **HTH 440, 105-001:** Funds for outreach and counseling services for chronically homeless individuals and families with severe substance use disorders: \$ 800,000
 - Includes \$200,000 for a LEAD pilot project
- **BED 160:** Rental Housing Revolving Fund infusion: \$50,000,000 (CIP)
- **BED 160:** 902 Alder Street, Honolulu, Oahu Project: \$15,000,000 (CIP)



PARTNERS IN CARE Oahu Continuum of Care

Partners in Care is a coalition of Oahu's homeless service providers, government representatives and community stakeholders working together in partnership to end homelessness.

- **HMS 220:** Hawaii Public Housing Authority for housing development, improvements, renovations, statewide: \$50,000,000 (CIP)
- **HMS 220:** Public housing vacant unit repairs/renovations, statewide: \$4 million (CIP)
- **HMS 220:** Public housing security improvements, statewide: \$5 million (CIP)

Partners in Care urges you to support the above funding, including putting the \$3 million for Housing First in the base budget of the Department of Human Services. **HD1 allocates \$1.5 million in federal funds but these funds are not now available.** In the future, the wrap around services may be possible from a Medicaid waiver but for now we need to continue the funding, especially to provide services on the Neighbor Islands. After more than a decade, chronically homeless people are finally successfully entering permanent housing with Housing First. This program not only addresses the most visible homeless on our streets, it can save millions in public costs. The 2016 UH Center on the Family study found a 43% drop in healthcare costs after just 6 months for homeless in a state Housing First program, resulting in savings of about \$4,590 per person per month. If extrapolated out to the 500 people estimated to be serviced by City/State HF programs this year, this **saves nearly \$2.3 million per month in public costs.** .

Partners in Care also wants to highlight the importance of the Alder Street Project: The \$15 million for the Alder Street project would provide the juvenile service center and shelter that is essential to help turn around the lives of these children. Additionally, with this funding in place, the State could proceed with a 180 unit affordable family rental project. Family rentals in the urban core would help the State reach its goal to produce 22,500 affordable rental units in the next 10 years. It would also provide a model for transit oriented development on state lands.

Partners in Care further highlights the strategic importance of funding for Rapid Rehousing and ongoing shallow rent subsidies to the homeless. Short term help with rent can prevent families from falling into homelessness. From April 2016, when Aloha United Way and its partner service providers began offering this help, to December 2016, **court cases for evictions on Oahu decreased by 25%!** We must stop the flow INTO homelessness.

Ongoing rent subsidies are also essential to rapidly house homeless who linger on the streets simply due to their low incomes. Almost 20% of homeless families are working. Seniors and disabled have stable incomes but homeless like these are priced out of the housing market. They are ready to rent, without need for intensive services, but need an ongoing shallow rent subsidy to fill the gap between their incomes and Hawaii's rents. The State Rent Supplement Program can provide this rental assistance to quickly move these homeless into permanent housing. Besides funding for subsidies, HPHA needs the additional seven positions requested in the budget to serve the influx of homeless and quickly enable the subsidies to flow to landlords to house the homeless.

We are in a crisis which is an opportunity to take new and innovative steps to solve homelessness.

We thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to ending homelessness. Please contact me at (808) 529-4554 or gpayton@mhkhawaii.org if you have any questions.

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Testimony for WAM on Mar 29, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tyler Teruya	Wahiawa General Hospital	Support	No

Comments: I am submitting testimony in support of bridge funding for Wahiawa General Hospital. Wahiawa General is a safety- net hospital serving central and North Shore Oahu with acute, emergency and long-tern care services. This funding will assist the hospital in turning around the negative financial performance of the past, and put it on a path of sustainability. To transition over the next three years to a new, sustainable business model, Wahiawa General Hospital needs to have bridge funding from the State through whatever funding mechanism the Legislature determines is appropriate. Critical bridge funding for Wahiawa General Hospital includes operating funds of \$2,000,000 for charity care, physician services and pension expenses, and CIP funds of \$1.5 M for its top three priorities (i.e., planning, design, and construction funds for roof replacements, a new chiller plant, medical equipment, and other capital projects). By providing capital and operating funds, this hospital can continue to care for the upper third of Oahu Wahiawa General Hospital appreciates the Legislature’s continued support of our essential hospital. Mahalo, Tyler Teruya

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Bringing back the birds

24 March 2017

Testimony of *American Bird Conservancy* to
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Supporting H.B. 100 HD 1, Relating to the State Budget
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 09:30, Room 211

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

American Bird Conservancy strongly supports H.B. 100 HD 1, particularly the proposed funding to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for watershed management, CIP fencing work, and invasive species prevention, control, research, and education programs and activities.

American Bird Conservancy (ABC) is a 501(c)(3) national non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of wild native birds and their habitats throughout the Americas. Founded in 1994, ABC is the only U.S. based group dedicated solely to overcoming the greatest threats facing native birds in the Western Hemisphere. Because of Hawai'i's overwhelming needs, ABC created a division in 2009 focused on protecting, managing, and restoring critical habitat for some of Hawai'i's most endangered birds. We have productively engaged with the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Forestry and Wildlife on multiple projects throughout the state. ABC has been pleased to work with the State to leverage their funds several times over with matching funds from other foundations, private donors, and federal sources to protect and ensure the survival of Hawai'i's priceless native species.

Hawaiian forests are internationally renowned for their unique and precious native species, especially their birds. Hawai'i is the avian extinction capital of the world, and our native forests and watersheds provide significant habitat for our remaining native species. One of the biggest threats to Hawaiian forests, and the critical watersheds they protect and sustain, is the destructive impacts of invasive species. With increased management and protection, supported by the funding in H.B 100 HD 1, these forests could provide even better habitat. These stewardship costs are relatively small, while the potential biological and cultural losses from not protecting them at this critical juncture are huge. The Governor and DLNR are to be commended for seeking the funds necessary to implement these management actions to ensure that future generations can experience native Hawaiian animals and plants.

Governor Ige's requested funding will protect watersheds, particularly the 'ōhi'a forests, and habitat for our rare and endangered species. It will provide base operating and capital improvement project funding to the DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife for the protection of our native forests, which are home to most of our native birds, and also the source of nearly all the islands' fresh water. An earlier version of the bill had additional funds for watershed fencing to protect these fragile forests from the non-native mammals, such as pigs, goats, and sheep, that destroy the native plants and



Shaping the future for birds

degrade the entire watershed. **ABC urges you to replace these funds and fully support the CIP funding of watershed fences.**

The Governor's budget will also support the Legacy Land Conservation Program which is critical for acquiring lands with significant natural, cultural, historic, and recreational importance. The Governor's request also includes funds for a position with the Kaho'olawe Islands Reserve Commission. Kaho'olawe is invaluable to the culture and history of Hawai'i, but it has also has incredible biological potential. The restoration of this island will provide immense conservation value for the state's seabirds, as well as other native species. **We urge you to fund both these components of the budget, and help protect Hawai'i's birds, plants, and all species for the future.**

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this important decision. Aloha –

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**Supporting Funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
Watershed and Invasive Species Programs
in H.B. 100 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30AM, Room 211**

The O'ahu Invasive Species Committee supports the DOFAW priorities in H.B. 100, namely:

- \$4.75m for Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC) programs
- \$2.4m for Watershed Partnerships Program
- \$1m for research on Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death (ROD).
- An additional \$500,000 for watershed protection/WPs
- An additional \$500,000 for HISC
- \$7.5m CIP money for watershed fences (\$15m over the biennium).

We are happy to see \$4.75 million for HISC programs, \$2.4 million for the Watershed Partnerships Program and \$1m for ROD research still in the budget bill. We would encourage the Committee to retain the additional \$500,000 for HISC and watershed protection as well as the CIP money for fences.

OISC is a grantee of the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council and we are grateful for the support we have received from the Legislature over the years. With support from HISC, OISC field crews have surveyed 84,119 acres for *Miconia calvescens*, a watershed destroying tree that could damage the natural infrastructure of our watersheds. Since 2002, we have removed a total of 24,694 trees. The number of mature trees per acre on O'ahu has dropped 96% between 2002 and 2016. Despite this good progress however, our resources are continually stretched because new invasive species continue to arrive to the island. We must find the resources to deal with these new threats while keeping up the progress we have made with the species we are already managing.

The native forest forms a natural watershed infrastructure that filters rain, directs fog condensation into the aquifer and holds soil in place. The programs described above will protect that natural infrastructure, preventing costly engineering fixes and ensuring the island's water supply for future generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



Lana'i Changes

Community Economic Development
Nonprofit Hui

- **Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means**
- **Submitted by Lana'i Changes**
- **Comments on portions of HB100 - Relating to the State Budget**
- **Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 AM**

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

We are writing to comment on a component of the Governor's Budget. Item number 40 proposes to fund "Construction for new restrooms near the gates and other related improvements" [emphasis supplied.] For the past four years, we have hoped to see a simple fix at our island's airport — a place for residents, hunters, construction workers and guests to buy a cup of coffee and find even a small snack. We have tried to communicate with both the Airports Division of the Department of Transportation and the DOT itself — without any response other than a vague "wait; we're working on a master plan."

This funding proposed by the Governor for our airport should include a very specific address to this issue. It is not enough to spend taxpayer dollars so that guests aren't inconvenienced by having to go back through security to use a bathroom. There are frequent delays at this airport (we are currently served only by one airline), necessitating long waits. There should be an opportunity to make available some kind of food and drink; preferably provided by a local business.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Lana'i Changes
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West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership

March 23, 2017

Strongly Supporting Funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
Watershed and Invasive Species Programs
in H.B. 100 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30AM, Room 211

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Aloha Legislators,

The landowners and managers of the West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership **strongly support** H.B. 100 funding for watershed management, CIP fencing, as well as, invasive species prevention, control, research, and education activities. Please also see testimony submitted in support of provisions within this bill by Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson, Suzanne Case.

Watershed Partners

County of Maui

Dept. of Land &
Natural Resources

Kahoma Land
Holdings, LLC

Ka'anapali Land
Company, LLC

Kahoma Land, LLC

Kamehameha Schools

Makila Land Co., LLC

Maui County
Department of Water
Supply

Maui Land &
Pineapple
Company Inc

Wailuku Water Co.
LLC

The Nature
Conservancy

In addition to supporting retained funding provisions in HB 100, we also seek the reinstatement of the following line items:

- \$500k for watershed/WPs
- \$500k for HISC
- 7.5m in CIP money for watershed fences (15m over the biennium)

These provisions will help cover cost increases and provide critical operating funds for watershed protection. The CIP request will help WP's meet the Governor's goals and prove to limit further invasive species degradation costs in the long term. The more we protect now, the less we will have to reforest or remove spreading invasive species later.

Since our beginning in 1998, we have constructed over 22 miles of fence which protects over 29,000 acres of prime source water recharge areas. We have seen firsthand and proven how our work is allowing the forest to recover. In the past two years alone we have increased our management footprint by 11%. Moving forward, we need support to fence and prevent further degradation to the remaining 39% of prime watershed lands.

These lands and their native cover capture rain and cloud moisture and deliver it efficiently to aquifers and surface sources. Subsequent consumption enhances every aspect of our daily lives and benefits all sectors of our island economy. Further, these funds are leveraged at least 3 times over with county, federal and private sources to further stimulate our economy and provide local jobs.



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Testimony on HB 100 HD1
Relating to State Budget

Senate Committee on Ways and Means
March 29th, 2017
9:30am
Conference Room 211

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

Subject: House Bill (HB) 100 HD1 Relating to State Budget

At One World One Water we are dedicated to reinvesting in water infrastructure and restoring natural environments, and **we strongly support HB 100 HD1** and the budget allocations of \$2.4M for Watershed Partnerships Programs, the additional request of \$500,000 for watershed protection, and \$7.5M CIP funds for watershed fences. Freshwater resources are already constrained in Hawaii and will only become more limited as climate change persists, meaning we must act now to promote natural water recharge. Watersheds act as a beautiful, green water purifier, making them especially important to preserve. Watersheds are priceless to Hawaii's culture, economy, and environment, and the funds requested in this bill will help preserve them for generations to come.

As an organization committed to improving the quality and efficiency of our global water systems and resources, **we ask your support of HB100 HD1** to invest in Hawaii's future.

Please contact us at globalwater@gmail.com should you have any questions or require additional information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,
One World One Water

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March 28, 2017

**The Senate Ways and Means Committee
Hearing on House Bill 100, HD1
Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 9:30 A.M.**

Bo Kahui,
La'i'Opua 2020, Executive Director
Homesteaders/ Director, Villages of La'i'Opua
Native Hawaiian Beneficiary

Subject: Funding Support of \$2.6M for North Kona Exploratory Water Source Development

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Ways And Means (WAM) Committee

As the Executive Director of the La'i'Opua 2020, and original lease holder of the Villages La'i'Opua Homestead Association from 1998, La'i'Opua 2020 and it's partners is requesting Ways & Means Committee to support the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands Budget to provide funding of \$2,625,000 to fund Phase One- North Kona Exploratory Water Source development project. This request is matched by La'i'Opua 2020's eligibility for a USDA Rural Utility Service grant of up to 45% the project cost or \$5.625M. The North Kona Water Source development project is estimated to cost \$12.5M dollars with a State total contribution of \$6,875,000.

Today, I'm here representing our La'i'Opua 2020 Board and Homestead beneficiaries and our partners requesting WAM to support the funding of Phase One- North Kona Water Source Development request of \$2.625M for the initial exploratory well development.

Over the last 9 years, La'i'Opua 2020 has work diligently with State, Federal, and private partnerships to bridge our funding for our community center development initiative and capacity for our programs and services. To date, we have constructed a 1500 sq. ft Kau I Ka Malie Multi Media Technology & Cultural Center, a 11,000 sq. ft medical & dental facility. Also, La'i'Opua 2020 recently received \$1.5M in New Market Tax Credit and we are pad ready for the construction of our 13,000 sq. ft La'i'Opua Community Center facility which will begin in 2 weeks. This water source project is significant to the community facilities improvements in La'i'Opua.

In addition, its important to note that today, the Hawaii Island application wait list is the largest in the State with 14,768 applicants on the waitlist. More importantly, close to 40% or 5,732 native Hawaiian beneficiaries are seeking a residential home across Hawaii Island. The recent DHHL request for Proposal for the construction of 163 "rent to own units" provide native Hawaiian beneficiaries hope and opportunities to become homeowners. But water is needed for more housing construction.

However, the potential to reduce the “residential waitlist” and increase the opportunity for beneficiary homeownership is affected by the lack of water units. In fact, due to the Department’s lack of water units, the Departments recourse was to build ½ of Village IV and forego the construction of the Village 4 Park which the Villagers of La’i’Opua had been waiting for since 2000, 17 years ago

La’i’Opua 2020 Board of Directors adopted the attached resolution to express its serious concerns related to the lack of water source for the future of the Villages of La’i’Opua homesteads development for housing and parks, and L2020’s community facilities development.

We, the La’i’Opua 2020 Board of Directors has worked over 26 months to find a solution for water source development. We are working with a landowner who’s expressed his pledge to offer his property for water source exploration and well development; The State’s renown hydrologist recommended this site as excellent with having 95% chance of water; USDA Rural Utilities Service has qualified L2020 as eligible up to 45% the project cost for a USDA RUS grant. Lastly, the Department has no water exploration plans that we are aware of nor does it has any water on its lands.

Therefore, on behalf La’i’Opua 2020 Board of Directors. Partners and stakeholders, we humbly and respectfully submit to the Ways And Means Committee request to take action to adopt this water source initiative and provide support funding of \$2.625M for the initial Phase-One North Kona Exploratory Well development.

Bo Kahui^{BK}
Executive Director
La’i’Opua 2020

CC:	Governor Ige	Mike McCartney, Governor COS
	Sen. Josh Green	Rep. Nicole Lowen
	William Aila, DHHL- Deputy	Norman Saskamoto, DHHL-LDD
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	Keith Okamoto, Director-DWS	Villages of La’i’Opua Association Board
	L2020 Board of Directors	Land Owner

Attachments:

L2020 Board Resolution 05132016
North Kona Water Source CIP Request
Site Map

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RESOLUTION 05122016

DHHL WATER SOURCE DEVELOPMENT FUNDING SUPPORT

The Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, enacted by the U.S. Congress to protect and improve the lives of native Hawaiians and created a Hawaiian Homes Commission to administer certain public lands, called Hawaiian Home Lands, for homesteads.

La'i'Opua 2020 (L2020), a native Hawaiian beneficiary nonprofit corporation supporting the Villages of La'i'Opua Homestead Association is seeking funding support of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) for the development of a water source on TMK: 7-5-014-001-0000- Holualoa, to provide sufficient water credits/ units for the development of the Villages of La'i'Opua housing program and parks, La'i'Opua 2020 community facilities, and economic development opportunities in the Villages of La'i'Opua, therefore,

Whereas, as part of DHHL's strategic goals, "the trust must also use its lands to generate revenue to financially support the **trust's work of serving beneficiaries**. Current economic times must be considered in the development of new strategies that produce optimal performance of the trust. Developing **partnerships and alliances that provide mutual benefit will enhance the opportunities for success**, and

Whereas, comprised of over 1,000 acres, the Villages of La'i'Opua is a master planned community located north of Kailua-Kona. DHHL owns approximately 572 acres within the villages. The project consists of 14 different villages, single and multi-family residential units, recreational facilities, community facilities, neighborhood commercial complexes, several parks, and several preserve sites, and

Whereas, the November 2009 Kealakehe/ La'i'Opua Regional Plan noted "deficiencies in the availability of water for the full build-out of the Villages of La'i'Opua" and considered water source development a priority. In addition, "at that time, DHHL asserted that partnerships are an effective way to leverage resources and capital investments, mitigate undesirable impacts of development, coordinate area growth, reduce risks in large scale community projects, and create broad community benefits", and

Whereas, DHHL had exhausted all of its water units for any future improvements of the Villages of La'i'Opua, and that all future improvements of the Villages of La'i'Opua Association would be delayed indefinitely, and

Whereas, since 1998, the VOLA members have been waiting for the Village 4 park improvement, which were not included in the recent development package of Villages 4 Hema Housing improvement due to "lack of water units/ credits, and

Whereas L2020 opposes the "temporary use of the proposed Village 4 park as a "boat storage facility", and

Whereas, L2020's mission is to construct community facilities and provide for social, educational, recreational, cultural, and medical services and programs for the native Hawaiian beneficiaries and surrounding communities, and

Whereas, L2020 recently partnered to complete the construction of a health and dental center on homestead lands providing direct family health and dental services and programs for an estimated 33% of the Villagers, and

Whereas, in 2014, the L2020 Board of Director's has made water source development the organization's top priority to support its commercial development, and

Whereas, L2020 secured USDA Rural Utility Service funding of up to 45% the water source development project, and

Whereas, L2020 is in negotiations with a land owner to develop a water source/ well on their land TMK: 7-5-014-001-0000, and

Whereas, the landowner had expressed a commitment to L2020 to provide water to our community facilities development and DHHL's housing program, and

Whereas, L2020 had initiated contact with several consultants to assist L2020 with the required USDA-RUS Environmental Assessment (EA) and Preliminary Engineering reports (PER) , and

Whereas, the PER report will provide L2020 with the necessary cost estimate for the development of the well, and

Whereas, water source development early estimated costs were projected at \$10M, the PER report will provide L2020 and its partners with a detailed construction cost estimate which could be less than the original projected cost, and

Whereas, L2020 is seeking 55% or \$5.5M in funding support from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to leverage with L2020's 45% USDA RUS grant or an estimated \$4.5M, for this water source development project of \$10M, and

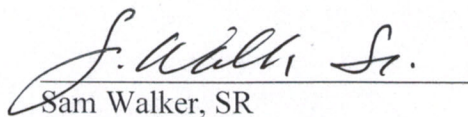
Whereas, DHHL and L2020 shall receive the equivalent number of water credits/ units based upon its pro-rata share of its monetary investment in the water source development project, and

Whereas, this L2020 water source development will provide sufficient water credits/ units to meet the water demands of the DHHL housing program and park improvements, and L2020 Community Facilities and Commercial Center, thus

Be it resolved, the La'i'Opua 2020 Board is Seeking the Funding Support of DHHL for the purpose of providing water for DHHL's housing program and parks, and La'i'Opua 2020's Community Facilities and Commercial development projects,

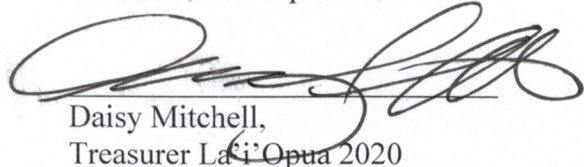
Be it further resolved, the La'i'Opua 2020 Board of Directors is seeking 55% or \$5.5 M funding support by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands for the development of a "water source development project" by La'i'Opua 2020 as provided in Exhibit A, B, C,

Therefore, La'i'Opua 2020 Board of Directors at its regular scheduled monthly meeting on May 12, 2016 approved and adopted this Resolution 05122016. On behalf of the La'i'Opua 2020 Board of Directors, we the undersigned are submitting this resolution.


Sam Walker, SR

President, La'i'Opua 2020

5/12/16
Date


Daisy Mitchell,
Treasurer La'i'Opua 2020

5/12/16
Date

EXHIBIT C
WELL SITE
ENGINEERING PROPOSAL



PROPOSED WAIAHA WELL B SITE PLAN

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Megan Lamson	Hawai'i Wildlife Fund	Support	No

Comments: Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee, Aloha and thank you for supporting conservation and our natural and cultural heritage in Hawai'i. Please help us continue that important work by making sure the funding priorities listed below are included in HB 100. While some of the important funding priorities listed below remain in HB 100 HD 1, others were cut from the bill. Hawai'i Wildlife Fund (HWF) is a small nonprofit organization founded in 1996 that is dedicated to the conservation of native wildlife. We are based out of Paia, Maui and Volcano, Hawai'i and conduct most of our restoration and research projects with community volunteers and island visitors. We are educators, scientists, artists, activists, mothers, fathers, daughters, cultural practitioners, business owners, etc. who have come together to protect the thousands of species of native wildlife that call Hawai'i home. We wholeheartedly agree with the intent of this bill to support state programs that would ensure the long-term health and protection of our natural resources in Hawai'i. The funding priorities listed below will protect our essential watersheds and water sources, 'ohi'a lehua forests, and habitats for rare and endangered Hawaiian species. These priorities will also support the Legacy Land Conservation Program – which funds the acquisition of lands of natural, cultural, agricultural, recreational, and historic significance, including open space, and public access – and the continued restoration of Kaho'olawe. Governor Ige's request for the following Division of Forestry and Wildlife funding priorities: • \$4.75M Hawai'i Invasive Species Council programs • \$2.4M Watershed Partnerships Program • \$1M Rapid 'Ohi'a Death research • \$500K watershed protection/WPs • 500K Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC, which funds the islands' invasive species committees) • \$7.5M CIP money for watershed fences (\$15M over the biennium). Governor Ige's request for the Legacy Land Conservation Program • A one-time restoration of \$2,228,250 of lapsed funding from FY15 to the Legacy Land Conservation Program so that pending projects are not shortchange, including lo'i kalo preservation in Ke'anae on Maui and the birthplace of Mary Kawena Pukui at Waikapuna on Hawai'i. • A permanent spending ceiling increase of \$1.7M for the Legacy Land Conservation Program. Governor Ige's request for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission • A KIRC staff position. Please restore this critical funding so that the KIRC can continue its innovative restoration of Kaho'olawe and keep the

Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai'i. The mission of KIRC is to implement the vision for Kaho'olawe Island in which the kino (body) of Kaho 'olawe is restored and na po'e o Hawai'i (the people of Hawai'i) care for the land. Thank you for this opportunity to testify, your time, and your consideration. Me ka mahalo, Megan

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Testimony of
Christopher Delaunay, Government Relations Manager
Pacific Resource Partnership

THE SENATE
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Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 29, 2017
TIME: 9:30 am
PLACE: Conference Room 211

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

The Pacific Resource Partnership strongly supports the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget request for watershed management, CIP fencing work, and invasive species prevention, control, research, and education programs and activities.

Hawaii's native forest ecosystems are irreplaceable and essential to the availability, quality, and sustainability of our drinking water. Hawaii will lose a valuable resource if these native forests are not protected.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit written testimony.

About PRP

Pacific Resource Partnership (PRP) is a not-for-profit organization that represents the Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters, the largest construction union in the state, and more than 240 of Hawaii's top contractors. Through this unique partnership, PRP has become an influential voice for responsible construction and an advocate for creating a stronger, more sustainable Hawaii in a way that promotes a vibrant economy, creates jobs and enhances the quality of life for all residents.



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March 27, 2017

Testimony of the Friends of Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge

Supporting Funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources

Watershed and Invasive Species Programs in H.B.100 Relating to the State Budget

Senate Committee on Ways & Means

Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 am, Room 211

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The Friends of Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge is a nonprofit organization that was formed to promote and support conservation of native forest ecosystems in Hawaii. To be most effective, we work closely with private and public landowners at the statewide level. In this regard, the role played by the State of Hawaii is critically important.

The Friends of Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge strongly supports the priority budget requests of the Department of Land and Natural Resources included within the General Budget Bill HB100. This funding will make possible more effective control of invasive species and ensure continuity of highly successful watershed management programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Aloha, Layne Yoshida

President

**COMMUNITY COALITION FOR
HAWAII UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE
THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING**

March 25, 2017

To: The members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Re: HB 100 – State Budget
Hearing Date: March 29, 2017 9:30 am WAM Room 211

Please add \$250,000 line item to Department of Budget & Finance
For the Hawaii Health Authority, an attached agency

Hawaii is facing a healthcare crisis. It is internally generated and it's going to get far worse when the Congress amends or repeals the ACA. What will Hawaii do when, not if but when, Congress wipes out Medicaid, which currently insures 360,000 Hawaii residents? That's one out of every four people in Hawaii.

Right now, the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) is the ONLY HAWAII STATE AGENCY that has statutory responsibility to plan for Hawaii's healthcare needs in this rapidly-changing political environment. But it needs the tools to do its job.

That's why **we strongly urge you to add to the Governor's budget a line item for \$250,000 for the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA)**, to help it fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawaii. The HHA was established in 2009. This Legislature wisely attached the HHA to the Department of Budget & Finance precisely to protect it from bureaucratic pressures from the Department of Health.

The HHA is a small, independent policy-planning board to be composed of 9 volunteer members with diverse expertise in medicine and related fields.

This authorization would allow the HHA to hire a full-time Executive Director at up to \$80,000, and to spend additional funds on research, consulting, and other costs to prepare the comprehensive health plan mandated by HRS 322H-2(b), that includes:

- (1) Establishment of eligibility for inclusion in a health plan for all individuals;
- (2) Determination of all reimbursable services to be paid by the authority;
- (3) Determination of all approved providers of services in a health plan for all individuals;
- (4) Evaluation of health care and cost effectiveness of all aspects of a health plan for all individuals; and
- (5) Establishment of a budget for a health plan for all individuals in the State.

This is a huge task, and \$250,000 would be a bargain amount to get this done. The HHA's oversight task is ESSENTIAL to repair our unsustainable status quo where we have needless expense, waste, and compromised care. The purpose of the HHA is to research and plan comprehensive universal healthcare as a strategic alternative to the current system. **We can't lose the only State agency that is specifically designed to propose innovative solutions to already imminent and likely intractable problems.** Currently, Hawaii's

healthcare system already has major problems from multiple directions. These include, but are hardly limited to, the following:

- Under federal ACA and MACRA laws, doctors are being pressured to restrict and deny necessary care, and from assuming responsibility to care for sicker, more complex, and socially disadvantaged patients;
- The system is creating equally perverse counter-incentives of “pay-for-performance” and risk-adjustment that burden doctors with excessive documentation and data-management demands;
- The system is increasing costs for both providers and payers (Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance) where physicians and office staff must:
 - Spend more than 15 hours per week on “quality” measures and reporting;
 - Spend more than \$40,000 per MD per year on “quality” measures and reporting;
 - Spend twice as much time paying attention to computers as to patients;
 - Respond to measures, most of which have little to do with actual quality of care;
- There are pressures to replace fee-for-service systems with “value-based” payment, shifting insurance risk onto doctors and hospitals, so they have a financial incentive to restrict care; and
- Insurers are tightening pharmaceutical formulary restrictions and prior authorizations for drugs and imaging, adding more barriers to care.

These problems have resulted in the following, in Hawaii, in rapidly increasing effects in just the past couple of years. Your constituents will confirm this to you:

- Rapid loss of physicians from private practice, especially in Hawaii where 2/3 were in individual and small-group practices prior to the ACA, leading to:
 - Premature retirement
 - Leaving the state
 - Taking administrative jobs and jobs with hospitals and big health systems, to avoid insurer micromanagement of patient care
- Patients losing access to doctors in out-patient settings, an accelerating problem:
 - October 2016: 31% of Oahu primary care practices closed to all new patients, double the rate of the previous year;
 - 47% closed to new Medicare patients, with even more refusing new Medicaid;
- More care pushed to ERs and hospitals for those who can't get care elsewhere;
- Epidemic of physician burnout – at 55% in December 2015 and rising annually;
- Rising cost (premiums, deductibles, co-pays), less access, and **health system collapse!**

For all these reasons, Hawaii must follow through with the well-planned procedures set out in HRS Chapter 322H to develop a system that will stop the cost-explosion, and begin cost-containment. The HHA is the ONLY AGENCY that can streamline health planning and policy management through careful planning and analysis. And, frankly, bills to make Obamacare part of Hawaii's state law – SB 403 and HB 552 – won't solve these problems.

Please add \$250,000 to the budget of the Department of Budget and Finance for the Hawaii Health Authority, so that it may proceed to plan for a comprehensive universal healthcare system. Thank you for your kind attention to this serious and pressing issue, and for your foresight in considering our plea.

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The Trust For Public Land's Testimony Opposing HB 100, HD 1 Relating To The State Budget

Senate Committee on Ways & Means, Conf. Room 211
Wednesday, March 28, 2017, 9:00 a.m.

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

The Trust for Public Land opposes HB 100, HD 1 where the House budget worksheets disagree with the Governor's recommendations for a one-time and permanent spending ceiling increase for the Department of Land and Natural Resource's Legacy Land Conservation Program (LNR 101), funded by up to 10% of the state's real estate conveyance tax. We also oppose other HD 1's disagreement with other DLNR/DOFAW budget requests discussed below.

Legacy Land Conservation Program

We strongly support the Governor's request for a one time increase of the Legacy Land Conservation Program (LNR 101) spending ceiling of \$2,228,250 for FY18 to restore FY15 lapsed funds and a permanent \$1.7 million increase to keep pace with rising land prices.

FY18	\$9,028,250 spending ceiling (\$5.1 million existing spending ceiling limit + \$2,228,250 FY15 restoration + \$1.7 million permanent increase)
FY19 & later	\$6.8 million spending ceiling (\$5.1 existing spending ceiling limit + \$1.7 million permanent increase)

One time increase needed. In the last few years, the Legislature has imposed a \$5.1 million annual spending ceiling on the up to 10% conveyance tax allocation allowed for the Legacy Land Conservation Program. Multiple DLNR program vacancies inadvertently resulted in a failure to timely encumber FY15 funds for approved projects (also approved by the Senate President and Speaker of the House) -- a total of \$2,228,250. These monies remain in the Legacy Land Conservation Fund, but are unspent and are not appropriated for other purposes. If this one-time restoration does not occur, current projects will not be funded, including a taro lo'i project in Ke'anae on Maui and the birthplace of Mary Kawena Pukui at Waipuna on Hawai'i Island.

Permanent increase needed. In addition, the Governor/DLNR is requesting a permanent spending ceiling increase of \$1.7 million for FY18 and subsequent years. The permanent increase is needed because: (1) there are many more worthy projects (the majority from the neighbor islands) that apply for funding than there is funding available, (2) delays in securing Legacy funding are jeopardizing substantial matching federal and private funds, and (3) the program must keep pace with rising land prices (which also increase the real estate conveyance taxes; although revenues from the real estate conveyance tax have increased, the spending ceiling has not).



Other DLNR/DOFAW Budget Requests

The Trust for Public Land also strongly supports restoring the Governor's requests for funding for DLNR to manage the watersheds that secure clean drinking water for all. The House draft of the budget bill removed requests in the Governor's budget for the following, which we ask to be reinstated:

- \$4.75m Hawai'i Invasive Species Council programs
- \$2.4m Watershed Partnerships Program
- \$1m Rapid 'Ohi'a Death research
- \$500k watershed protection/WPs
- \$500k Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC, which funds the islands' invasive species committees)
- \$7.5m CIP money for watershed fences (\$15m over the biennium).

The demand for freshwater on O'ahu alone is expected to increase by 26 percent between 2010 and 2030, and increasing population and tourism will stress existing water supplies, particularly on Maui. The Watershed Partnerships are made up of major landowners, state and county officials, and other stakeholders in our islands watersheds. They work together to improve watershed quality and retention by fencing critical watershed areas, removing threats to the watershed, and restoring native vegetation.

Unmanaged areas are devoid of protective cover vegetation and rooted down to the soil, causing erosion and limiting groundwater recharge. Invasive species displace natives, and do not as effectively recharge the watershed as native species. Fencing and invasive species controls are critical to ensuring an ample supply of clean fresh drinking water now and for the future. 'Ohi'a is a keystone native species for watersheds and cultural practice. Containing the spread of Rapid 'Ohi'a Death and finding a cure is vitally important to Hawai'i and its future.

We also support Governor Ige's request to restore a staff position at the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission so that the Commission can continue the restoration of Kaho'olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify. I regret that I cannot make attend the hearing in person due to a prior commitment.

Me ke aloha,


Lea Hong
Hawaiian Islands State Director
Edmund C. Olson Trust Fellow

LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM

O'AHU	MAUI, MOLOKA'I, LĀNA'I, KAHO'OLAWA, KAUA'I	HAWAI'I ISLAND	
1) Ka Iwi Coast Mauka Lands Acres: 181.14 Grant Amount: \$1,000,000	1) Pua'ahala Watershed Acquisition, Moloka'i Acres: 800 Grant Amount: \$855,625	1) Wai'opae Tidepools Acres: 322.167 Grant Amount: \$1,330,000	12) Kawa II Acres: 550.871 Grant Amount: \$1,500,000
2) Pūpūkea Mauka Acres: 3,716 Grant Amount: \$416,125	2) Kalua'aha Ranch Conservation Easement, Moloka'i Acres: 969 Grant Amount: \$500,000	2) Kuamo'o Acres: 47 Grant Amount: \$3,000,000	13) Kawa I Acres: 234.293 Grant Amount: \$1,214,750
3) Helemano Wilderness Area Acres: 1,613 Grant Amount: \$350,000	3) Kawaikapu, Moloka'i Acres: 196.4 Grant Amount: \$767,976	3) Kahuku Coastal Property Acres: 3127.95 Grant Amount: \$621,245	14) Uchida Farm Acres: 5.536 Grant Amount: \$287,250
4) Ho'oulu Ola, Kalihi Valley Acres: 11.44 Grant Amount: \$900,000	4) Nu'u, Maui Acres: 81.447 Grant Amount: \$994,724	4) Kaiholena South Acres: 34.63 Grant Amount: \$1,449,555	15) Kipuka Kanohina Acres: 3 Grant Amount: \$45,375
5) Hakipu'u Lo'i Kalo Acres: 1.5 Grant Amount: \$350,000	5) Kahanu Garden, Maui Acres: 169.87 Grant Amount: \$1,500,000	5) Kauhola Point Acres: 27.546 Grant Amount: \$975,000	16) Hilo Forest Reserve Acres: 1336.25 Grant Amount: \$380,000
6) Maunawila Heiau Acres: 9.08 Grant Amount: \$650,000	6) Kaluanono at Waipa, Kaua'i Acres: 1.8 Grant Amount: \$398,250	6) Kaiholena Acres: 2.107 Grant Amount: \$1,432,000	
7) Kalauao Valley Acres: 635 Grant Amount: \$192,750	7) Black Pot Beach, Kaua'i Acres: 0.738452 Grant Amount: \$800,000	7) KHS II Acres: 469 Grant Amount: \$255,592	
8) Turtle Bay Mauka Agricultural Lands Acres: 469 Grant Amount: \$1,500,000	8) Kahili Beach, Kaua'i Acres: 20.532 Grant Amount: \$700,000	8) Pao'o Acres: 10.61 Grant Amount: \$945,000	
9) Hāwea heiau and Keawaawa wetland Acres: 5 Grant Amount: \$325,000		9) Lapakahi Acres: 17.05 Grant Amount: \$1,250,000	
10) Turtle Bay Makai Acres: 630 Grant Amount: \$1,500,000 per year		10) Kukuipahu Acres: 7 Grant Amount: \$7,000	
11) Buffer for Ulupo Heiau Acres: 3.44 Grant Amount: \$1,000,000		11) Hamakua Acres: 65.56 Grant Amount: \$450,000	
TOTAL # OF PROJECTS: 11 TOTAL ACRES: 7274.6 TOTAL \$: \$8,183,875	TOTAL # OF PROJECTS: 8 TOTAL ACRES: 2239.79 TOTAL \$: \$6,516,575	TOTAL # OF PROJECTS: 16 TOTAL ACRES: 6,260.57 TOTAL \$: \$15,142,767	

* DOES NOT INCLUDE LAPSED FUNDING

LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM O'AHU/ NEIGHBOR ISLAND COMPARISON

O'AHU	NEIGHBOR ISLANDS
TOTAL # OF PROJECTS: 11	TOTAL # OF PROJECTS: 24
TOTAL ACRES: 7274.6	TOTAL ACRES: 8500.36
TOTAL \$: \$8,183,875	TOTAL \$: \$21,659,342

(completed or pending, including Turtle Bay debt service FY16, without double counting awards from multiple years, e.g. Helemano)

(completed or pending)



East Maui Watershed Partnership

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East Maui
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Testimony of East Maui Watershed Partnership
**Supporting Funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resource's
Watershed and Invasive Species Programs**
in H.B. 100 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30AM, Room 211

East Maui Watershed Partnership (EMWP) strongly supports funding to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for watershed management, CIP fencing work, education programs, and invasive species prevention, control, and research. EMWP urges you to restore the \$7.5 M for CIP fence construction work and additional \$500k for watershed protection work and invasive species removal that was proposed in the previous version of this bill. Please also see testimony submitted in support of provisions within this bill by Department of Land and Natural Resources Chairperson, Suzanne Case.

EMWP is a project of the University of Hawaii Pacific Cooperative Studies Unit. It embodies a collaborative and meaningful conservation effort between county, federal, state, and private landowners to protect East Maui's upland native watersheds. Water is fundamental for life, especially for an isolated island chain like Hawaii. The source of pure water is dependent on a system of healthy forested watersheds. Healthy watersheds capture rain and cloud moisture and deliver it efficiently to aquifers and surface sources for the benefit of our island economy.

The EMWP crew conducts fieldwork across multiple land ownership boundaries, and helps tie together management efforts across the entire 100,000 acre watershed. With funding from the State of Hawaii, which is leveraged with other funding sources, EMWP has constructed over 15 miles of fence and removed feral animals from approximately 12,000 acres of the highest priority watershed areas. The EMWP has also dramatically improved access for Maui's local hunters to the lower, more accessible portions of the watershed to reduce feral animal damage in those areas. The organization is currently maintaining these efforts while also removing priority non-native plant populations in key watershed areas.

Continued support from a diversity of sources is necessary to protect this vital resource. With your support H.B. 100 can provide operating and CIP funding for the continued protection of our native forested watersheds, which are the source of nearly all the islands' supply of fresh water. These programs, which are supported with State funds and then leveraged several times over with matching funds from county, federal and private sources, help to ensure this key resource is properly managed and environmentally and ecologically sound and balanced.

Sincerely,


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Comments: Please honor the Deptmt of Hawaiian Homelands Budget request.

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
WAYS AND MEANS

RE: HB 100, HD 1 - RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29, 2017

COREY ROSENLEE, PRESIDENT
HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii State Teachers Association **supports and requests the following items for HB 100, HD 1**, relating to the state budget.

To begin, we ask you to include the full \$800 million requested by Gov. David Ige for public school capital improvement projects in the state's CIP budget. Hawaii's public school buildings are approximately 65-years-old on average. Facilities are damaged, restrooms and water foundations are in disrepair, classroom windows are broken, and campuses are plagued by rat and insect infestations. Our students, especially those with special needs, are subjected to decrepit infrastructure. Though our state's repair and maintenance backlog has declined, the total cost of lingering projects runs into the hundreds of millions of dollars. Moreover, high-growth areas need new schools, as current facilities surpass their capacity. Campbell High School, for example, now exceeds 3,000 students. The governor's \$800 million CIP request contains \$373.6 million to address classroom capacity issues, \$264.7 million of which is for new schools, including a new secondary school in Kapolei.

Furthermore, we ask you to restore Gov. Ige's requested \$61.7 million in funding for heat abatement. Last year, lawmakers answered the governor's call to cool 1,000 classrooms by appropriating \$100 million for heat abatement. While we had hoped that the \$100 million would extend cooling technology to thousands of classrooms, unexpectedly high procurement bids have limited the reach of the appropriation. As the construction boom contracts and renewable technology is advanced, however, we continue to believe that installations can be performed at well below the current



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cost of \$93,000 per classroom. Nearly 6,000 classrooms will still need heat abatement after the \$100 million is spent. We must not allow students to suffer from unsatisfactory learning conditions and heat-related illness.

Finally, we ask you to reestablish per-pupil funding cut from the executive's revised budget request. In its original budget proposal, the Ige administration requested \$28 million in additional weighted student formula funds, which the governor called "the largest investment at the school level ever." Since the passage of Act 51 in 2004, Hawai'i has experimented with a weighted student formula to equalize school funding. Intended to make funding for public education more equitable, transparent, and decentralized, WSF had the unintended consequence of limiting academic programming for children in small and rural schools. A recent report commissioned by the Hawai'i Department of Education and completed by the American Institutes of Research suggested that "extra support" be provided to schools that are small or isolated to account for the "differential costs of providing an equal opportunity for all students to achieve, regardless of their individual needs or circumstances (such as geographic location)."

WSF funds also cover staffing shortages for classroom teachers and non-classroom positions, like curriculum coordinators and librarians. Additional money could also be spent supporting charter schools, which receive \$7,080 per-pupil for facilities and operational expenses. Inadequate funding often leaves charters to rely on private donations to fund facilities and rent, as operating funds must cover salaries, collective bargaining costs, curricula, school supplies, equipment, and utilities, according to the Hawai'i Public Charter Schools Network. Since facilities and rent comprise approximately 10 percent of charter school budgets, we invite you to allocate additional funds for facilities via the state budget or SB 533, ensuring our charter school students—who often partake of immersive Native Hawaiian cultural learning—are given a chance to succeed.

To give our children a brighter future, we must better fund public education. The Hawaii State Teachers Association asks your committees to **support public education** in the biennium budget bill.

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, March 29, 2017

By
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HB 100, HD1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and members of the committee:

I write in support of the appropriation for the UH Cancer Center in the original version of HB 100.

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

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

The UH Cancer Center works to reduce the burden of cancer through research and patient care. The UH Cancer Center annually enrolls more than 300 patients in new clinical trials. Currently there are about 100 ongoing clinical trials enrolling both adults and children. These clinical trials always guarantee the national standard of best care and the opportunity to benefit from a better treatment. The Cancer Center is actively following over 1,000 patients who have enrolled in clinical trials in the past. The Cancer Center is also working on identifying potential cancer drugs from Hawaii's natural resources, including compounds from plants, such as poha berry, noni and sea sponge, all of which have shown promise against cancer. Several patents are pending based on the UH Cancer Center's findings and research.

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

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

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

The funds requested for the UH Cancer Center will be used to reduce the annual shortfall in current operations at the Cancer Center caused by a reduction in the cigarette tax revenue. Cigarette tax revenue is statutorily provided for debt service and (as available) for operations of the facility the Cancer Center occupies in Kaka'ako. Cigarette tax revenue has declined each year since 2009 from approximately \$20 million to approximately \$14.0 million currently. The legislative request will enable the Cancer Center to reduce and, with additional measures that we will take, eliminate the annual operating deficits. It will also enable the Cancer Center to facilitate recruitment of physicians scientists with the expertise to conduct novel, early phase clinical trials. Currently most patients from Hawaii who may be eligible to participate in these trials have to travel to the mainland. Additionally, the funding will enable the expansion of the clinical trials infrastructure for cancer patients on Oahu and permit possible expansion to the neighbor islands. Without the requested funding, not only will the long term sustainability of the UH Cancer Center be negatively impacted, 20 years of investment in improving the health and lives of the people of Hawaii will be lost as discussed in the attached Impact Statement.

In order to be successful so that it can continue to serve the needs of Hawaii's population, we must maintain the NCI designation of Hawaii's cancer center. The incidence of cancer is increasing significantly and may double during the next twenty years, according to recent estimates by the International Agency for Cancer. It is imperative that the UH Cancer Center maintain its NCI designation to foster research relevant to those in Hawai'i and to provide our state's residents with access to the most innovative clinical trials here in Hawai'i, in order to reduce the burden of cancer in our State. No other Cancer Center is going to do the Hawai'i relevant research that is done here.

We respectfully urge this Committee to approve the appropriation for the UH Cancer Center as recommended by the Governor and in the original version of HB 100.

ATTACHMENT TO TESTIMONY OF DR. RANDALL HOLCOMBE
Impact Statement
Executive request for \$5 million annual support of University of Hawai'i Cancer Center – positions and operational support

RE: House Finance Committee budget proposal

The lack of requested funding will have the following consequences:

1. Inability to balance the UH Cancer Center operational budget, impairing the possibility for long term sustainability.
 - a. The Cancer Center receives annual revenue through distribution of a portion of the Cigarette Tax by prior legislative action. The annual distribution, initially at \$19M, is now slightly less than \$14M. However, the Cancer Center has annual infrastructure costs of over \$14M, including but not limited to bond payments, maintenance costs, facilities support and utilities. Thus, the Cancer Center receives no direct support from the State legislature for Cancer Center programs and personnel.
 - b. It is important to understand the following which is a statement from the External Advisory Committee that recently reviewed the UH Cancer Center: *“It will be critical for the UH leadership, the State Legislature, and the community to understand that the “Return on Investment” as a result of the efforts of any NCI Cancer Center does not largely accrue to the Cancer Center proper, but to the University, the community itself and the population the Center serves. In your case, this includes improved health for the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific islands, a positive impact on the economic development and growth in your State, and increased success of the health systems that are part of your consortium. This is an important point, that cancer centers are not financially self-sufficient since their benefits accrue to units outside of the cancer center.”*
 - c. Loss of over 20 years of investment in improving the health of the people of Hawai'i.
 - d. Loss of educational contributions by UH Cancer Center faculty to UH, the State legislature and the community.
2. Lack of the requested funding will imperil the possibility to retain NCI designation. The amount of State support to the UH Cancer Center must be detailed in the renewal application for the NCI P30 grant (the “NCI designation”). The reduction in legislative support from \$19M at the time of the last P30 submission, to the current level of \$14M will result in a failing grade by the NCI site visit team when scoring “Institutional, State and Community Support”. Such a failing grade will be difficult or impossible to overcome and will be a primary reason that NCI designation could be lost.
 - a. Loss of NCI designation will have the following consequences:

- i. Loss of programs that directly benefit the people of Hawai'i such as Cancer Prevention outreach, Hawai'i tumor registry, and the infrastructure for clinical trials for patients with cancer
 - ii. Loss of faculty, along with extramural grant funding that has a 3:1 dollar-for-dollar economic impact on the State of Hawai'i
 - iii. Immediate loss of ~\$5M per year in extramural research funding that is directly tied to the P30 NCI grant. This will equate to the loss of \$25M over the next 5 years.
 - iv. Marked reduction or complete elimination of the \$54M annual positive economic impact that UH Cancer Research contributes to the State of Hawai'i economy
 - b. *It is estimated that additional investment of up to \$300M over 5 years (~\$60M/year) would be needed to regain NCI designation if lost.*
- 3. Inability to maintain the clinical trials infrastructure.
 - a. NCI- and FDA-sponsored clinical trials are considered the highest and best level of care available to patients with cancer. The UH Cancer Center provides the infrastructure for such trials for over 4400 cancer patients annually in the State of Hawai'i in partnership with the Hawai'i Cancer Consortium. Lack of legislative support will imperil the clinical trials infrastructure with the following consequences:
 - i. Loss of access for patients with cancer to the most up-to-date and best cancer care available
 - ii. Loss of cancer prevention outreach to the community that benefits all of the people of the State and includes specific initiatives targeted at Native Hawaiians who have the highest mortality rates from cancer of any ethnic or racial group in the State.
 - b. To re-establish the clinical trials infrastructure, if lost, will require an additional investment of \$10-\$15M.
- 4. Inability to expand the clinical trials infrastructure to neighbor islands.
- 5. Inability to develop novel, early phase, phase 0/I clinical trials capabilities.
 - a. Currently, access to these highly novel clinical trials is unavailable to residents of Hawai'i unless they travel to the Mainland, often for extended periods of time at significant expense.
 - b. The lack of availability of early phase clinical trials limits life-prolonging options for patients with advanced cancer.
 - c. Investment to support the development of novel early phase clinical trials capability was a specific element detailed in the legislative request.
- 6. Inability to recruit faculty researchers to replace prior faculty who have moved to other institutions over the past 5 year.
 - a. This will negatively impact the potential for successful P30 (NCI designation) renewal.



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Testimony of the Hawai'i Fresh Water Council Supporting DLNR Watershed Programs in H.B. 100, HD1 Relating to the State Budget Senate Committee on Ways and Means Wednesday, March 29, 2017 9:30 A.M. Conference Room 211

The Hawaii Fresh Water Initiative strongly supports full restoration of budget allocations of \$2.4M for Watershed Partnerships Programs, an additional request of \$500,000 for watershed protection, and \$7.5M CIP funds for watershed fences to protect and maintain Hawai'i's watershed areas that are the source of our drinking water supply.

The Hawaii Fresh Water Initiative was launched in 2013 and assembled a diverse Fresh Water Council to develop a forward-thinking and consensus-based strategy to increase water security for Hawaii. Our Council jointly and unanimously recommended key strategies and policies with an ultimate goal of creating 100 million gallons per day (mgd) in additional, reliable fresh water capacity by 2030. One of the key strategies to achieve this statewide water goal is to increase water recharge by 30 mgd over the next 15 years by doubling the area of critical protected watersheds to 211,000 acres by 2030. Protecting healthy native forests and intact watersheds are a cost-effective way to protect our water supply in the face of serious challenges.

- **Threat:** Rainfall in Hawai'i has decreased by 18% over the past 30 years—intact forests help us capture more moisture from precipitation and fog drip.
- **Need:** Half of Hawai'i's original watershed forests have been destroyed, and only 13% of those that remain are currently in active protection.
- **Sound Investment:** UHERO has estimated that investing \$43.2M in watershed restoration work in the Ko'olau mountains would result in over \$900M of actual realized water value for O'ahu.

The funding levels originally provided for watershed protection in HB 100 are essential to maintaining progress toward the goal of increasing recharge for the state, and a critical component of a multi-pronged strategy to improve Hawaii's long-term water security.

For these reasons, we strongly support the restoration of allocations of \$2.4M for Watershed Partnerships Programs, the additional request of \$500,000 for watershed protection, and \$7.5M CIP funds for watershed fences into H.B. 100, HD1. We respectfully request that the Ways and Means Committee restore these levels in the budget bill.

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

My name is Sally Kimura and I am the President of the Board of Directors for HAMAKUA HEALTH CENTER, INC. I am requesting that funding be provided in House Bill No. 0100, House Draft 1, to reinstate adult dental services for Medicaid enrollees in the State of Hawaii by funding the Governor's request for Line Item HMS401.

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This issue is of special importance to all community health centers because a majority provide dental services. Between 2007 and 2015, the number of patients receiving dental care at community health centers more than doubled, rising from 20,000 patients to over 40,000. As 57% of community health center patients are enrolled in either Medicaid or CHIP Programs, this bill will provide much needed funding and sustainability for services to the most needy in the State.

Additionally, HAMAKUA HEALTH CENTER, INC. 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. The inclusion of funding to Line Item HMS401 for adult dental services would provide additional benefits to both individuals and the community as a whole by making it easier for individuals to obtain employment, reduce absenteeism to school or work, and improving social standing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Sally A. Kimura



Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Hon. Jill Tokuda, Chair

The Hon. Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

Testimony on House Bill No. 0100, House Draft 1

RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

State Capitol, Conf. Room 211

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Frances K. (Frankie) Stapleton	Hawaii County Democratic Party Dist. 4 Council	Support	No

Comments: Aloha e Chair Tokuda and members of Senate Ways and Means Committee. My name is Frances (Frankie) Stapleton, chair of the Democratic Party of Hawaii's District 4. Speaking on behalf of the District 4 Democrats, we plead for a \$250,000 line item to be added to HB 100 for the funding of the Hawaii Health Authority. The HHA is the only Hawaii state agency with the statutory responsibility of planning for the healthcare system serving our state's citizenry. Our #1 public concern in reaction to the Trump Administration's actions regarding health care on all levels is that all of Hawaii's citizens are facing a healthcare crisis of unprecedented urgency! We strongly urge you to add to the Governor's budget a line item for \$250,000 for the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA), to help it fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawaii. The HHA was established by HRS Chapter 322H and this Legislature wisely administratively attached the HHA to the Department of Budget Finance precisely to protect it from bureaucratic pressures from the Department of Health. The HHA uniquely serves as a small, independent policy-planning board composed of 9 volunteer members with diverse expertise in medicine and related fields. It is beholden to no specific director or political ally. We urge the House Finance Committee to insert this authorization of \$250,000 to allow the HHA to hire a full-time Executive Director at up to \$80,000, two staff persons at up to \$60,000 each, and to provide an additional \$50,000 for other administrative and contractual expenditures. Under HRS 322H-2(b), the HHA is tasked with the responsibility to develop a comprehensive health plan that includes: (1) Establishment of eligibility for inclusion in a health plan for all individuals; (2) Determination of all reimbursable services to be paid by the authority; (3) Determination of all approved providers of services in a health plan for all individuals; (4) Evaluation of health care and cost effectiveness of all aspects of a health plan for all individuals; and (5) Establishment of a budget for a health plan for all individuals in the State. This is a huge task, and \$250,000 would be a bargain amount to get this done. The purpose of the HHA is to research and plan comprehensive universal healthcare as an alternative strategy to the current system. As the Trump Administration threatens to make the most volatile and

unpredictable changes Hawaii could be facing, we can't afford to abolish the only State agency that we have that is specifically designed to propose innovative solutions to already imminent and likely intractable problems. Mahalo nui for your consideration of this step in the right direction for Hawaii's public's healthcare needs, a most urgent problem as the GOP administration puts its dismantling of our nation's social safety net into action. Respectfully, Frankie Stapleton Dist. 4 Chair, Hawaii County Democratic Party PO Box 2094, Pahoa, HI 96778

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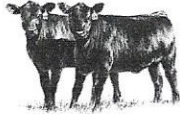
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alan B Burdick	Progressive Democrats of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: Progressive Democrats of Hawaii supports the addition of a line item in HB100 to fund revitalization of the Hawaii Health Authority. The amount recommended is \$250,000. This would allow the nine member volunteer authority to work on a comprehensive health plan for our State as mandated by Chapter 322H of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Hawaii is facing healthcare crises both because of the rapidly increasing UNNECESSARY additional costs that private insurance imposes on the system and also because of the threats against Medicare and Medicaid coming from Washington. Without the Hawaii Health Authority planning on our behalf, Hawaii will have NO PLANNING PROCESS in place for this most critical aspect of our general welfare. We cannot continue in this manner! Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter. Alan B. Burdick, Chair, Progressive Democrats of Hawaii

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Testimony of Robert H. Ferreira Manager of Kaupo Ranch Ltd.
Supporting Funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources
in H.B. 100 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
Monday, March 20, 2017,

Thank you for your support of funding for watershed protection and invasive species response in Hawai'i. Please help us continue that important work by again **supporting the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget request for watershed management, CIP fencing work, and invasive species prevention, control, research, and education programs and activities.**

The Leeward Haleakala Watershed Partnership has been actively managing portions of the mauka watershed on Maui since 2003. We as members make up a diverse group of public and private entities that own land within the mountainous watershed and understand the importance of protecting and preserving the forests that capture fresh water—our most precious resource.

Historic records show that Leeward East Maui once supported diverse forests rich in natural resources. Degradation of these forests has led to significant losses in biological diversity, cultural resources, economic potential and most importantly, greatly reduced watershed function.

The Leeward Haleakala Watershed Restoration Partnership (LHWRP) is renewing its efforts at managing watersheds at a landscape level. LHWRP currently supports watershed protection projects on 15,000+ acres, Kaupo Ranch being one of them, and is developing additional projects on other Partnership lands. LHWRP has aided Kaupo Ranch with technical support along with on the ground aid in helping to managing invasive forest taking over our lands such as Christmas Berry, Guava, Straw Berry Guava and Lantana. Kaupo Ranch with technical support from LHWRP is now in the process of native reforestation to 240 acres of our mauka lands with the guidance of LHWRP.

Continued support for LHWRP's efforts to restore the watersheds of leeward east Maui is critical for increasing the recharge and productivity of leeward east Maui aquifers. LHWRP's projects also contribute to restoring Maui's natural resources and help inform the public about

the importance of conservation programs, including the State's Watershed Partnership Program.

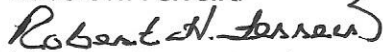
As a member of the Leeward Haleakala Watershed Restoration Partnership I would like to communicate my and Kaupo Ranch's support for the efforts proposed. Continuing public and private partnerships such as these are essential for creating long-lasting benefits for our State's watersheds

The source of fresh water is not the faucet, pipe, or even the well or stream it's drawn from. The real source is a system of healthy forested watersheds, not forests overrun by invasive plants and animals, which capture rain and cloud moisture and deliver it efficiently to aquifers and surface sources for subsequent consumption in our daily lives.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Ferreira

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert H. Ferreira". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Manager Kaupo Ranch



March 27, 2017

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
ADDING LINE ITEM FUNDING FOR THE HAWAII HEALTH AUTHORITY
COMMENT**

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, March 29, 2017 9:30 am State Capitol Rm 211

Submitted on Behalf of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

The Democratic Party of Hawai'i supports the addition of a line item in HB100 to fund revitalization of the Hawaii Health Authority. The amount recommended is \$250,000. This would allow the nine member volunteer authority to work on a comprehensive health plan for our State. The DPH supports the funding of the Hawaiian Health Authority based on our Platform and Resolutions and corresponding legislative priorities as voted on and passed by the DPH State Central Committee.

Respectfully,

Tim Vandever
Chair of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i

/s/ Margaret Wille
/s/ Sean Smith
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Testimony of Hawaii Green Growth In Support of HB100 HD1 Relating to the State Budget Senate Committee on Ways and Means 29 March 2017, 9:30 am, Room 211

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

Hawaii Green Growth strongly supports five critical items in HB100 HD1 that will significantly advance action on the Aloha+ Challenge – a joint leadership commitment to six sustainability 2030 goals unanimously endorsed by the State Legislature (SCR 69) and signed by Hawaii's Governor, Mayors and Office of Hawaiian Affairs. The *Aloha+ Challenge* outlines ambitious statewide goals in clean energy, local food, natural resource management, solid waste, smart sustainable communities, and green workforce and education, and has been recognized internationally as model that can be scaled to support the implementation of the United Nations 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and Paris Climate Agreement.

As a diverse public-private partnership, Hawaii Green Growth partners agreed the following State Budget items across several agencies are top priority investments for Hawaii's people, environment, and economy:

- **Watershed Protection & Recharge:** \$8M for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to protect forests that recharge freshwater supplies, reduce climate change impacts such as flooding and other disasters, and provide cultural, recreational and economic benefits to the health of Hawaii's people and economy. This includes \$7.5M annually for watershed protection, in addition to \$500K for operational funding to maintain newly protected watershed forests.
- **Vector Control:** Restore 12 positions to the Department of Health for vector control on the spread of animals like mosquitoes and rodents that have the potential to carry diseases such as Zika, Dengue, and other public health risks. The outbreak of Dengue on Hawaii Island and increased threats from Zika and other mosquito vector diseases have highlighted the critical need to restore the state's capacity to adequately respond to current and new threats that impact community health and safety.
- **Rapid 'Ōhia Death (ROD):** \$1M in funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to support critical research and action on the devastating new fungal disease impacting native 'ōhi'a forests, priority watershed areas and cultural resources. The partnership supports funding, research and a coordinated response effort to address this urgent threat, as part of the broader Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan. In addition, the group supports \$1.5M to the Natural Areas Reserve System and \$500K to the Hawaii Invasive Species Council to address ROD.
- **Biocontrol Facility Planning:** \$180K to the Department of Agriculture in planning funds to develop a new biocontrol research facility, which is important to implementing the Hawaii Interagency Biosecurity Plan to address invasive species issues.
- **Agricultural Loan Program:** \$5M for the Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Loan Program to provide opportunities for local growers and decrease reliance on imported food.



Testimony in support of DLNR budget within HB100 HD1

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Hearing Wednesday, March 29, 2017 9:30am

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

Healthy Climate Communities is a Hawaii-based non-profit seeking to empower communities to slow and adapt to climate change. **We strongly support the line items on the budget within HB100 HD1 which enable the Department of Land and Natural Resources to remove invasive species and protect our watershed.**

One part of our work involves restoring the watershed above Hamakua Marsh Wildlife Sanctuary with the help of 10 elementary schools in Kailua. The land is managed by the Department of Forestry and Wildlife and I have seen first hand how hard the DOFAW staff works with limited budget and manpower to protect our natural resources. Please give them the means to do their important job by approving the following:

Watershed restoration and protection

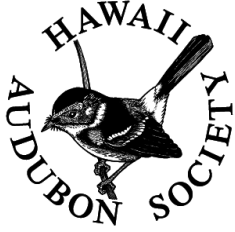
- \$2.4M Watershed partnerships Program
- \$500K watershed protection
- \$7.5M Capital Improvement Projects for watershed fencing

Preserving native species

- \$4.75M Hawaii Invasive Species Council programs
- \$1M Rapid Ohi`a Death research
- \$500K Hawaii Invasive Species Council

Mahalo,

Dr. Lisa Marten
Executive Director
Healthy Climate Communities



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Wednesday, March 29, 2017
9:30 a.m., Conference Room 211, State Capitol

H.B. No. 100 HD1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chairperson Tokuda, Vice Chairperson Dela Cruz, and members of the committee, my name is Linda Paul and I am testifying in favor of an amended H.B. 100 HD1 as a volunteer, President of and in behalf of the approximately 2000 members of the Hawaii Audubon Society.

Please make sure that the funding priorities listed below are included in HB 100 HD2. While some of the important funding priorities listed below remain in HB 100 HD 1, others were cut from the bill. The funding priorities listed below protect our essential watersheds and water sources, 'ohi'a lehua forests, and habitats for rare and endangered Hawaiian species. These priorities will also support the Legacy Land Conservation Program – which funds the acquisition of lands of natural, cultural, agricultural, recreational, and historic significance, including open space and public access.

- A one-time restoration of \$2,228,250 of lapsed funding from FY15 to the Legacy Land Conservation Program.
- A permanent spending ceiling increase of \$1.7M for the Legacy Land Conservation Program

Among other expenditures HB 100 authorized a one-time spending ceiling increase in FY18 to restore the unencumbered and previously-approved FY15 funds for the Legacy Lands Conservation Program that remain in the LLC Fund that were not spent and are not appropriated for other purposes.

The Society supports the Governor's and DLNR's request for a permanent spending ceiling increase of \$1.7 million for FY18 and subsequent years to support the important and chronically underfunded LLC program. Many of Hawaii's natural resources are lost when private lands are sold and developed. Frequently these lands are the last remnants of vanishing ecosystems and habitats of threatened and endangered species. The ground-nesting pueo on Oahu has been declared endangered because most of its habitat either has been lost to urban development or is about to be lost. The Society itself was the recipient of a private legacy land gift that was specifically purchased to restore and preserve a parcel of rare native dry land seabird habitat on the southern coast of Oahu. Because of that gift and the efforts of many volunteers a colony of wedge-tail shearwaters now thrive among the newly-planted native plants on that parcel.

The Society also supports critical funding needed for important Division of Forestry and Wildlife programs:

- \$4.75M Hawai'i Invasive Species Council programs
- \$2.4M Watershed Partnerships Program
- \$1M Rapid 'Ohi'a Death research
- \$500K watershed protection/WPs
- 500K Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC, which funds the islands' invasive species committees)
- \$7.5M CIP money for watershed fences (\$15M over the biennium).

Please pass a budget that protects the important programs listed above and thank you for giving me the opportunity to testify.

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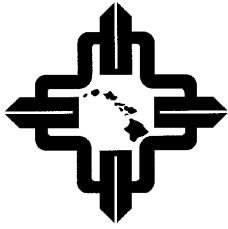
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
sylvia litchfield	Green Party of Hawaii	Comments Only	No

Comments: Right now, the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) is the ONLY HAWAII STATE AGENCY that has statutory responsibility to plan for Hawaii's healthcare needs in this rapidly-changing political environment. But it needs the tools to do its job. The HHA is a small, independent policy-planning board to be composed of 9 volunteer members with diverse expertise in medicine and related fields. If we defund or lose the HHA, it will be a huge job to recover it later. That's why we strongly urge the committee to add to the Governor's budget a line item for \$250,000 for the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA), to help it fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for all for Hawaii. The HHA was established in 2009. This Legislature wisely attached the HHA to the Department of Budget & Finance precisely to protect it from bureaucratic pressures from the Department of Health.

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Quality Healthcare For All

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

March 29, 2017
Conference Room 211
9:30 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol

Testimony Providing Comments on House Bill 100, H.D.1, Relating to the State Budget. Appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

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

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Corporate Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony **providing comments** on H.B. 100, H.D.1, that relates to the State Budget.

Healthcare today is a very complex, highly regulated, and rapidly changing business with constant pressure from payors to deliver higher quality care at a lower cost. Development of health information technology, physician networks, quality improvement and expertise in revenue cycle is essential for successful hospital operations. Private hospitals have invested substantially in these areas while HHSC, with limited resources, is challenged to keep pace.

CHALLENGES

HHSC hospitals face challenges such as:

- Inadequate government and third-party reimbursements for healthcare services.
- The impact of federal health care reform and other federal mandates and budget reductions.
- Labor costs well above industry norms
- Inability to outsource non-clinical functions.
- Escalating costs related to physician and clinical staff recruitment and retention.
- Long-term care waitlist (patients in acute hospital beds who cannot be placed but don't bring revenue).

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- The need for capital investment in new medical technology and deferred maintenance.
- Aging facilities, with life and safety code issues, well beyond the average for similar facilities across the country.
- Small scale operations which are costly to maintain.
- Unknown impact of possible changes to the Affordable Care Act.
- Large percentage of Medicaid/QUEST and uninsured patients.

As a result of these challenges, HHSC has historically suffered from large operating losses which have been mitigated by general fund appropriations from the State of Hawaii in order for the HHSC hospitals to continue providing quality care in its communities. Fiscal years 2018 and 2019 will be especially difficult for HHSC's facilities to deal with due to unfunded costs imposed by the State of Hawaii for prior unfunded collective bargaining costs and potential fringe benefit rate increases as well as system-wide costs that will need to be funded with the transition of Maui Region operations to Kaiser Permanente. Despite the Administration's support for funding these costs, the House Draft of the State Budget (H.B. 100, H.D.1) did not provide any funding for these costs. HHSC's responses to the adjustments made by the House to the State Budget are shown below.

RESPONSES TO BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

HHSC AGREES with the following adjustments made by the House:

SEQ #	Progr D	MOF	Description	Increase /Decrease	FY 18 Amount	FY 19 Amount	House Position
4-001	HTH 210	A	Add funds for collective bargaining costs	Increase	\$3,043,003	\$3,043,003	Does not concur
100-001	HTH 210	B	Add funds for budget alignment for Corporate Office	Increase	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000	Concurs
100-001	HTH 211	A	Add funds for operations subsidy	Increase	\$300,000	\$300,000	Concurs
6-001	HTH 212	A	Reduce funds for non-recurring costs	Decrease	(\$10,000,000)	(\$10,000,000)	Concurs
60-001	HTH 212	A	Reduce funds for Maui Region Subsidy	Decrease	(\$37,968,000)	(\$37,968,000)	House Adjustment
1000-001	HTH 212	A	Add funds for collective bargaining costs	Increase	\$3,043,003	\$3,043,003	House Adjustment
1000-001	HTH 212	B	Add funds for collective bargaining costs	Increase	\$17,459,087	\$17,459,087	House Adjustment
100-001	HTH 213	B	Add funds for Alii Community Care	Increase	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	Concurs

HHSC DISAGREES with the following adjustments made by the House:

SEQ #	Pro gr D	M O F	Description	Increas e/Decre ase	FY 18 Amount	FY 19 Amount	House Position
100-001	HTH 212	A	Add funds for operations subsidy	Increase	\$36,486,000	\$34,686,000	Does not concur
1001-001	HTH 212	A	Add funds for Hilo Medical Center Primary Care Residency program	Increase	\$1	\$0	House Adjustment

While we appreciate the additional “B” funds provided to the HHSC programs as well as the increase in general fund appropriations provided to Kahuku Medical Center, we must stress that the increase in general appropriations provided in SEQ #100-001 of \$36,486,000 in fiscal year 2018 and \$34,686,000 in fiscal year 2019 is necessary for HHSC’s facilities to continue providing a safety-net level of healthcare given the assumptions in the Administration’s budget instructions.

As a reminder, the following items make up HHSC’s request for the fiscal year 2018-2019 biennium:

	FY 18	FY 19
Additional General Fund Request	\$36,486,000	\$34,686,000
<i>Justification:</i>		
Unfunded Costs imposed by the State of Hawaii:		
Fringe Benefit Rate Increase (from 52% to 60%)	15,000,000	15,000,000
Unfunded Collective Bargaining Raises from FY 16-17	17,000,000	17,000,000
Less: Savings from fiscal year 2016 service cuts, reductions in force, and revenue increases	(6,001,000)	(7,807,000)
Total Unfunded Costs imposed by the State of Hawaii	\$25,999,000	\$24,193,000
Maui Region Share of System-wide Costs:		
Maui Region Share of Corporate Costs	7,985,000	8,008,000
Maui Region Share of Siemens EMR Maintenance Costs	1,800,000	1,800,000
Maui Region Share of Alii Community Care Funding	702,000	708,000
Total Maui Region Share of System-Wide Costs	\$10,487,000	\$10,493,000
TOTAL JUSTIFICATION OF GENERAL FUND REQUEST	\$36,486,000	\$34,686,000

As shown above, almost 30% of HHSC’s additional funding request comes from Maui’s share of System-wide costs where there is no established source of funding. It would not be fair for the remaining HHSC regions to pick up Maui’s share of these obligations and place an additional burden on their operations.

Given the funding provided in H.B. 100 H.D.1, we project that HHSC's regions will have to fund the resulting deficit by stretching out accounts payable further and eating into cash balances, which are already far worse than the median value for government hospitals across the U.S. (which is 105.4 days). HHSC will be forced to draw down its entire general fund appropriations by January 2018, and will drain HHSC's cash balances down below 35 days cash on hand by March 2018, which is the equivalent of living paycheck to paycheck. By the end of June 2018, we project HHSC will have less than two weeks' worth of cash on hand. HHSC's fiscal situation would then be worse for fiscal year 2019. We project that HHSC would have to draw down all of its general fund appropriations by October 2018, and would then have to eat into all of its cash until the system runs out of cash entirely in April 2019.

We also support the Hilo Medical Center Residency Program as an essential program in recruiting and retaining doctors that will continue to practice within the State of Hawaii upon their graduation from the program and reduce the severe physician shortages that the neighbor islands are experiencing. We support providing \$2,000,000 in general fund appropriations in both fiscal year 2018 and 2019 to this program as long as it is additive to the operating subsidy requested for all of the regions, and does not take away from that amount. This amount is consistent with what has been approved by the Legislature in prior fiscal years.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL FRINGE RATE CHANGES

As mentioned in previous testimony, the adequacy of the amount of "A" funds to HTH 212 as provided in the H.D.1 is largely dependent on the fringe benefit rate that the State Department of Budget & Finance (B&F) assesses HHSC. As you know, B&F receives general fund appropriations to pay for the fringe benefit expenses for all Executive Branch departments and agencies, but assesses all "special-funded agencies" for their share of those expenses. The impact of the fringe benefit rate assessed to HHSC cannot be overstated. For HHSC, every 1% increase in the fringe rate equates to approximately **\$1,800,000** annually in additional expense. HHSC is currently assessed a fringe benefit rate of 49.54%; whereas the fringe benefit rate used in HHSC's budget request is 60% per the Budget Instructions received from the Administration. Presented below is the impact in additional costs to HHSC given different fringe benefit rate scenarios.

Fringe Rate Impact	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2019
@ 60% (Per Admin Instructions)	\$19,500,000	\$19,500,000
@ 52% (Rate projected for FY 17 but not yet implemented)	\$4,500,000	\$4,500,000
@ 49.54% (Current Rate)	\$0	\$0

As a result, it is clear that even the smallest change in the fringe benefit rate could make the difference between severe service closures or not.

MAUI HEALTH SYSTEMS

We are not providing any comments on the adjustments made to HTH 214, Maui Health Systems, contained in H.B. 100 H.D.1. We expect that Kaiser Permanente will be providing comments on those adjustments. We do support the transfer of operations of the Maui Region facilities from HHSC to Kaiser, and we support any funding that is necessary to ensure that the transition goes forward on July 1, 2017.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

HHSC's regions are currently operating at the bare minimum level of healthcare services that they can safely provide to their communities after implementing service reductions and a significant reduction-in-force in fiscal year 2016. Fully funding HHSC's request will prevent cuts in services that would lead to a quick downward spiral. This means that any reductions in funding would put such negative financial pressures on HHSC's facilities that critical community services such as obstetrics, inpatient psychiatry, orthopedics, and cardiology would be at risk.

As mentioned above, the fringe benefit rate assumption provided by the State is a significant driver of HHSC's general fund request for operations. Presented below is what HHSC's budget request would be given certain fringe benefit rate assumptions:

Fringe Benefit Rate Assumption	Fiscal Year 2018	Fiscal Year 2019
@ 60% (Per Admin Instructions)	\$36,486,000	\$34,686,000
@ 52% (Rate projected for FY 17 but not yet implemented)	\$21,157,000	\$19,091,000
@ 49.54% (Current Rate)	\$16,363,000	\$14,304,000

As shown above, the impact of the fringe benefit rate assumption is critical in determining the amount of general fund appropriations that HHSC needs to continue providing the essential services that our facilities provide to their respective communities.

CONCLUSION

We understand the budget constraints on the State of Hawaii given the latest Council on Revenues estimates, and we will continue pursuing cost savings and revenue enhancement activities to reduce the need for further general fund appropriations. Any unanticipated forces that will negatively impact HHSC's cash flow may result in the need for HHSC to seek an emergency appropriation in the 2018 Legislative Session.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on H.B. 100, H.D.1. Thank you for all of your support in the past and your continued support of HHSC.

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HB100

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Comments: Testimony submitted on behalf of the Kauai Watershed Alliance

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Statement of
Karl K. Fooks
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Before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, March 29, 2017
9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
HB 100, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET, IN RELATION TO BED 145

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

The Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation (HSDC) offers the following comments on HB100, HD1 in relation to BED 145. HSDC requests that the committee **restore the original executive budget request** for a general fund infusion of \$5 million to the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation Revolving Fund for the HI Growth Initiative.

The committee will have received testimony from numerous organizations and individuals supporting the governor's budget request and showing that the HI Growth Initiative has been effective and meaningful to the growth of Hawaii's entrepreneur community. HSDC would like to highlight a few testimonies that have been submitted on this bill:

"This bill and funding is critical to support the growth of our innovation ecosystem which we call startup paradise. The goal is to build a strong pipeline of companies that can not only create jobs but create wealth among the entrepreneurs and investors who support them." – Bill Spencer, Director, Hawaii Venture Capital Association.

"HI Growth has been instrumental in jumpstarting Hawaii's entrepreneurial ecosystem and supporting its development into the vibrant community it is today. I am a product of this initiative. When I was faced with the choice to leave Hawaii for better opportunity in startups on the mainland, I was able to choose to stay due to the efforts of programs that are funded by HI Growth. I am now a co-founder of a local startup (Hobnob) that has garnered millions in seed funding from top Silicon Valley investors and has employed 7 people to date. We continue to invest in Hawaii and attract top talent from other markets. This would not have been possible without HI Growth." – Mark Quezada, co-Founder, Hobnob.

The HI Growth Initiative is designed to achieve the State economic development objectives to transform and maintain Hawaii as a place that welcomes and facilitates innovative economic activity as set out in HRS 226-6.

Numerous academic studies have concluded that young, high growth firms are the strongest contributors to job creation in the U.S. In particular, since 2000, high growth startups in the High Tech and Energy related industries have been the most active in job creation.

For that reason, the HI Growth Initiative has focused on attracting private investment capital to Hawaii's high growth startups thorough strategic investments to help build an entrepreneurial ecosystem, provide mentoring and business accelerator resources and create access to startup investment capital.

A recent industry group report found that the number of startups in Hawaii increased from 18 in 2013 to 145 in 2016. A 2016 UHERO report showed the HI Growth Initiative produced 12X leverage on state dollars.

HSDC has not received any new funding since 2013. Existing funds have been encumbered to existing investment initiatives. Given the lack of funding, HSDC has not been able to develop new investment initiatives that are critical in attracting the investment needed allow startups to stay and grow in Hawaii. Furthermore, HSDC will no longer be able to support the continued activities of the accelerator programs that have been the foundation of Hawaii's growing entrepreneurial ecosystem.

BED 145 Executive Budget Request:

- **SEQ # 100-001: \$5,000,000 General Fund infusion into HSDC's Revolving Fund**. These funds will be used to continue a state economic development effort called the HI Growth Initiative. The HI Growth Initiative will invest, in partnership with the private sector in three key areas: 1) entrepreneur ecosystem development; 2) accelerators; and 3) access to startup capital to grow and scale businesses. A portion of the funds will be used for program management, e.g. legal work, industry networking events, and studies to measure program effectiveness.
- **SEQ # 70-001: \$188,056 General Fund appropriation** for two existing positions at HSDC. These positions have been historically funded out of the HSDC Revolving Fund.
- **SEQ # 70-001: \$286,895 Reduction of HSDC Revolving Fund appropriation** for the two existing positions at HSDC.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

From: [Hawaii Wild Side Llc West](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 1:39:19 PM

From: jlynggaardwest@gmail.com <Hawaii Wild Side Llc West>

Message:

We support increased funding for the HI Growth Initiative. HI Growth has been instrumental in jumpstarting Hawaii's entrepreneurial ecosystem and supporting its development into the vibrant community it is today. Hawaii boasts award winning accelerators. Accelerator graduate companies are growing and hitting milestones that are triggering further investment from private investors. Hawaii hosts international conferences and other events designed to help entrepreneurs incubate their ideas and connect with investors. Hawaii's private sector sees value in supporting innovation and has participated as investors in several local startups and investment funds. A 2016 UHERO report showed the HI Growth Initiative produced a 12X leverage on state dollars. For all these reasons, we strongly support this bill. All this would not have happened without the strong support of the HI Growth Initiative. Hawaii Wild Side was one of the first companies to graduate from the Global Virtual Studio Accelerator program. Our company experienced very significant growth in all areas pertaining to successfully operating a media production company. Through the Accelerator we were offered top notch mentorship and networking experiences, an opportunity unavailable anywhere else. Without the opportunity to go through the Accelerator program run by Global Virtual Studios our company would not have been where it is today. We strongly support continued funding for HSDC and the HI Growth Initiative in order for the Accelerator program to continue being the launch pad it is for growing, entrepreneurial companies like ourselves. Sincerely, Jane & Andrew West Hawaii Wild Side LLC

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

I strongly support Gov. Ige's budget request for \$5 million in new funding for Hawaii startups proposed in the State Budget, HB 100, relating to BED 145 – HI Growth Initiative, Sequence #100-001.

- HI Growth has been instrumental in catalyzing Hawaii's entrepreneurial ecosystem and supporting its development into the vibrant community it is today.
- Hawaii boasts award winning accelerators. Accelerator graduate companies are growing and hitting milestones that are triggering further investment from private investors.
- Hawaii's private sector sees value in supporting innovation and has invested in several local startups and investment funds.
- A 2016 UHERO report showed the HI Growth Initiative produced a 12X leverage on state dollars.

All this would not have happened without the catalytic investments by the HI Growth Initiative.

Mahalo,

Hawaii Wild Side Llc West

Owner

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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Submitted by Friends of Lana'i
In support of HB100
Hearing Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 AM**

Chair Takuda and Members of the Committee:

Friends of Lana'i is writing in support of three particular components in the Governor's State Budget:

Division of Forestry and Wildlife's funding priorities

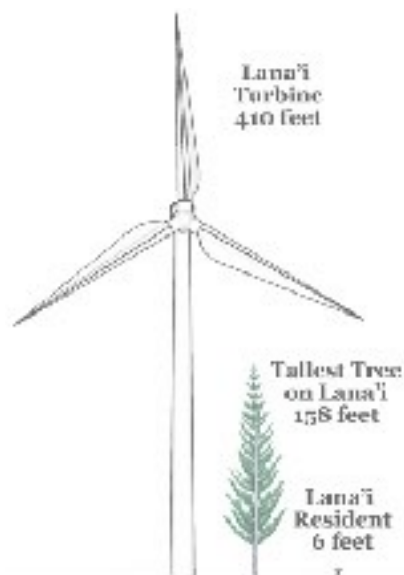
Legacy Land Conservation Program restoring lapsed funding and creating a spending ceiling increase

Kaho'olawe Reserve Commission staff position

Given the proposed federal funding cuts for environmental protection, it will be even more important for the State to support Hawaii-based efforts like the LLCP.

Kaho'olawe Island Reserve helps keep that important island protected, and a staff person will be critical in this effort.

DOFAW is a critical component in preserving and protecting Hawaii's unique — and threatened — environment. Support for the Invasive Species Council and watershed partnerships will be necessary to continue and strengthen those preservation efforts.





PROTECTING HAWAII'S OHANA, CHILDREN, UNDER SERVED, ELDERLY AND DISABLED

March 29, 2017

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

FROM: Natalie Okeson, Interim Executive Director

SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of HB 100, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Hearing: March 29, 2017 at 9:30am
Conference Room 211

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Member of the Committee on Finance:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of several items included in HB100, HD1. I am Natalie Okeson, the Interim Director of PHOCUSED.

PHOCUSED is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to increasing the safety for, visibility of, and investment in the children and adults in Hawaii who are marginalized, impoverished, and under-served. Our organization has been a leading voice in advocating for our state's vulnerable populations since our formation, as the membership of PHOCUSED and our Board of Directors represent many of the major providers of human services across our state. **We urge the Senate to consider supporting or surpassing the original funding levels submitted to the Legislature from the Governor for a number of crucial budget items. While we truly appreciate the difficulties in reaching a balanced budget as revenues continued a downward forecast, HD1 significantly reduced or erased crucial funding for those most in need, including those experiencing homelessness or in desperate need of affordable housing.**

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PHOCUSED is a member of Partners in Care and plays a role in the coordinated entry system that many in our community have worked so hard to design and implement. Our organization believes that, although many strides have been made, Hawaii's ranking as the nation's leader in per capita homelessness demands major, but targeted, investment, as well as action on the part of all community members.

We firmly believe that the priorities identified in HB100 will allow our state to move forward in tackling this critical problem by making those targeted investments towards the three levers of change described in the state's framework to address homelessness.

PHOCUSED strongly supports the following funding, which, when combined, will significantly reduce homelessness in our state:

HMS 222, 100-001: Funds for ongoing rental subsidies for the homeless in the State Rent Supplement Program at the Hawaii Public Housing Authority; adds 7 permanent positions for State Rent Supplement Program:	\$7,000,000
HMS 224, 100-001: Funds for Housing First Program:	\$3,000,000
HMS 224, 101-001: Funds for homeless outreach, including youth outreach:	\$1,500,000
HMS 224, 102-001: Funds for Rapid Rehousing:	\$2,500,000
HMS 224, 151-001: Funds for legal services to homeless:	\$500,000
HTH 420, 100-001: Funds for homeless individuals with serious and persistent mental health challenges:	\$1,000,000



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HTH 440, 105-001: Funds for outreach and counseling services for chronically homeless individuals and families with severe substance use disorders:	\$800,000
• Includes \$200,000 for a LEAD pilot project	
BED 160: Rental Housing Revolving Fund infusion:	\$50,000,000 (CIP)
BED 160: 902 Alder Street, Honolulu, Oahu Project:	\$15,000,000 (CIP)
HMS 220: Public Housing Authority for housing development, improvements, renovations, statewide:	\$50,000,000 (CIP)
HMS 220: Public housing vacant unit repairs/renovations, statewide:	\$4 million (CIP)
HMS 220: Public housing security improvements, statewide:	\$5 million (CIP)

Many of these items were significantly reduced or altogether taken out of House Draft 1. These funds are crucial to the successful programs that have been initiated and have begun to make the impactful changes our state is seeking.

Housing First is an incredibly successful and cost-effective approach in finally housing Hawaii's chronically homeless individuals. PHOCUSED respectfully urges you to add the requested \$3 million for Housing First into the Department of Human Services base budget. Our organization must also highlight the importance of the Rapid Rehousing Program, as well as shallow rent subsidies, which our community has seen can have a tremendous impact in preventing people from falling into homelessness.

The State Rent Supplement Program can provide ongoing rental assistance to quickly move Hawaii's homeless into permanent housing for those who are homeless due to the massive gap



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between wages and rental prices. Over 20% of Hawaii's homeless population is working. Senior citizens and the working poor do not need intensive services in many cases; rather, they need a helping hand in reconciling their low income and skyrocketing rents to avoid homelessness.

In addition, we would like to highlight that outreach is a crucial component of working to house those persons living unsheltered. Without the first contact made through outreach, none of the services related to housing and treatment can be offered. Within HTH 440, 105-001 are funds for outreach and counseling services, as well as for the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program. We fully support this program, which is gaining traction and changing lives in our nation's most innovative cities. The critical nature of outreach to the homeless youth population also cannot be overstated, as sixty seven percent of runaway youth are fleeing physical or sexual abuse at home and that one third of those children will find themselves sexually trafficked within 48hours. Coupled with the crucial funding for the Alder Street project, our state can be confident in its efforts to protect these vulnerable adolescents.

The appropriation to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund must be increased from previous years, as developers have continued to indicate that the RHRF is key to getting projects completed in order to meet the growing demand for rental units, which has pushed rental prices out of the reach of too many of our community members.

Lastly, our organization strongly supports the increases in the base budget for the Executive Office of Aging's Kupuna Care program, Aging and Disability Resource Center, and the Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman. PHOCUSED also supports the restoration of adult dental benefits in the MED-QUEST Division's (HMS 401, PE-01). These budget items



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position the state to continue to positively impact our kupuna and medically-fragile individuals.

We understand that your committee is heavily burdened with the complex decisions regarding which projects are in need of funding. These are not decision you take lightly. However, we hope that as you deliberate on the funding priorities for the state, that you remain steadfast in your dedication to addressing the needs of our most vulnerable populations.

I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB100.

COMMUNITY COALITION FOR
HAWAII UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE
THROUGH COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

March 27, 2017

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

Re: HB 100 – State Budget

Position: Request to add \$250,000 item to **Department of Budget & Finance**
for **Hawaii Health Authority**, an attached agency

Hearing: Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 a.m. Conference Room 211

We are an unpaid group of Hawaii residents representing literally thousands of very politically active Hawaii residents, mostly active Democrats. We believe Hawaii is facing a healthcare crisis that urgently needs your immediate attention.

We strongly urge you to add to the Governor's budget a line item for \$250,000 for the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA), to help it fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawaii. The HHA was established by HRS Chapter 322H.

This Legislature wisely administratively attached the HHA to the Department of Budget & Finance precisely to protect it from bureaucratic pressures from the Department of Health.

The HHA uniquely serves as a small, independent policy-planning board composed of 9 volunteer members with diverse expertise in medicine and related fields. It is beholden to no specific director or political ally.

We urge the Senate Ways and Means Committee to insert this authorization of \$250,000 to allow the HHA to hire a full-time Executive Director at up to \$80,000, and additional staff persons and other administrative and contractual expenditures with the balance. Under HRS 322H-2(b), the HHA is tasked with the responsibility to develop a comprehensive health plan that includes:

- (1) Establishment of eligibility for inclusion in a health plan for all individuals;
- (2) Determination of all reimbursable services to be paid by the authority;
- (3) Determination of all approved providers of services in a health plan for all individuals;

- (4) Evaluation of health care and cost effectiveness of all aspects of a health plan for all individuals; and
- (5) Establishment of a budget for a health plan for all individuals in the State.

This is a huge task, and \$250,000 would be a bargain amount to get this done.

The HHA's oversight is ESSENTIAL for unbiased and incentive-neutral repair of our **unsustainable status quo, even under Obamacare**: a "healthcare bubble" of needless expense, waste, and compromised care.

HHA's job is to research and plan comprehensive universal healthcare as an alternative strategy to the current system.

As the Trump Administration threatens to make the most volatile and unpredictable changes Hawaii could be facing in healthcare policy and delivery, we can't afford to abolish the only State agency that is specifically designed to propose innovative solutions to already imminent and likely intractable problems.

Just in the past week we have seen how close Hawaii's future healthcare situation has skirted complete disaster – Right now, one out of every four Hawaii residents relies on Medicaid for healthcare. Yet the Republicans in Washington are ready to seriously curtail funding for Medicaid.

Then, what will we do? We do not know the answer to that question. That is why we need the Hawaii Health Authority to help figure this critical issue out for us!

Currently, Hawaii's healthcare system is beset with major problems from multiple directions. And these problems originate in the deep past, and have not been fixed by Obamacare. In fact, Obamacare has made some of them worse. These challenges include, but are hardly limited to, the following:

- Under federal ACA and MACRA laws, doctors are being pressured to restrict and deny necessary care, and from assuming responsibility to care for sicker, more complex, and socially disadvantaged patients;
- The system is creating equally perverse counter-incentives of "pay-for-performance" and risk-adjustment that burden doctors with excessive documentation and data-management demands;
- The system is increasing costs for both providers and payers (Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance) where physicians and office staff must:
 - Spend more than 15 hours per week on "quality" measures and reporting;
 - Spend more than \$40,000 per MD per year on "quality" measures and reporting;
 - Spend twice as much time paying attention to computers as to patients;

- Respond to measures, most of which have little to do with actual quality of care;
- There are pressures to replace fee-for-service systems with “value-based” payment, shifting insurance risk onto doctors and hospitals, so they have a financial incentive to restrict care;
- The insurers are markedly increasing pharmaceutical formulary restrictions and prior authorizations for drugs and imaging, adding more administrative barriers to care.

These problems have resulted in the following in Hawaii, in rapidly increasing effects in just the past couple of years. Your constituents will confirm this to you:

- Rapid loss of physicians from private practice all over the country, but especially in Hawaii where two thirds of our physicians were in individual and small-group practices prior to the ACA, leading to:
 - Premature retirement;
 - Leaving Hawaii;
 - Taking administrative jobs to get out from under micromanagement of the care of their patients;
 - Taking jobs with hospitals and big health systems, with higher overhead and higher cost for payers;
- Patients losing access to doctors in out-patient settings, an accelerating problem:
 - October 2016: 31% of Oahu primary care practices closed to all new patients, double the rate of the previous year;
 - 47% closed to new Medicare patients, with even more refusing new Medicaid;
- More care pushed to ERs and hospitals for those who can't get care elsewhere;
- An epidemic of physician burnout – at 55% in December 2015 and rising annually – here in Hawaii!;
- Rising costs (premiums, deductibles, co-pays), less access, and thus the threat of **health system collapse** in the very near future, EVEN IF Trump and the Congressional Republicans do not make our present bad situation worse than it already is.

For all these reasons, it is essential that Hawaii follow through with the well-planned procedures set out several years ago in HRS Chapter 322H to develop a system that will stop the cost-explosion, and begin us on a road to cost-containment. The HHA is the **ONLY AGENCY** that can streamline health planning and policy management by ridding the system, through careful planning and analysis, of the barriers and burdens that everyone in it is suffering.

Please add \$250,000 to the budget of the Department of Budget and Finance for the Hawaii Health Authority, so that it may proceed to plan for a comprehensive universal healthcare system.

Thank you for your kind attention to this serious and pressing issue, and for your foresight in considering our request.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

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

FROM: Terrence L. Walsh, President and Chief Executive Officer

DATE: Wednesday, March 29 2017 (9:30 a.m., Room 211)

RE: **HB 100, HD1, Relating to the State Budget
Regarding HTH904**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing supportive home and community based services to elders since 1973 and currently serves over 4,000 older persons each year.

1. CCH supports funding in HB 100, HD1 for the Executive Office on Aging (HTH904). In particular:

- **\$4.145M additional funding added to the base funding of \$4.8M for KUPUNA CARE services for FY2018 & FY2019 (Total: 9.0M annually)**

Catholic Charities Hawai'i is a current provider of Kupuna Care Transportation and Homemaker services for frail elders. Through Kupuna Care, CCH Transportation and Homemaker Services provide support for frail kupuna and relief for their caregivers.

Kupuna Care services provide a safety net for all kupuna and their caregivers who cannot afford to pay for in-home and community based services and are unable to receive these services through other means.

- **\$1.7M additional funding added to the base funding of \$1.4M for the AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS for FY2018 & FY2019 (\$3.1M annually)**

Aging & Disability Resource Centers (ADRC's) are being developed to serve as single entry points for individuals who need information about long term support services. The role of the ADRC's is critical, especially as they serve as the sole entry point to become eligible to receive Kupuna Care services. As a provider of Kupuna Care services in the C&C of Honolulu, Catholic Charities Hawaii supports funding to enable the ADRC's, to effectively and promptly meet the needs of kupuna and their caregivers.

- **CCH also supports the conversion of the Participant Directed Program Specialist to a Civil Service Position.**



The Participant Directed program offers frail elders an alternative to the traditional Kupuna Care service delivery system. This is a particularly useful option for elders in rural areas where access to services is limited.

Catholic Charities Hawai`i asks for your support on behalf of the thousands of elders we serve who wish to remain in the community and avoid institutionalized care for as long as possible.

For more information or questions, please contact Diane Terada, Division Administrator, at 527-4702. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.



BAY CLINIC, INC.
NETWORK OF FAMILY HEALTH CENTERS

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Hon. Jill Tokuda, Chair

The Hon. Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

**Testimony on House Bill No. 0100, House Draft 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conf. Room 211**

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

My name is Harold Wallace and I am the Chief Executive Officer of Bay Clinic, Inc. I am requesting that funding be provided in House Bill No. 0100, House Draft 1, to reinstate adult dental services for Medicaid enrollees in the State of Hawaii by funding the Governor's request for Line Item HMS401.

In 2015, the Department of Health (DOH) released a report entitled "*Hawaii Oral Health: Key Findings*", which revealed that Hawaii has an enormous shortfall in the area of dental benefits. Among other things, DOH found that:

- (1) From 2009 to 2011, only 41% of pregnant women, 29% of pregnant low-income women, and 27% of women in Medicaid or QUEST visited a dentist during their pregnancy;
- (2) In 2012, 52% of low-income adults saw a dentist as compared to 82% of higher income adults;
- (3) In that same year, 51% of low-income adults lost teeth due to dental disease, while only 32% of high-income adults did; and
- (4) From 2006 to 2012, there was a 67% increase in emergency room visits for dental problems, accounting for a \$4.5 million increase, bringing total expenditures for such visits alone to \$8.5 million.

Further, the DOH outlined a number of measures that could greatly improve the oral health status of Hawaii's residents. Foremost among them was the continued support and expansion of preventative dental care to low-income populations, best achieved through the restoration of adult dental services in Medicaid.

This issue is of special importance to all community health centers because a majority provide dental services. Between 2007 and 2015, the number of patients receiving dental care at community health centers more than doubled, rising from 20,000 patients to over 40,000. As 57% of community health center patients are enrolled in either Medicaid or CHIP Programs, this bill will provide much needed funding and sustainability for services to the most needy in the State.

Additionally, Bay Clinic, Inc. 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. The inclusion of funding to Line Item HMS401 for adult dental services would provide additional benefits to both individuals and the community as a whole by making it easier for individuals to obtain employment, reduce absenteeism to school or work, and improving social standing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have.

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PROTECTING HAWAII'S OHANA, CHILDREN, UNDER SERVED, ELDERLY AND DISABLED

March 29, 2017

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

FROM: Natalie Okeson, Interim Executive Director

SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of HB 100, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Hearing: March 29, 2017 at 9:30am
Conference Room 211

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee on Way and Means:
Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of several items included in HB100, HD1. I am Natalie Okeson, the Interim Director of PHOCUSED.

PHOCUSED is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to increasing the safety for, visibility of, and investment in the children and adults in Hawaii who are marginalized, impoverished, and under-served. Our organization has been a leading voice in advocating for our state's vulnerable populations since our formation, as the membership of PHOCUSED and our Board of Directors represent many of the major providers of human services across our state. **We urge the Senate to consider supporting or surpassing the original funding levels submitted to the Legislature from the Governor for a number of crucial budget items. While we truly appreciate the difficulties in reaching a balanced budget as revenues continued a downward forecast, HD1 significantly reduced or erased crucial funding for those most in need, including those experiencing homelessness or in desperate need of affordable housing.**

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PHOCUSED is a member of Partners in Care and plays a role in the coordinated entry system that many in our community have worked so hard to design and implement. Our organization believes that, although many strides have been made, Hawaii's ranking as the nation's leader in per capita homelessness demands major, but targeted, investment, as well as action on the part of all community members.

We firmly believe that the priorities identified in HB100 will allow our state to move forward in tackling this critical problem by making those targeted investments towards the three levers of change described in the state's framework to address homelessness.

PHOCUSED strongly supports the following funding, which, when combined, will significantly reduce homelessness in our state:

HMS 222, 100-001: Funds for ongoing rental subsidies for the homeless in the State Rent Supplement Program at the Hawaii Public Housing Authority; adds 7 permanent positions for State Rent Supplement Program:	\$7,000,000
HMS 224, 100-001: Funds for Housing First Program:	\$3,000,000
HMS 224, 101-001: Funds for homeless outreach, including youth outreach:	\$1,500,000
HMS 224, 102-001: Funds for Rapid Rehousing:	\$2,500,000
HMS 224, 151-001: Funds for legal services to homeless:	\$500,000
HTH 420, 100-001: Funds for homeless individuals with serious and persistent mental health challenges:	\$1,000,000



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HTH 440, 105-001: Funds for outreach and counseling services for chronically homeless individuals and families with severe substance use disorders:	\$800,000
• Includes \$200,000 for a LEAD pilot project	
BED 160: Rental Housing Revolving Fund infusion:	\$50,000,000 (CIP)
BED 160: 902 Alder Street, Honolulu, Oahu Project:	\$15,000,000 (CIP)
HMS 220: Public Housing Authority for housing development, improvements, renovations, statewide:	\$50,000,000 (CIP)
HMS 220: Public housing vacant unit repairs/renovations, statewide:	\$4 million (CIP)
HMS 220: Public housing security improvements, statewide:	\$5 million (CIP)

Many of these items were significantly reduced or altogether taken out of House Draft 1. These funds are crucial to the successful programs that have been initiated and have begun to make the impactful changes our state is seeking.

Housing First is an incredibly successful and cost-effective approach in finally housing Hawaii's chronically homeless individuals. PHOCUSED respectfully urges you to add the requested \$3 million for Housing First into the Department of Human Services base budget. Our organization must also highlight the importance of the Rapid Rehousing Program, as well as shallow rent subsidies, which our community has seen can have a tremendous impact in preventing people from falling into homelessness.

The State Rent Supplement Program can provide ongoing rental assistance to quickly move Hawaii's homeless into permanent housing for those who are homeless due to the massive gap



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between wages and rental prices. Over 20% of Hawaii's homeless population is working. Senior citizens and the working poor do not need intensive services in many cases; rather, they need a helping hand in reconciling their low income and skyrocketing rents to avoid homelessness.

In addition, we would like to highlight that outreach is a crucial component of working to house those persons living unsheltered. Without the first contact made through outreach, none of the services related to housing and treatment can be offered. Within HTH 440, 105-001 are funds for outreach and counseling services, as well as for the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program. We fully support this program, which is gaining traction and changing lives in our nation's most innovative cities. The critical nature of outreach to the homeless youth population also cannot be overstated, as sixty seven percent of runaway youth are fleeing physical or sexual abuse at home and that one third of those children will find themselves sexually trafficked within 48hours. Coupled with the crucial funding for the Alder Street project, our state can be confident in its efforts to protect these vulnerable adolescents.

The appropriation to the Rental Housing Revolving Fund must be increased from previous years, as developers have continued to indicate that the RHRF is key to getting projects completed in order to meet the growing demand for rental units, which has pushed rental prices out of the reach of too many of our community members.

Lastly, our organization strongly supports the increases in the base budget for the Executive Office of Aging's Kupuna Care program, Aging and Disability Resource Center, and the Office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman. PHOCUSED also supports the restoration of adult dental benefits in the MED-QUEST Division's (HMS 401, PE-01). These budget items



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position the state to continue to positively impact our kupuna and medically-fragile individuals.

We understand that your committee is heavily burdened with the complex decisions regarding which projects are in need of funding. These are not decision you take lightly. However, we hope that as you deliberate on the funding priorities for the state, that you remain steadfast in your dedication to addressing the needs of our most vulnerable populations.

I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB100.

Ben Dyre Family Limited Partnership

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**Testimony of Ben Dyre Family Limited Partnership
Supporting DLNR Watershed and Invasive Species Programs in
H.B. 100 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
Wednesday, March 29, 2017 @ 9:30AM, Room 211**

Our family supports funding to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for watershed management and invasive species prevention, control, and research.

The Ben Dyre Family Limited Partnership has been a part of the Kauai Watershed Alliance (KWA) since its formation in 2003. As a private landowner on Kauai, it is an honor to be a part of such an upstanding group, which has helped to protect and conserve our most vital assets- water, and our unique native plants and animal species. We recognize the necessity of natural resource stewardship. We understand that the source of our pure water is a system of healthy forested watersheds, which capture rain and cloud moisture and deliver it efficiently to aquifers and surface sources for subsequent consumption in our daily lives and for the benefit of our island economy. The Kauai Watershed Alliance has been actively managing portions of the mauka watershed on Kauai since 2003.

The KWA is made up a diverse group of public and private entities that own land within the mountainous watershed and understand the importance of protecting and preserving the forests that capture fresh water—our most precious resource. We are proud of the accomplishments we have made to date and hope to be able to continue our work through additional funding:

East Alakai (summit) Management Unit – 2000 ac. (state = 500ac + private = 1,500 ac.)

- Protective Fence completed in 2012 that removed 60 pigs, 40 goats
- Current status is at zero tolerance
- Area is now being monitored with game cameras, transects and area swept bi-annually w/ dogs
- Fences checked quarterly.

Wainiha Valley Management Unit – 4,000 ac. Private

- Protective Fence completed in 2012 which removed 120 pigs
- Current status is at zero tolerance
- Area is now being monitored with game cameras, transects and area swept bi-annually w/ dogs
- Fences checked quarterly.

Invasive Weed Control – targets; Australian Tree Fern (ATF), Strawberry Guava, Himalayan Ginger, Clydemia (Kostner's Curse). Overall 10,000 acres have been treated in the Alakai Plateau, Wainiha and Lumahai to date.

- Lumahai – 11,000 ATF treated 2013- 2016 by helicopter “stinger” applications (90% efficacy)
- Wainiha – 1st stinger sweep 6,000 ATF treated 2008 – 12; 2nd sweep 4,000 ATF treated 2014 -16 (90% efficacy)
- Himalayan Ginger – Contactor controlling ginger in East Alakai with ongoing contracts as funding allows 2005 – present.

Halehaha Management Unit – 1,3500 ac. State

- Goal Zero Tolerance
- Protective Fence Completed in 2017
- Public to hunt area then KWA staff will commence ungulate removal
- Area has been monitored to establish baselines
- Fence checks will be scheduled.

Thank you for your support and helping us to continue our work!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Holly Dyre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Holly Dyre
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Teresa	Kauai Womens Caucus	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha, my name is Teresa Gardner , I live on Kaua`i and am submitting testimony in strong support of inserting a line item in the budget for HB 100 HD1, to fund the Hawai`i Health Authority. Mahalo for your time

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March 29, 2017

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chairperson
Committee on Ways and Means
415 South Beretania Street, Room 211

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Dela Cruz, and Members,

I am submitting testimony in my capacity as the ASUH Committee on External Affairs Chairperson for strong support of HB100 HD1, which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. Specifically, for the allocation of six full-time psychologists for the University of Hawai'i system. This allocation is a culmination of a student-led initiative by the ASUH at Mānoa.

These positions, at large, would provide available resources across the system to target mental health issues. Specifically, to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa this would allow the UHM Counseling and Student Development Center to provide much needed services.

Currently, the UHM Counseling and Student Development Center (CSDC) employs only seven and a half tenured track psychologists' positions. This has caused a backlog of students in need of psychotherapy services estimated from five days to two and a half weeks. It is to my understanding, that national guidelines require a ratio of one licensed psychologist per every one thousand to one thousand five hundred college students. As such, the positions in the bill would help to decrease this backlog.

I know that we can all agree that a student's success is essential to a thriving university and HB100 HD1 would help to foster student success by providing ample resources for dealing with mental health issues, such as stress, depression, and anxiety. Of higher importance, the health and wellbeing of people is of an intrinsic value and sufficient facilities to address these needs are required.

Therefore, I strongly recommend that this bill does pass through the Committee on Ways and Means, with that allocation in place.

Sincerely,

David B. Enriquez
Chairperson, Committee on External Affairs
Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa



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

Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017
Time: 9:30 AM
Place: Conference Room 211

Re: HB 100, HD1 - RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and other members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on House Bill No. 100. The Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa **testify in support of HB 100, HD1**, as it relates to student-lead mental health initiatives. The state has an interest in maintaining these issues of health. Consequently, the impact in which this measure would have in supporting UH's Counseling and Student Development Center, would address two impending threats to student success in the UH system: the increasing demand of students seeking mental health services at our counseling centers, as well as the imbalanced ratio of psychologists to students, which falls short of the national standard according to the Center for Collegiate Mental Health Annual Report.

This bill appropriates funding for 6 psychologist positions to address mental health concerns of students enrolled in the University of Hawaii System. Additionally, this would allow UH's Counseling and Student Development Center to move forward to better serve all students throughout the system. On behalf of ASUH's 104th Senate, thank you for considering these key steps in keeping in mind the well-being of your constituents at the University of Hawai'i.

Shanda Delos Reyes

Legislative Fellow, 104th Senate
Senator for the Colleges of Arts and Sciences
Associated Students at the University of Hawai'i



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

My name is James Kilgore and I am the Executive Director of Full Life. Full Life is a non-profit organization serving people with developmental disabilities and their families on Hawai'i Island for the nearly 17 years. I am writing to provide support to the following budget item in **HB 100, HD 1 scheduled for hearing on March 29th, 2017 at 9:30AM:**

HTH 501 – Developmental Disabilities, Page 29, Item No. 16

I support funding for the DD Division because people with disabilities and their families deserve to have choice and high quality service providers who are consistent, well trained, and effective. The Medicaid 1915(c) waiver provides home and community based services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who would otherwise be served in institutions. This budget allows supports necessary for people with developmental disabilities to live, work, learn, and recreate in our communities.

It is important to add that funds for the rebased provider payment rates are outlined in the budget worksheet on page 463 of 1018, SEQ# 101-001. This begins to reflect the actual cost to provide services in Hawaii.

On page two and are examples of the impact of funding or not funding the Developmental Disabilities Division Budget for Waiver Rate adjustments.

Rates have not been adjusted in over ten years and the costs for providing services have increased. Additionally, the increased funding will bring an additional \$14.9 Million in revenue to the State of Hawaii in Federal FMAP matches. This rate adjustment is a small step toward funding the actual costs of necessary services that increase opportunities for inclusion in the life of the community and provide quality supports to many people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Thank you for your valuable time and consideration,

James Kilgore

**Please fully support the cost to provide services in
Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Budget
HTH 501 rebasing Medicaid Waiver Rates paid to providers**

☞ **It has been over 10 years** since waiver rates for serving people with intellectual/developmental disabilities has been adjusted at the state level ☞

☞ This funding is much needed **for the sake of stability and sustaining quality services** to those who rely on the Waiver Provider network ☞

☞ Below are real examples of the **personal and family impact** of the Division of Developmental Disabilities and Medicaid Waiver Program Provider Network ☞



- A person supported in Hilo who is blind and has an intellectual disability is finding her voice and purpose by publishing a joke book and performing to an audience of 350 at the Palace Theater in Hilo. Without providers, she would be at home with her mother.
- A man in Pahoia began a nature photography business and helped establish a creative arts organization and festival featuring the art of hundreds of people with significant disabilities. Before waiver services, he was at home being cared for by his family all hours of the day.
- A young woman in Kona who has Down syndrome and a visual impairment rode a wave on a surf board for the first time making friends and enjoying her beautiful community. Without waiver services, she would be at home all day with her parents.
- A young woman transitioning out of high school living in Hawaii Ocean View Estates set a goal to learn to read braille. With waiver services, she was able to join a community book club, order books in braille and read aloud making friends in the same process. Without waiver services, the cost would be shifted fully to the family.

- A young woman in Waimea wrote, illustrated, and published a children’s book. A theater group will be adapting her work into a play and performing at the East Hawaii Cultural Center in Hilo. Without waiver providers, she would be at home with her family.
- A young man has been supported to stay in his home in Hilo to live independently. He has no natural supports or family able to care for him. Health and safety is a priority as well as making friends and talking story with others. Without waiver providers, he would be living in a nursing home or another type of institution.

Below are examples of the impact if the **budget is funded** or if the **budget is not funded**

FUND THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BUDGET	DON'T FUND THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BUDGET
Higher quality services for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their families	Poorer quality services for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their families
More choice in types of services and service providers	Less choice in services and fewer service providers
Direct Support Professionals and caretakers paid fair wages for making a difference in the lives of community members every day	Direct Support Professionals and caretakers paid low wages and turnover rates between 21% and 38%
Help families by providing consistency and stability in services	Shift the cost of care and services to families
Bring in an additional \$14.9 Million in revenue to the State of Hawaii in Federal Matches	Inefficient use of tax payers’ resources leaving federal funds on the table
Reimburse fair rates to providers as evidenced in an empirical rate study of Hawaii Waiver rates. Sustain providers who are considering ending service provisions.	Continue to reimburse nonprofit and other providers less than the actual cost to provide services. How much longer can that last?
Provide services needed to live, work, and play in our communities	Fewer people served who need services and those with services have less services than needed

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

FROM: Karen Tan, LCSW, Chief Program Officer, Child & Family Service

RE: In Support of HB 100, HD1 Relating to the State Budget

Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:00 a.m., State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Aloha Senator Tokuda, Senator Dela Cruz, and members of the House Finance Committee. I am Karen Tan, Chief Program Officer of Child & Family Service (CFS), Hawaii's oldest and most comprehensive human services organization. We serve keiki to kupuna and touch the lives of over 40,000 Hawaii residents each year with services that range from child abuse prevention and treatment, early childhood programs, child welfare programs, domestic violence programs, services for troubled youth, and kupuna services.

I would like to share our support of the following items in the budget:

1. CFS supports a budgeted rate increase for providers of Intensive-In-Home Services and Community Based Residential Treatment services through the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Department of Health. It has been at least ten years since there has been a rate increase for these services. At the same time, the challenges and costs of managing the complexities of Medicaid billing and other cost of care requirements have continued to rise. The proposed rate increase will help to ensure these services are maintained for youth and their families in our community. It is my understanding that this rate increase is no longer in HB100, HD1. Please consider reinstating these funds in order to ensure services are provided for youth and their families. Without this increase, there is a high likelihood that providers will have no choice but to walk away from these contracts as the current funding simply doesn't pay for the cost to run these programs.
2. CFS supports the budgeted amount of 3 million dollars for Home Visiting services. These funds help to provide home visitation services to families at risk of child abuse and neglect. The funds also leverage federal funding, that might not otherwise be available to Hawaii for these services.
3. CFS supports the budgeted amount for Kupuna Care. This funding is essential to meet the growing number of seniors, our "kupuna", in Hawaii to "age in place" in their own communities. Our services help prevent institutional care that is not only more expensive, but is not what most seniors want. CFS's Kupuna Care services are specifically designed to help kupuna stay either in their own homes or in the homes of a loved one for as long as possible.

If the Committee has any questions about these items, please feel free to contact me at ktan@cfs-hawaii.org or by calling me at 681-1460.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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KO'OLAU MOUNTAINS WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP

March 22, 2017

Testimony Supporting H.B. 100
Funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources
Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30AM, Room 211

Aloha Legislators,

The Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership supports **H.B. 100 HD1** which provides general funding to a variety of DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife programs, including watershed protection and invasive species response in Hawai'i.

The Ko'olau Mountains Watershed Partnership has been actively managing portions of the mauka watershed on O'ahu since 1999. Our partners make up a diverse group of public and private entities that own land within the mountainous watershed and understand the importance of protecting and preserving the native forests that capture fresh water- our most valuable resource.

The DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife's budget request seeks essential base operating and CIP funding for invasive species and watershed protection programs. Funding for these programs will continue to support natural resource management in Hawai'i by expanding the protection of our native forests and securing the water resources our state relies on. Watershed partnerships such as ours are also able to leverage these funds with matches from county, federal, and private sources to help meet our collective goals, as well as creating jobs and stimulating our local economy.

Our governor's commitment to natural resource management was exemplified in the Sustainable Hawai'i Initiative. Through this initiative and the Aloha Plus Challenge, a target was set to protect 30% (253,000 acres) of Hawai'i's highest priority watersheds by 2030. With only 127,000 acres currently protected approximately 9,000 acres a year will need to be protected each year from now until 2030 to reach this goal. Watershed and invasive species protection programs are prepared to be a progressive instrument in this initiative, however, we need sustained and consistent funding to meet these goals.

Thank you for your support of funding for natural resource management programs. We hope that you can join us in lending your support for watershed protection and a more sustainable Hawai'i.

Thoughtfully submitted with broad partner support.



March 26, 2017

Kohala Watershed Partnership
Support for Funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
Watershed and Invasive Species Programs
in H.B. 100 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30AM, Room 211

Thank you for your support for funding watershed protection and invasive species response in Hawai'i. Please help us continue that important work by again **supporting the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget request for watershed management, CIP fencing work, and invasive species prevention, control, research, and education programs and activities.**

The Kohala Watershed Partnership has been actively managing 65,000 acres of the Kohala Mountain watershed on Hawai'i Island since 2008. We as members make up a diverse group of public and private entities that own land within the mountainous watershed and understand the importance of protecting and preserving the forests that capture fresh water—our most precious resource.

Since 2008, KWP has constructed over 30 miles of fence, planted 80,000 native trees and shrubs, and swept and cleared approximately 10,000 acres for invasive species. In the past couple of years we have removed 493 feral ungulates from some of our highest priority areas. These areas yield approximately 100-150 inches of rain per year. However, there are still many areas that need to be protected to avoid being severely degraded, reducing their ability to capture and store water. The Kohala Watershed Partnership as an organization has employed more than 30 people since 2008.

The source of fresh water is not the faucet, pipe, or even the well or stream it's drawn from. The real source is a system of healthy forested watersheds, not forests overrun by invasive plants and animals, which capture rain and cloud moisture and deliver it efficiently to aquifers and surface sources for subsequent consumption in our daily lives.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Cody Dwight
Coordinator, Kohala Watershed Partnership

Testimony of Brad Suizu, Princeville Utilities Company, Inc.

Supporting Funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
Watershed and Invasive Species Programs
in H.B. 100 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30AM, Room 211

Honorable Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair; Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair, Ways and Means Committee, Hawaii State Legislature,

Princeville Utilities Company, Inc. is in strong support of H.B. 100, particularly the proposed funding to the Department of Land and Natural Resources' and Department of Agriculture's invasive species and watershed protection programs.

Invasive species affect everyone. Our water supply is at risk because our forests are at risk, our locally-grown crops are attacked by pests and diseases, our heritage trees like 'ōhi'a are threatened by disease, and our health and well-being can be harmed by stinging insects and mosquito-borne diseases. However, we recognize that together we can make a difference if we make it a high priority for our government and ourselves to prevent new introductions, control the worst pests already present, educate ourselves and others, and use good science to support our collective efforts.

We are a partner of the Kauai Invasive Species Committee that works in natural areas, agricultural lands and communities to prevent, detect, and control the establishment and spread of invasive species threats to the environment, economy, and quality of life in Hawai'i.

As an active participant in the Kauai Watershed Alliance, we support the work of DLNR and Department of Agriculture's invasive species and watershed protection programs. We need to continue to protect and preserve our natural area reserves. The forested Makua watersheds are essential to meeting the ever increasing demand for drinking water in Hawai'i. We humbly ask for your kind consideration in supporting the request of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

The DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife's budget request seeks essential base operating and CIP funding for invasive species and watershed protection programs. We are pleased to work with the State to leverage these funds several times over with matching funds from county, federal and private sources help to help meet our collective goals.

Thank you for your support.



House Committee on Finance

The Hon. Jill Tokuda, Chair

The Hon. Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

**Testimony on House Bill No. 0100, House Draft 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conf. Room 211**

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

My name is Mary Frances Oneha and I am the Chief Executive Officer of Waimānalo Health Center. I am requesting that funding be provided in House Bill No. 0100 to reinstate adult dental services for Medicaid enrollees in the State of Hawaii by funding the Governor's request for Line Item HMS401.

The Waimānalo Health Center has consistently supported and continues to provide strong support to restore basic adult dental benefits to Medicaid enrollees. Waimanalo Health Center's Dental Clinic continues to see a high percent of uninsured adults and an increase in dental emergencies.

In 2015, the Department of Health (DOH) released a report entitled "Hawaii Oral Health: Key Findings", which revealed that Hawaii has an enormous shortfall in the area of dental benefits. Among other things, DOH found that:

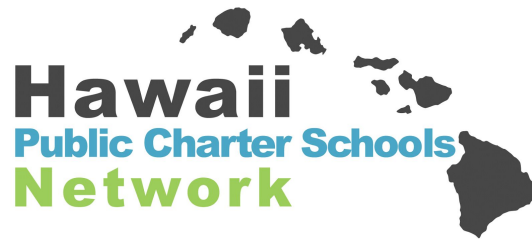
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Further, the DOH outlined a number of measures that could greatly improve the oral health status of Hawaii's residents. Foremost among them was the continued support and expansion of preventative dental care to low-income populations, best achieved through the restoration of adult dental services in Medicaid.

This issue is of special importance to all community health centers because a majority provide dental services. Between 2007 and 2015, the number of patients receiving dental care at community health centers more than doubled, rising from 20,000 patients to over 40,000. As 57% of community health center patients are enrolled in either Medicaid or CHIP Programs, this bill will provide much needed funding and sustainability for services to the most needy in the State.

Additionally, Waimānalo Health Center 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. The inclusion of funding to Line Item HMS401 for adult dental services would provide additional benefits to both individuals and the community as a whole by making it easier for individuals to obtain employment, reduce absenteeism to school or work, and improve social standing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



March 29, 2017

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

From: Jeannine Souki, Executive Director
Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network

**RE: HB 100 HD1, Relating to the State Budget – Support Testimony
Conference Room 211 – Hawaii State Capitol – March 29, 2017, 9:30 AM**

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and Members,

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of items in HB 100, HD1, Relating to the State Budget. I am Jeannine Souki, Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Charter School Network (HPCSN).

HPCSN's mission is to advance high quality education in Hawaii by advocating for and providing support to public charter schools across the state. HPCSN provides information and services to those interested in charter schools in Hawaii; offers its member services and resources to improve the quality of the programs and operations of charter schools; and advocates on behalf of charter schools to improve support for public charter schools.

HPCSN strongly supports the following budget items in EDN 600 (Charter Schools) and EDN 612 (Charter School Commission):

- **Operating –Facilities funding for public charter schools (\$5,479,000)**
 - Facilities funding appropriation does not currently exist and has been a top priority for public charter schools. When charter schools were first authorized in 1999, legislative champions planned a system based on school/community based management principles to support conversions of department schools into charter schools, which remained in the DOE facility. Waiālae and Lanikai elementary schools were the first conversion charters. Charter school law was amended overtime to recognize Hawaiian-focused learning and ushered several start-up charter schools. In 2012, the state law was overhauled to make way for model law recognize the role of a state charter school authorizer and setting governance and performance framework requirements for Hawaii's charter schools. But nearly 18 years later, charter schools are

still faced with the burden of securing and funding facilities from dollars that are needed for teaching and learning in the classroom. We needed facilities funding yesterday.

- The need for facilities funding is growing momentum as we see a steady growth for public charter schools in the state and across the nation. Nearly 11,000 students in Hawaii and approximately 3 million students across the country attend public charter schools. Twenty-eight of 34 charters are start-up schools. Three more start-up charters are preparing to open their doors to students in 2017 and several charter school applications are currently under review.
 - Research shows a significant relationship between the condition of school facilities and student performance. Hawaii's charter school facilities challenges have been documented in the media recent and recognition of facilities funding have been supported by the State Public Charter School Commission and the Board of Education. There's a great need for facilities funding to ensure the learning environment for students is suitable for learning.
 - The state legislature passed Act 234, Sessions Laws of Hawaii 2015, to address facility needs. This year the Commission convened a facilities funding working group to advise how funds for facilities may be distributed if general and bond funds are appropriated during the session.
 - The Federal Charter School Program (CSP) housed in the U.S. Department of Education offers challenge grants to states that provide facilities funding support for charter schools. Currently, 16 states and Washington, D.C. are providing facilities funding support according to the National Alliance of Public Charter Schools in 2016. In FY2016-17, the CSP budget increased by 35 percent and additional increases are being sought for the next federal biennium request. Providing facilities funding for charter schools in our state will better position us to qualify for federal CSP programs, particularly for the Facilities Incentive Grant for States, which awarded just a single state California in the previous cycle because the other state applicant failed to provide per pupil facilities funding appropriations after initially getting a green light for their grant.
- **Hard-to-Fill incentive pay (\$579,000) and National Board Certified Teacher incentives (\$90,000)**
 - Incentive pay for Hard-to-Fill positions in rural schools and teachers with National Board Certification have been long-standing problems in the charter school budget. These should receive a separate appropriation from the charter school per pupil funding because charter schools have varying requirements for each. Instead of appropriating funding in EDN 600, the recommendation is to allocate these funds to EDN 612 to allow the Commission to distribute funds to schools that are eligible for the distinction.

- **Newly approved charter school start up grant (\$200,000)**
 - This initiative is a much-needed step to provide funding for start-up grants that help new charter schools approved by the Commission. Previously, Hawaii’s public charter schools were eligible for state grants to assist with their significant start-up costs.
 - Public charter schools approved after Act 130 (2012) have shared serious challenges they face with the start-up of a new school. Even after three years in operation, a start-up public charter school can continue to be challenged by the “chicken-or-egg” dilemma of having to draw facilities costs from very modest per pupil funding and fundraising resources especially as they seek to grow enrollment or add grades over time, which helps charter schools become more sustainable.
 - The provision of state start-up grants has helped several public charter schools gain firmer footing in the early years as schools become established in their respective communities.

- **Equitable salary adjustments for the State Public Charter School Commission staff and Hawaii’s Public Charter School leaders, teachers and staff.**
 - As HGEA, HSTA and UPW contracts are up for renewal, we urge that salary adjustments for the charter school sector be kept top of mind. In the past, several positions within charter schools and staff of the commission have been missed in during collective bargaining and consequently through the legislative appropriations process. We urge that all qualified stated entities be treated equitably and respectfully urge for their adequate compensation.

Mahalo for your consideration of our support testimony. Hawaii Public Charter Schools Network works to support public charter schools in the state and be a voice for children and families that seek choice in an independent public school setting. We thank you again for your work and dedication to ensuring public education is adequately funded in Hawaii.

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Scott Foster	Hawaii Advocates For Consumer Rights	Support	No

Comments: Please insert a line item for \$250,000 in the budget for HB 100HD1 to fund the Hawai`i Health Authority. This would move Hawaii closer to seeing a universal health care-single payer system. Mahalo.

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The Senate
Committee on Ways and Means
March 29, 2017
9:30 a.m., Conference Room 211
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Testimony in Support of DLNR Watershed & Invasive Species work in HB 100

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

The Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species (CGAPS) **is in strong support of HB 100 HD1, Relating to the State Budget**, as it relates to funding for DLNR's work on watershed protection and invasive species.

The innovative partnerships such as the Watershed Partnerships, the Invasive Species Committees on each island, and the multi-agency Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death response all arose to pool resources (human resources, equipment & supplies, and limited funds) to work towards common goals.

The Watershed Partnerships maximize state funds by finding private and other state, county, and federal funds, but they need their base budget and CIP funds for the majority of their fencing work. State funds via DLNR are the most important tools to provide the Watershed Partnerships. Similarly, the Invasive Species Committees rely on core funding through the HISC competitive grant process. Each year, this process documents the ability of the ISCs to use state funds to run programs that are furthered by additional private, state, and federal dollars. For these reasons, we thank you for the opportunity to voice our support for DLNR in HB 100 HD1, but we also ask you to please consider including *the additional \$7.5 million in CIP for watershed fences*.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Aloha,
Christy Martin, CGAPS

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Scott Foster	The Kupuna Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	No

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This funding will assist the hospital in turning around the negative financial performance of the past, and put it on a path of sustainability.

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By providing capital and operating funds, this hospital can continue to care for the upper third of Oahu.

Wahiawa General Hospital appreciates the Legislature's continued support of our essential hospital.

Mahalo,

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Mahalo,

Doug DeGraaf
CEO
Wahiawa General Hospital

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The Hon. Jill Tokuda, Chair

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**Testimony on House Bill No. 0100, House Draft 1
RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET.
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conf. Room 211**

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

My name is Helen Kekalia and I am the Interim CEO of The Molokai Community Health Center. I am requesting that funding be provided in House Bill No. 0100, House Draft 1, to reinstate adult dental services for Medicaid enrollees in the State of Hawaii by funding the Governor's request for Line Item HMS401.

In 2015, the Department of Health (DOH) released a report entitled "*Hawaii Oral Health: Key Findings*", which revealed that Hawaii has an enormous shortfall in the area of dental benefits. Among other things, DOH found that:

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Additionally, Molokai Community Health Center 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. The inclusion of funding to Line Item HMS401 for adult dental services would provide additional benefits to both individuals and the community as a whole by making it easier for individuals to obtain employment, reduce absenteeism to school or work, and improving social standing.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Me ke aloha pumehana,



Helen K. Kekalia
Interim CEO

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Testimony of *Jonnetta Peters*
Supporting Funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources
in H.B. 100 HD 1 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 am, Room 211

Mahalo for your support of funding for watershed protection and invasive species response in Hawai'i. Please help us continue that important work by again **supporting the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget request for *watershed management, CIP fencing work, and invasive species prevention, control, research, and education programs and activities.***

As a native Hawaiian and a resident of the State of Hawai'i, I am very concerned about the condition of our watersheds, native forests, and habitats for rare and endangered Hawaiian species. The source of fresh water – one of our most precious resources – is not the faucet, pipe, or even the well or stream it is drawn from. The real source is a system of healthy forested watersheds, not forests overrun by invasive plants and animals, which capture rain and cloud moisture and deliver it efficiently to aquifers and surface sources for subsequent consumption in our daily lives.

Healthy and diverse Hawaiian forests that are not degraded by invasive pests act like a sponge, collecting rain and moisture from passing clouds, slowly delivering fresh water into streams and aquifers, absorbing greenhouse gases, and reducing runoff and siltation into streams and onto coral reefs during storm events.

Please take care of our native forest so it may take care of us.

Please protect our land, water, quality of life, culture, and economy by funding DLNR's budget request for watershed management. Mahalo for your support.

Sincerely,

Jonnetta Peters

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kalihi Palama Hawaiian Civic Club	Kalihi Palama HCC	Support	No

Comments: The Kalihi Palama HCC submits testimony in support of appropriations for the Dept of Hawaiian Home Lands. Respectfully, Leimomi Khan, President

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KALIHI PALAMA HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUB

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HB100, HD1, Relating to the State Budget
Appropriations for the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
Hearing: Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 a.m., Room 211

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

Aloha mai kākou,

The Hawaiian Affairs Caucus, Democratic Party of Hawaii, supports HB 100, HD1, Relating to the State Budget, and especially appropriations for the Department of the Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL). Such appropriations for the DHHL complies with the responsibility under Article XII, Section 1, of the State Constitution for appropriating sufficient general funds for the administration and operating expenses of the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands (DHHL) for fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

We support this measure to assure that the Dept of Hawaiian Homelands has sufficient general funds for the administration and operating expenses of the DHHL for these fiscal years.

Mahalo for your consideration of our comments in support of HB 100, HD1.

Respectfully,

Leimomi Khan
President

TO: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair; Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Committee on Ways and Means
FROM: Marya Grambs, member, Board of Directors, PHOCUSED, and Member,
Advocacy Committee, Partners in Care
SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of HB 100, HD1 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET
Hearing: March 29, 2017 at 9:30am
Conference Room 211

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of several items included in HB100, HD1. I am Marya Grambs, Secretary of the Board of Directors of PHOCUSED and member of Partners in Care. PHOCUSED advocates for the needs of vulnerable children and adults in Hawaii – children, elderly, disabled, and underserved.

We urge the Senate to consider supporting or surpassing the original funding levels submitted to the Legislature from the Governor for several crucial budget items. HD1 significantly reduced or erased crucial funding for those most in need, including those experiencing homelessness or in desperate need of affordable housing. We strongly support the following funding, which, when combined, will significantly reduce homelessness in our state:

HMS 222, 100-001: Funds for <u>ongoing</u> rental subsidies for the homeless, including positions	\$7,000,000
HMS 224, 100-001: Funds for Housing First Program:	\$3,000,000
HMS 224, 101-001: Funds for homeless outreach, including youth outreach:	\$1,500,000
HMS 224, 102-001: Funds for Rapid Rehousing:	\$2,500,000
HMS 224, 151-001: Funds for legal services to homeless:	\$500,000
HTH 420, 100-001: Funds for homeless individuals with serious and persistent mental health challenges:	\$1,000,000
HTH 440, 105-001: Funds for outreach and counseling services for chronically homeless individuals and families with severe substance use disorders:	\$800,000
• Includes \$200,000 for a LEAD pilot project	
BED 160: Rental Housing Revolving Fund infusion:	\$50,000,000 (CIP)
BED 160: 902 Alder Street, Honolulu, Oahu Project:	\$15,000,000 (CIP)
HMS 220: Public Housing Authority for housing development, improvements, renovations, statewide:	\$50,000,000 (CIP)
HMS 220: Public housing vacant unit repairs/renovations, statewide:	\$4 million (CIP)
HMS 220: Public housing security improvements, statewide:	\$5 million (CIP)

Many of these items were significantly reduced or altogether taken out of House Draft 1. These funds are crucial to the successful programs that have been initiated and have begun to make

the impactful changes our state is seeking.

We respectfully urge you to add the requested \$3 million for **Housing First into the Department of Human Services base budget.**

The State Rent Supplement Program can provide **ongoing rental assistance** to quickly move Hawaii's homeless into permanent housing for those who are homeless due to the massive gap between wages and rental prices.

In addition, we would like to highlight that **outreach** is a crucial component of working to house those persons living unsheltered. Without the first contact made through outreach, none of the services related to housing and treatment can be offered. Within HTH 440, 105-001 are funds for outreach and counseling services, as well as for the **Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion** program. We fully support this program, which is gaining traction and changing lives in our nation's most innovative cities. The critical nature of outreach to the **homeless youth population** also cannot be overstated.

Funding for the **Alder Street** project is crucial; it is a mixed-use residential project consisting of about **180 affordable rental housing** units and a **juvenile services center.**

The appropriation to the **Rental Housing Revolving Fund** must be increased from previous years, as developers have continued to indicate that the RHRF is key to getting projects completed in order to meet the growing demand for rental units, which has pushed rental prices out of the reach of too many of our community members.

Lastly, PHOCUSED strongly supports the increases in the base budget for the Executive Office of Aging's **Kupuna Care program**, Aging and Disability Resource Center, and the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman. PHOCUSED also supports the **restoration of adult dental benefits** in the MED-QUEST Division's (HMS 401, PE-01). These budget items position the state to continue to positively impact our kupuna and medically-fragile individuals.

We understand that your committee is heavily burdened with the complex decisions regarding which projects are in need of funding. We know these are not decision you take lightly. However, we hope that as you deliberate on the funding priorities for the state, that you remain steadfast in your dedication to addressing the needs of our most vulnerable populations.

I thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB100.



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March 28, 2017

Our Mission

Hawai'i Meals on Wheels, Inc., a private, not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization, is dedicated to helping O'ahu's elders and individuals with disabilities preserve their independence at home. We do this by providing hot, nutritious meals and regular, personal interaction with those we serve.

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

From: Michelle Cordero-Lee, CEO of Hawai'i Meals on Wheels

Subject: Support For HTH904 Funding in HB 100

Hawai'i Meals on Wheels provides a service that is much needed in the community. Our mission is to serve meals to the most vulnerable in age, income as well as physical and mental disability. Through our services, all of our clients are able to live the rest of their lives in their home with better nutrition, socialization and an improved sense of mental health and wellbeing. In 2016, Hawai'i Meals on Wheels delivered over 97,000 hot, nutritious meals throughout Oahu to our homebound kupuna and disabled, an increase of 13% over 2015, when we delivered 86,000 meals.

Much of the increase in services is attributed to longevity and the baby boomer population. Hawai'i's kupuna have a longer life expectancy than those around the nation. From 2010 to 2015, our 65 years and older residents increased by 17% in Honolulu county compared to 4.8% in the state. (U.S. Census, DBEDT 2035 Series, 2009). Many of our kupuna lack the ability to shop and cook for themselves because of limited ambulatory ability, danger (e.g. forgetting to turn off the stove) or forgetting to eat. In addition, they may not have social support systems due to family living away or working and being unable to help during work hours.

As the senior population grows, so does the need for hot, therapeutic home-delivered meals, personal interaction, and safety and wellness checks. Over 60% of our seniors require a specialized diet (renal, low-sodium, high-calorie, diabetic etc.. or textures such as chopped, soft, puree). This is especially significant as many kupuna and disabled cannot afford to live in care institutions and would rather stay in their own homes as long as possible. Those who are discharged from hospitals are particularly vulnerable as they transition to post-hospital care. HMoW partners with hospitals and nursing homes to provide specialized meals for our homebound kupuna and disabled.

In the year 2017, we will continue to work to make sure that Oahu's homebound kupuna and disabled receive critical service but we cannot do it without your help. With the increase in Oahu's kupuna we ask for funding for these vital services provided by Kupuna Care program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michelle Cordero-Lee
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Tuesday, March 28, 2017

Support for HB100, HD1

Hale Kipa strongly supports the Department of Health - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division's (CAMHD) request for rate increases. As a service provider contracted by CAMHD, Hale Kipa and other service providers have reached a crossroads - risk debt and even bankruptcy by continuing to provide the much-needed services to Hawaii's at-risk youth at CAMHD's current reimbursement rate or no longer provided the critical and much needed serves.

Without the proposed rate increases, the system of care will continue to erode by constricting success rates of the precious lives that Hale Kipa and our fellow non-profit organizations serve. Without the proposed rate increases, costs for supporting institutional visits will continue to require additional funds that will by far surpass the rates currently being proposed. Sustainable and properly funded programs are integral to the delicate and unique lives who have undergone a significant amount of trauma. Hawaii's youth deserve intensive and therapeutic services with the capability to increase and expand efforts by the support of sound funding. On behalf of Hale Kipa, we are committed and honored to provide Intensive In Home and Therapeutic Foster Home services to our youth, and their future, and to help sustain healing possibilities with social responsibility.

Since 1970, Hale Kipa has regularly encountered youth full of potential and meaningful dreams. Many of those dreams get shattered. Some are just temporarily scattered from the trauma they face, day-after-day, during the most innocent and impressionable years of their lives. Research shows that to reverse the symptoms of trauma in young people, they must be provided a safe, nurturing, loving and supportive environment. When a youth learns to embrace the concept of safety, is cared for and relaxed, the physical brain has an opportunity to be healed. Additionally, effective healing unfolds when support is provided to parents, families and foster parents by giving them strategies on how to deal with trauma and stress. Youth and families are then strengthened and can actualize their potential to follow their dreams. We do this in part through working with CAMHD.

It is for these reasons Hale Kipa submits this testimony strongly urging this Committee to grant CAMHD's request for sufficient funding to increase its rates thereby allowing service providers to continue providing these much-needed mental health services for Hawaii's youth. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Punky Pletan-Cross, CEO



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Testimony of the Big Island Invasive Species Committee
Supporting Invasive Species Programs and DOFAW Priorities

H.B. 100: Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30AM, Room 211

Aloha,

Thank you for supporting the state's critical conservation, watershed, natural area reserves, and biosecurity programs. BIISC would like to express our support for H.B. 100, which includes continued funding to the Hawaii Invasive Species Council (HISC) to support invasive species prevention, control, research, and education programs statewide. We ask for your strong support for these and other items needed to implement Hawaii's Interagency Biosecurity Plan. Stopping the spread of invasive species, along with the funding priorities listed below, will protect our essential watersheds and water sources, 'ohi'a lehua forests, and habitats for rare and endangered Hawaiian species.

Governor Ige's request for the following Division of Forestry and Wildlife funding priorities:

- 5.25M Hawaii Invasive Species Council
- \$1M Rapid 'Ohi'a Death research
- \$2.4M Watershed Partnerships Program
- \$500K watershed protection/WPs
- \$7.5M CIP money for watershed fences (\$15M over the biennium).
- Base funding for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife Programs including the Natural Area Reserves, forestry, wildlife, and endangered species preservation.

Strong, stable funding at state agencies is critical to the success of the state's new Interagency Biosecurity Plan and a healthy economic and environmental future for Hawaii. Stronger funding for DLNR, HDOA, and the HISC will enable stronger collaboration within the state, with the Watershed Partnerships, the Invasive Species Committees, and the Hawaii Ant Lab, and with our county, federal, and NGO partners.

If there is one thing invasive species make clear, it is that dollars spent on prevention, early detection, and rapid response are worth hundreds and even thousands of times more in savings down the line. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.

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LATE TESTIMONY

TESTIMONY ON HB 100 SD1: Governor's Budget

TO: Senator Tokuda, Chair, Ways and Means, and committee members:
RE: **HB 100 SD1**
FROM: Catherine Graham and Rev. Bob Nakata
Hearing: **3/29/17, 9:00 am, room 211**

Dear Senator Tokuda and Ways and Mean Committee Members,

When you are considering the CIP areas of the budget, especially the items related to Affordable Housing, please remember that it was your mandate last year to create 22,500 affordable housing units in 10 years that everyone is striving for. In order to achieve that number we need as much money as possible in the budget for the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (they had requests for \$65 million more than they had available in this first round of applications this year), the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (no infrastructure, no housing), HPHA (who houses the most vulnerable and lowest income of our residents) and the Alder St. Project which is shovel ready to provide us with 184 affordable rental units very quickly.

Please keep these items in mind when you are considering your budgeting.

Mahalo

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Testimony for WAM on Mar 29, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rev. Stanley Bain	Hawai'i Coalition for Immigration Reform	Support	No

Comments: Honorable Chair Jill Tokuda and Members of the Ways and Means Committee I submit this testimony in support of HB 100 with the request that you increase funding to the following levels which are necessary to make affordable housing more available: \$75 million - Rental Housing Revolving Fund \$75 million - Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (infrastructure) \$75 million - Public Housing \$15 million - Alder St. project Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. Rev. Stanley Bain, Organizer Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE)

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HAWAII CHAPTER OF THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY

Testimony of Hawaii Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Supporting Funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources
in H.B. 100 HD 1 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 AM, Room 211

Thank you for your continued support of funding for watershed protection and invasive species response in Hawai'i. Please help us continue that crucial work by again **supporting the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget request for watershed management, CIP fencing work, and invasive species prevention, control, research, and education programs and activities.**

The Hawaii Chapter of The Wildlife Society is the state chapter for the national professional organization of wildlife biologists, The Wildlife Society. Our Society promotes professionalism and ethics within the ranks of practicing wildlife biologists and related professions. We recognize that healthy wildlife populations require healthy overall ecosystems, and fencing, watershed management, and invasive species prevention and control are all part of maintaining and managing healthy ecosystems.

Our continued access to a sustainable source of fresh water requires a system of healthy forested watersheds, which capture rain and cloud moisture and deliver it efficiently to island aquifers and surface sources. Healthy forests provide habitat for wildlife, recreation for residents and visitors, and capture greenhouse gases, thus cooling our ever-warming planet. Healthy forests reduce runoff and siltation into streams and protect our coral reefs from damage during storm events.

We urge you to reinstate the \$500,000 cut from watershed protection, the \$500,000 cut from HISC, and the \$7.5 million CIP monies cut from watershed fences. These reinstatements would leave a better environment for Hawaii's future generations.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Angela Amlin
President, Hawaii Chapter of The Wildlife Society

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaleen M. pahinui	North Shore Neighborhood Board #27	Support	No

Comments: The North Shore Neighborhood Board #27 supports HB 100 and specifically the funding identified for Wahiawa General Hospital. This funding will allow the hospital to take care of some capital projects and bring on key staff as they work toward implementing their sustainable economic plan. This hospital is critical for our rural community as it is the nearest full service facility to address serious health issues and long-term care.

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March 28, 2017

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

From: Deborah Zysman, Executive Director
Hawaii Children's Action Network

Re: **HB 100 HD 1 – Relating to the State Budget**
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 211, March 28, 2017, 9:30 AM

On behalf of Hawaii Children's Action Network (HCAN), we SUPPORT HB100 HD 1– Relating to the State Budget.

HCAN is committed to building a unified voice advocating for Hawaii's children by improving their safety, health, and education. In terms of the budget, we would like to comment specifically on the allotments for the Department of Education.

We are in support of HB 100 HD 1 since there were significant amendments to the Department of Education budget.

HB100 HD 1 reallocated specific funding to key programmatic areas that had been requested by the Board of Education and the Department of Education and that HCAN feels are important for the education and welfare of students across Hawaii. These include line items such as but not limited to:

- **EDN 700 – to fund expansion of public pre-kindergarten by adding 10 classrooms.**
- **EDN 100 – to fund expansion of the Office of Hawaiian Education by \$2million.**
- **EDN150 – to fund the addition of 60 permanent positions for special education preschool teachers and educational assistants.**

For these reasons, HCAN respectfully requests that the committee PASS this bill.

HCAN is committed to building a unified voice advocating for Hawaii's children by improving their safety, health, and education. Last fall, HCAN convened input in person and online from more than 50 organizations and individuals that came forward to support or express interest for a number of issues affecting children and families in our state that resulted in the compilation of 2017 Hawai'i Children's Policy Agenda, which can be accessed at <http://www.hawaii-can.org/2017policyagenda>.



March 28, 2017

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

HB 100 HD1
Relating to the State Budget
Wednesday, March 28, 2017 9:30 am State Capitol. Conference Room 211

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

The Hawaiian Islands Land Trust (“HILT”) is a nationally accredited, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that protects over 17,500 acres of land in Hawai‘i with *scenic views, agricultural resources, wildlife habitats, water resource areas, cultural and historical values, and outdoor recreation opportunities*. Established in 2011 as a statewide consolidation of smaller land trusts on each of the major islands, HILT complements the stewardship others are providing for mountaintop watersheds by concentrating largely on needs and opportunities for coastal and agricultural lands. The importance of these lands stems from the fact that they are rich in cultural values and often under the greatest threat of development.

To connect people in beneficial ways to these precious landscapes, HILT fosters public appreciation and stewardship of strategically situated HILT owned preserves throughout the Hawaiian Islands. HILT also holds and monitors perpetual conservation easements, HILT’s primary conservation tool, to assist owners who wish to ensure long-term protection of lands with high conservation values.

HILT supports the Department of Land and Natural Resources budget request which will help Hawaii’s statewide watershed initiatives, address invasive species, and fight rapid ohia death. In particular, HILT supports the requested spending ceiling increase for Legacy Land Protection (LNR 101) to help protect priority coastal, agricultural, historic, cultural, forest and recreational resources in Hawaii.

Many unique and environmentally and culturally significant lands in Hawaii have been protected through the legacy land fund that benefit both residents and visitors. These funds and projects enhance the quality of life for residents and those visiting Hawaii and ensure that those places that make Hawaii unique and special and preserved and enhanced for future generations.

Me ke aloha,
Kawika K. Burgess
Chief Executive Officer



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Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Date: March 29, 2017

Where: State Capitol Room 211

TESTIMONY

By Ka'ano'i Walk
Kamehameha Schools

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

RE: **HB 100 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

E ka Luna Ho'omaluku Tokuda, ka Hope Luna Ho'omaluku Dela Cruz, a me nā Lālā o ke Kōmike o nā Loa'a a me nā Ho'olilo o ka 'Aha Kenekoa, aloha! My name is Ka'ano'i Walk and I serve as the Senior Policy Analyst of the Kūamahi Community Education Group of Kamehameha Schools.

We are testifying in **support** of HB 100, relating to the State Budget, on behalf of Kamehameha Schools. We are standing in strong support of the State's funding of Early Learning, Charter Schools, the Office of Hawaiian Education, and the Higher Education Promise Program.

Founded in 1887, Kamehameha Schools is an organization striving to advance a thriving Lāhui where all Native Hawaiians are successful, grounded in traditional values, and leading in the local and global communities. We believe that community success is individual success, Hawaiian culture-based education leads to academic success and local leadership drives global leadership.

'A'ohē hana nui ke alu 'ia. No task is too large when we all work together! Mahalo nui.



SENATE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 9:30AM Room 211

In SUPPORT HB 100 Relating to the State Budget

Aloha Chairwoman Tokuda, and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

The Sierra Club of Hawai'i strongly supports full funding for the protection of Hawai'i's watersheds and agricultural lands, control of invasive species especially Rapid 'Ohi'a Death, and restoration of important ecosystems like Kaho'olawe. We recognize that your Committee must balance immense need across many sectors of our community with severely limited resources. Thank you for converting the Department of Land and Natural Resources funds in Act 84 to general funds. We appreciate all that your Committee does to plan for our future in these challenging financial times.

Outline of Priority Environmental Funding Needs

Area	Amount	Value
Watershed Protections and partnerships	\$3M A funds \$7.5M CIP funds	Ensure drinking water for our children by protecting 30% of state forests by 2030. (LNR101, 172, 407)
Invasive species controls, especially Rapid 'Ohi'a Death	\$1M A funds for ROD study, \$500,000 A funds for other invasive species	Ensure drinking water for our children by improving treatment for and preventing the spread of Rapid 'Ohi'a Death, and other invasive species that undermine the health of native forests. (LNR402)
Legacy Lands Conservation Program	\$1.7M ceiling increase, \$2.3M lapsed funds	Protect and conserve critical natural resources, including parks, coastal areas, and watersheds for future generations. (LNR101)
Land Use Commission	\$50,772 A funds and 1 FTE	Help protect agricultural lands for food production & ensure quality land use management through enforcement of existing requirements by new staff. (BED103)
Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Council	\$1M A funds and 15 temp positions	Restore a unique ecosystem destroyed by military exercises. (LNR906)

Watershed Protections: Division of Forest and Wildlife (DOFAW) Base Requests

The Club supports DOFAW base budget requests, subparts LNR 172, 402, 407 & 804, for watershed and natural resource management. The native forests, which capture rain and cloud moisture, are the source of nearly all of the islands' supply of fresh water into our aquifers.¹ Native forests and natural area reserves also provide critical habitat for endangered species endemic to Hawai'i. It is essential to preserve baseline funding to protect the watersheds system.

DOFAW Additional Requests for Hawai'i Invasive Species Council, ROD, Mosquito Eradication, and Watershed Forests

Hawai'i currently faces several imminent threats from invasive species to our native forests, watersheds, and endemic species. Rapid 'Ōhi'a Death (ROD),² caused by a fungus, is rapidly killing 'ōhi'a forests that are home to numerous endangered species on Hawai'i Island.

Mosquitos also pose an existential threat to endangered forest birds and seabirds, by spreading avian malaria, avian pox virus, and the west Nile virus. The Club supports designating additional funding (LNR 402) to combat and eradicate ROD and mosquito-borne pathogens to protect our endangered species. In conjunction with these efforts, it is also necessary to increase funding for the Hawai'i Invasive Species Council to support those projects as well as working to combat other invasive species like albizia, fire ants, and coconut rhinoceros beetles. Without additional funding, invasive species will only worsen and rapidly damage our fragile ecosystems. Finally, the Club supports the requests (LNR 407) for additional funding for watershed forest protections, to bring Hawai'i in line with the State's goal to protect 30% of priority watersheds by 2030.³

Savings for the Future: Legacy Land Conservation Program

The two Executive Requests for Legacy Land funds in subpart LNR 101 seek to authorize 1. A one-time spending ceiling increase to use lapsed funds totaling \$2,228,250 from FY 2015; and 2. A permanent spending ceiling increase of the Legacy Land Conservation Fund by \$1,700,000 for FY 2018 and FY 2019.

History and Benefits of the LLCF

A "Land Conservation Fund" was established by the State of Hawai'i in 1973 for the purpose of protecting natural, cultural, and agricultural resources. This Fund remained dormant until 2005, when the Legislature, by a nearly unanimous vote, passed the Legacy Land Act to allocate 10% of conveyance taxes into the Fund and created the Commission to oversee the Fund's uses.⁴ The

¹ http://www.nature.org/media/hawaii/last_stand_web_lo.pdf

² <http://cms.ctahr.hawaii.edu/rod/Home.aspx>

³ <https://governor.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Sustainable-Hawaii27i-Initiative-Brochure.pdf>

⁴ HI ST § 173A-5

LLCF provides matching funds with federal and private landowners to protect and conserve land in fee simple or by negotiation of a conservation easement. Lands protected through the LLCF contain vital characteristics of (i) watershed protection, (ii) parks, (iii) coastal areas, (iv) habitat protection, (v) agricultural sites, (vi) culturally significant sites, and/or (vii) open space.⁵ Since its creation, the Fund has protected and conserved over 26,000 acres of land in 43 different projects throughout Hawai‘i.⁶

Investing in land conservation reaps economic benefits by providing conservation jobs, recreation and tourism opportunities, and environmental advantages that promote human and animal health.⁷ A 2010 national study found that every \$1 of funds spent on land conservation returns almost \$4 in economic value.⁸ Conservation lands offsets the needs to expend billions of dollars annually by means of providing natural water quality protection and supply, flood protection, fish production, habitat provisions, storm protection, carbon sequestration, pollination, dilution of wastewater, and erosion control. The economic benefits of land conservation is even more significant to Hawai‘i, as natural resources are the main draw for tourism.

LLCP One-Time Spending Increase for FY18

Due to a program vacancy at DLNR, the Fund has \$2,228,250 leftover in the budget from FY15 for previously approved FY15 projects. These monies are unspent and are not appropriated for other purposes. If the monies are not restored, previously approved pending FY15 projects could be jeopardized, including two projects from Moloka‘i (969 acres at Kalua‘aha Ranch and 800 acres of Pua‘ahala Watershed in Kamalō); a project from Hawai‘i Island (Wai‘ōpae, 322 acres in Puna); a 1.8 acre project in Hanalei, Kaua‘i, and two projects from O‘ahu (3,716 acres of Pupukea Mauka and 181 acres of Ka Iwi Coast Mauka). If the one-time spending increase is not approved for these previously approved projects, the Commission will be forced to make difficult choices between those projects and the approved projects for FY17, which include conservation lands in east Hana and Wai‘ehu, Maui; Ka‘ū, Hāmākua, and South Kona, Hawai‘i Island; and Kahuku, O‘ahu.

LLCP Permanent Spending Ceiling Increase

The Club believes the permanent spending ceiling increase is necessary because there are more worthy projects than there is funding available. The vast majority of projects proposed come from the neighbor islands, where conservation is critical to sustaining the way of life for rural

⁵ <http://www.sunsetranchHawai'i.com/uncategorized/state-of-Hawai'i-legacy-land-conservation-fund/>

⁶ <http://dlnr.Hawai'i.gov/ecosystems/llcp/>

⁷ http://www.tpl.org/sites/default/files/VA%20ROI_report.pdf

⁸ Return on the Investment from the Land & Water Conservation Fund, The Trust for Public Land, http://conservationtools.org/library_items/1034/files/953

communities dependent on natural resources. As the value of land continues to increase in Hawai‘i, the Fund’s ceiling must increase to compensate and conserve land now before costs become too prohibitive. Additionally, the Fund’s current budget limitations can impede the opportunities to secure matching funding offered from federal or private sources.

Enforcing Good Land Use Laws: New Position at Land Use Commission

The Sierra Club supports adding one full time position Planner IV to the Land Use Commission (LUC) staff to support review and compliance with existing requirements on developments approved by the LUC. This request seeks \$25,386 in fiscal year 2018 and \$50,772 in fiscal year 2019.

The LUC currently lacks staff needed to review current LUC decisions for compliance with requirements and conditions imposed by the Commission on properties re-designated for more intense land use. It is unknown how many conditions imposed by the LUC are satisfied. The LUC is typically notified of an unsatisfied condition via a Motion to Show Cause filed by a party with standing before the Commission. Because this mechanism of enforcement is burdensome on the public and limited to certain entities, many conditions imposed on re-designated properties likely remain unsatisfied. These include conditions that impact the public trust, Native Hawaiian assets and rights and impacts to the public or infrastructure that could incur significant expenditures by the state and county agencies to resolve issues.

Restoring Justice: Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission Base Budget

The Sierra Club supports funding for the Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Council (KIRC). Restoring Kaho‘olawe is key to Hawai‘i’s overall resilience and sustainability in times of economic and climatic uncertainty. To address past injustice and facilitate future resiliency, the State has an obligation to maintain financial support for the Kaho‘olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund.

KIRC Management Activities Crucial to Island Sustainability

KIRC's ongoing protection of Kaho‘olawe's coastal ecosystem, including the adjacent nearshore environment and coral reefs that can be covered with, and choked by, derelict fishing gear, nets, a huge variety of plastics and other debris items, species including the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, threatened green sea turtle, endangered hawksbill sea turtle, endangered humpback whale, endangered Hawaiian dark-rumped petrel, and endangered Newell's shearwater provides critical insight for the effectiveness of related management activities on other islands.

Funding KIRC Provides Local Employment Consistent with our Sustainability Goals

Stabilizing the trust fund for these purposes protects Hawai‘i’s economy and advances the goals outlined by the Aloha+ Challenge and the 2050 sustainability goals for Hawai‘i. Collectively,

natural resources management activities throughout the state provide over 3,500 un-exportable jobs that are crucial to ensuring Hawai‘i’s resiliency into the future.⁹ We know from previous studies that intact forests providing for aquifer recharge, water filtration, and run-off prevention are valued at more than \$1.8 billion. Nearshore waters, just in terms of eco-tourism, is valued at \$700 million.¹⁰

Kaho‘olawe is a unique ecosystem preserving immensely valuable cultural and biological resources. It is surrounded by the richest marine ecosystems remaining in the Main Hawaiian islands and replenishes the fish and invertebrates enjoyed throughout the state. The KIRC's massive restoration program designed to revitalize the ecology and cultural history of the island will benefit all of Hawai‘i’s people for generations to come.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony on this important measure.

Mahalo,

Martha Townsend
Director

⁹ <http://www.uhero.hawaii.edu/assets/NRM1-20.2016.pdf>

¹⁰ <http://www.uhero.hawaii.edu/assets/HawaiiEnviroEvaluation.pdf>



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

My name is Mar Ortaleza and I am the Employment Services and Outreach Coordinator of Full Life. Full Life is a non-profit organization serving people with developmental disabilities and their families on Hawai'i Island for the nearly 17 years. I am writing to provide support to the following budget item in **HB 100, HD 1 scheduled for hearing on March 29th, 2017 at 9:30AM:**

HTH 501 – Developmental Disabilities, Page 29, Item No. 16

I support funding for the DD Division because people with disabilities and their families deserve to have choice and high quality service providers who are consistent, well trained, and effective. The Medicaid 1915(c) waiver provides home and community based services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who would otherwise be served in institutions. This budget allows supports necessary for people with developmental disabilities to live, work, learn, and recreate in our communities.

It is important to add that funds for the rebased provider payment rates are outlined in the budget worksheet on page 463 of 1018, SEQ# 101-001. This begins to reflect the actual cost to provide services in Hawaii.

On page two and are examples of the impact of funding or not funding the Developmental Disabilities Division Budget for Waiver Rate adjustments.

Rates have not been adjusted in over ten years and the costs for providing services have increased. Additionally, the increased funding will bring an additional \$14.9 Million in revenue to the State of Hawaii in Federal FMAP matches. This rate adjustment is a small step toward funding the actual costs of necessary services that increase opportunities for inclusion in the life of the community and provide quality supports to many people with developmental disabilities and their families.

Thank you for your valuable time and consideration,

Mar Ortaleza

**Please fully support the cost to provide services in
Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Budget
HTH 501 rebasing Medicaid Waiver Rates paid to providers**

☞ **It has been over 10 years** since waiver rates for serving people with intellectual/developmental disabilities has been adjusted at the state level ☞

☞ This funding is much needed **for the sake of stability and sustaining quality services** to those who rely on the Waiver Provider network ☞

☞ Below are real examples of the **personal and family impact** of the Division of Developmental Disabilities and Medicaid Waiver Program Provider Network ☞



- A person supported in Hilo who is blind and has an intellectual disability is finding her voice and purpose by publishing a joke book and performing to an audience of 350 at the Palace Theater in Hilo. Without providers, she would be at home with her mother.
- A man in Pahoa began a nature photography business and helped establish a creative arts organization and festival featuring the art of hundreds of people with significant disabilities. Before waiver services, he was at home being cared for by his family all hours of the day.
- A young woman in Kona who has Down syndrome and a visual impairment rode a wave on a surf board for the first time making friends and enjoying her beautiful community. Without waiver services, she would be at home all day with her parents.
- A young woman transitioning out of high school living in Hawaii Ocean View Estates set a goal to learn to read braille. With waiver services, she was able to join a community book club, order books in braille and read aloud making friends in the same process. Without waiver services, the cost would be shifted fully to the family.

- A young woman in Waimea wrote, illustrated, and published a children’s book. A theater group will be adapting her work into a play and performing at the East Hawaii Cultural Center in Hilo. Without waiver providers, she would be at home with her family.
- A young man has been supported to stay in his home in Hilo to live independently. He has no natural supports or family able to care for him. Health and safety is a priority as well as making friends and talking story with others. Without waiver providers, he would be living in a nursing home or another type of institution.

Below are examples of the impact if the **budget is funded** or if the **budget is not funded**

FUND THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BUDGET	DON'T FUND THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BUDGET
Higher quality services for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their families	Poorer quality services for people with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their families
More choice in types of services and service providers	Less choice in services and fewer service providers
Direct Support Professionals and caretakers paid fair wages for making a difference in the lives of community members every day	Direct Support Professionals and caretakers paid low wages and turnover rates between 21% and 38%
Help families by providing consistency and stability in services	Shift the cost of care and services to families
Bring in an additional \$14.9 Million in revenue to the State of Hawaii in Federal Matches	Inefficient use of tax payers' resources leaving federal funds on the table
Reimburse fair rates to providers as evidenced in an empirical rate study of Hawaii Waiver rates. Sustain providers who are considering ending service provisions.	Continue to reimburse nonprofit and other providers less than the actual cost to provide services. How much longer can that last?
Provide services needed to live, work, and play in our communities	Fewer people served who need services and those with services have less services than needed



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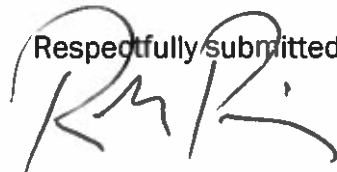
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H.B. 100, H.D. 1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO raises strong concerns over a specific section of H.B. 100, H.D. 1 which appropriates funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive branch for fiscal years 2018 and 2019. Specifically, we oppose the House adjustments to transfer twelve (12) positions from the Department of Taxation, Tax Modernization Program to the Office of Enterprise Technology Services as detailed in the House draft of the Legislative Budget System Budget Worksheets, page 778.

While we can understand the Legislature's concerns over the current status of the Department of Taxation's Tax Modernization Program, we respectfully request the Committee allow the program to be completed and fully implemented prior to considering any fundamental staffing changes. The proposed transfer of these positions will stall the completion of the Tax Modernization Program and jeopardize the State's ability to collect all of the revenues it is owed. Additionally, this proposed transfer will negatively impact the employees and has already affected office morale.

We respectfully request the Committee consider the immediate and unintended consequences of this proposed transfer and not agree to the proposed House adjustment.

Respectfully submitted,


Randy Perreira
Executive Director

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Brundage	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lorraine Garnier	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means By Lorraine Garnier In Support of Conservation and HB 100 - Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 AM, Room 211 Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee, Aloha Kakou! Thank you for supporting what Hawaii's known for, its lush valleys, iconic mountain ranges and lush water sheds. This is conservation at its best and our natural and cultural heritage in Hawai'i. Please understand that by your help in supporting HB100 it will help many wonderful organizations in Hawaii by continuing important work. Funding of course is a vital part of making sure this work continues. Here are the Funding priorities for HB 100. While some of the important funding priorities listed below remain in HB 100 HD 1, others were cut from the bill. The funding priorities listed below will protect our essential watersheds and water sources, 'ohi'a lehua forests, and habitats for rare and endangered Hawaiian species. These priorities will also support the Legacy Land Conservation Program – which funds the acquisition of lands of natural, cultural, agricultural, recreational, and historic significance, including open space, and public access – and the continued restoration of Kaho'olawe. Governor Ige's request for the following Division of Forestry and Wildlife funding priorities: \$4.75M Hawai'i Invasive Species Council programs \$2.4M Watershed Partnerships Program \$1M Rapid 'Ohi'a Death research \$500K watershed protection/WPs 500K Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC, which funds the islands' invasive species committees) \$7.5M CIP money for watershed fences (\$15M over the biennium). Governor Ige's request for the Legacy Land Conservation Program A one-time restoration of \$2,228,250 of lapsed funding from FY15 to the Legacy Land Conservation Program so that pending projects are not shortchange, including lo'i kalo preservation in Ke'anae on Maui and the birthplace of Mary Kawena Pukui at Waikapuna on Hawai'i. A permanent spending ceiling increase of \$1.7M for the Legacy Land Conservation Program. Governor Ige's request for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission A KIRC staff position. Please restore this critical funding so that the KIRC can continue its innovative restoration of Kaho'olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai'i. The mission of KIRC is to implement the vision for Kaho'olawe Island in which the kino (body) of Kaho 'olawe is restored and na po'e o Hawai'i (the people of Hawai'i) care for the land. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Lorraine

Garnier Pacific Center for Environmental Studies Windward Community College
Kaneohe, HI 96744

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Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
By Kristen Harmon, University of Hawaii Graduate Student
In Support of Conservation and HB 100 - Relating to the State Budget

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• Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Kristen Harmon
Graduate Student
University of Hawai'i, Mānoa
Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Management

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kalani fukumoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this bill so KIRC may receive the funding it needs to continue the work of restoration on Kaho'olawe Island and to pay it's staff. thank you, kalani fukumoto

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Carmela Noneza	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Date: March 29, 2017

To: Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee

From: Christine Trecker

Subject: HB 100 HD1: Relating to the State Budget
In Support of Campaign Spending Commission Funding

The bill includes an appropriation from the state's general fund to cover the operating expenses of the Campaign Spending Commission. I am in strong support.

I have witnessed the Commission in action and I applaud the tremendous public service their knowledgeable, committed staff delivers. The Commission is integral to keeping political campaigns lawful and to bolstering public trust in government. No doubt their role has never been more important than it is today, given escalating campaign spending.

Sadly, the Campaign Spending Commission has not had stable, predictable funding for years. It has had to rely on the Hawaii Election Campaign Fund's \$3 state income tax return check off to cover its costs. This source of revenue, which also funds Hawaii's partial public campaign financing program, has been on the decline for years which has put the Commission's future in jeopardy.

I strongly urge general fund support for the Campaign Spending Commission. Without adequate, stable funding this vitally important agency cannot effectively watchdog and protect the integrity of Hawaii's political campaign process.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Yoshimura	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Michael Yoshimura. I am a student at UH Manoa. I support the House's adjustment to add three psychologists positions at UH Manoa in HB100, HD1. There is a need for more psychologists to address the mental health needs of my fellow UH students. Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for your support of funding for watershed protection and invasive species response in Hawai'i. Please help us continue that important work by again supporting the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget request for watershed management, CIP fencing work, and invasive species prevention, control, research, and education programs and activities. Additionally, please restore funding for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to the State Budget. In the Governor's Request, funding was provided to support KIRC staff position but was eliminated during the House Committee on Finance's review of HB100. Please restore this critical funding so that the KIRC can continue its innovative restoration of Kaho'olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai'i. Aloha 'Aina, Benton Kealii Pang

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Chair Jill Tokuda
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

Personal Testimony by:
Allyson M. Tanouye, Ph.D.

RE: Support of HB 100, HD 1 (SEQ #1002-001 House Adjustment to Add (3) Permanent Positions for Psychologists at UH-Mānoa)

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

My name is Allyson M. Tanouye and I am the Director and Chief Psychologist at the Counseling and Student Development Center, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. I am writing personal testimony to **fully support the House’s addition of three (3) psychologists positions at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa through HB 100, HD 1.**

In Fall 2016, I celebrated 25 years of service at the Center in a variety of roles including licensed psychologist faculty, program coordinator, and Director. Over the past eight to ten years, we have seen a tremendous increase in the number of students requesting psychological support and developmental services while pursuing their undergraduate or graduate studies. The presenting concerns that students bring to the Center and its impact on their daily functioning has also changed dramatically. Anxiety and mood disorders are common among the student population and many are on psychotropic medication to ease their symptoms. A large number of college students experience the first occurrence of mental health and substance use problems. For others, the stress of academic pressures and college life exacerbates their existing symptoms.

Across the nation and here at home, university counseling center professionals are seeing more severe psychological problems including self-injury, suicidal ideation and attempts, coping with sexual assault, eating disorders, attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, and autism spectrum disorders. It is clear that there is growing demand for psychological services and a need for specialized expertise in working with both traditional and non-traditional college students. Unfortunately, the increase in demand for mental health services has not corresponded with an increase in professional staff.

Consultation with faculty, staff, and administration on students of concern is also on the rise. Partnering with parents, friends, and university personnel to get a distressed student to the Center has become more common and while successful, it adds to our heavy client load. At times during the fall and spring semester when we have 40+ individuals on our non-urgent waitlist, we find ourselves stretched thin and some may experience symptoms of therapist burnout. The Center staff is passionate about working with the diverse student population at the UHM campus and they provide highly specialized and quality service. The clinical work is intense, 50-minute individual psychotherapy sessions and 90-minute group therapy sessions is the norm. Each full-time psychologist/staff therapist serves as the emergency crisis counselor for four hours each

week, ready to see individuals who walk-in with urgent matters to discuss or field phone calls from faculty/staff, parents, and friends/roommates who are concerned about a student. Augmenting our clinical staff will not only increase our team efforts across clinical and services, it will enhance our prevention and post-vention services, outreach and consultation, program development, and training of university personnel and psychologists-in-training.

In summary, the passing of **HB 100, HD 1 with the three (3) additional psychologist funding for UHM** will have far-reaching benefits to students. The Center will be able to offer more individual therapy appointments, group therapy options, intake appointments slots, and emergency crisis coverage and intervention. Faculty, staff, and administrators would have additional hours of mental health consultation, training on identifying distressed students and referral resources, and direct outreach/intervention to students of concern. The entire campus community will benefit from a reinforced mental health infrastructure and an enhanced and comprehensive array of clinical and developmental services to support and retain students throughout their academic tenure at UHM.

Thank you for your time and consideration of HB 100, HD 1 and I humbly ask for your **support of the House's addition of three (3) psychologists positions at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.**

Allyson M. Tanouye, Ph.D.
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Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
By Dylan Ramos, Democratic Party of Hawaii

In Support of Conservation and HB 100 - Relating to the State Budget
[Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 AM](#), Room 211

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Dylan Ramos

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Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
By Caren Loebel-Fried, Artist and Author, Hawai'i Island
In Support of Conservation and HB 100 - Relating to the State Budget
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 AM, Room 211

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for the land.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Testimony of *Layne Yoshida*
Supporting Funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
Watershed and Invasive Species Programs
in H.B. 100 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30AM, Room 211

I am in strong support of funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources' and Department of Agriculture's invasive species and watershed protection programs.

Invasive species affect everyone. Our water supply is at risk because our forests are at risk, our locally-grown crops are attacked by pests and diseases, our heritage trees like 'ōhi'a are threatened by disease, and our health and well-being can be harmed by stinging insects and mosquito-borne diseases. However, we recognize that together we can make a difference if we make it a high priority for our government and ourselves to prevent new introductions, control the worst pests already present, educate ourselves and others, and use good science to support our collective efforts.

I have a degree in Botany from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and do consultancy work for Environmental Impact Reports. In doing field work on the island of Hawaii it has become very clear to me that we must do what we can to control the introduction and spread of non-native species in Hawaii. Invasive species such as Waiawi, Melochia, and Albizzia have a detrimental effect on the environment in the islands.

Further in doing fieldwork I have encountered little fire ants and the Pennsylvania Hornet and experienced the problems that they can cause to people enjoying or using the outdoors. The residents and visitors deserve the best outdoor experience that we can provide and that is why it is vital that we support the Watershed and Invasive Species program under the DLNR.

The DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife's budget request seeks essential base operating and CIP funding for invasive species and watershed protection programs. We are pleased to work with the State to leverage these funds several times over I with matching funds from county, federal and private sources help to help meet our collective goals.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Layne Yoshida
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From: [Robert Robinson](#)
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Date: Thursday, March 23, 2017 4:43:40 PM

From: rob.robinson@hawaii.edu

Message:

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

I **strongly support** Gov. Ige's budget request for \$5 million in new funding for Hawaii startups proposed in the State Budget, HB 100, relating to BED 145 – HI Growth Initiative, Sequence #100-001.

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- A 2016 UHERO report showed the HI Growth Initiative produced a 12X leverage on state dollars.

All this would not have happened without the catalytic investments by the HI Growth Initiative.

Mahalo,

Robert Robinson

Kailua

Hawaii

From: [Zach Klempf](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Thursday, March 23, 2017 2:37:58 PM

From: zach@a1softwaregroup.com

Message:

We were part of Blue Start-Ups Cohort 4 and it is a fantastic program and much needed in Hawaii!

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

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Mahalo,

Zach Klempf

CEO

South San Francisco

California

From: [Chenoa Farnsworth](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Thursday, March 23, 2017 2:22:44 PM

From: chenoa@bluestartups.com

Message:

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Mahalo,

Chenoa Farnsworth

Managing Partner

Honolulu

Hawaii

From: [Brad Punu](#)
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Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Thursday, March 23, 2017 1:38:26 PM

From: bradpunu@gmail.com

Message:

HI Growth Funds were instrumental in the formation of Energy Excelerator's follow on fund EEx Fund One which attracted capital from global energy companies, top law firms, family offices and angel investors. We've deployed over \$2 million to our portfolio companies, all of whom have some interest in Hawaii over and above the grant funds that we already provide them. This support helps them succeed moving Hawaii towards its energy goals and creates local jobs.

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Mahalo,

Brad Punu

Manager - Strategic Partnerships

Honolulu

Hawaii

From: [Timothy Dick](#)
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Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 2:44:51 PM

From: tdick@startupcv.com

Message:

On behalf of Startup Capital Ventures, we strongly support HB100 increased funding for the HI Growth Initiative. HI Growth has been instrumental in establishing Hawaii's entrepreneurial ecosystem and supporting its development into a nascent but viable high-salary industry. These kinds of jobs are critical to growing high-wage employment in Hawaii. SCV has been investing in Hawaii startups since 2005 and expect to fund two new Hawaii startups shortly. We support Hawaii's entrepreneurial ecosystem as the "bridge to mainland capital." We are strong community members and have been or are board members of HVCA, HiBEAM and EFHawaii since 2001. Hawaii startups are growing and hitting milestones that are triggering further investment from private investors. The private sector has invested in several local startups and investment funds due to Hi Growth's catalyzation of internal and external professional capital. A 2016 UHERO report showed the HI Growth Initiative produced a 12X leverage on state dollars proving the effectiveness of HI Growth's seed capital. We urge the legislature to approve this bill. Mahalo. Timothy Dick, Managing Director. Startup Capital Ventures tdick@startupcv.com cc: Donovan Kealoha

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Managing Director

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From: [Eric Wong](#)
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From: locomocoewa@gmail.com

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Mahalo,

Eric Wong

Honolulu

Hawaii

From: [Danton Wong](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 12:32:35 PM

From: dwong@chunkerr.com

Message:

Please support HB 100

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Partner

Honolulu

Hawaii

From: [Russel Cheng](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 11:18:00 AM

From: russel@devleague.com

Message:

We support increased funding for the HI Growth Initiative. HI Growth has been instrumental in jumpstarting Hawaii's entrepreneurial ecosystem and supporting its development into the vibrant community it is today. Hawaii boasts award-winning accelerators. Accelerator graduate companies are growing and hitting milestones that are triggering further investment from private investors. Hawaii hosts international conferences and other events designed to help entrepreneurs incubate their ideas and connect with investors. Hawaii's private sector sees value in supporting innovation and has participated as investors in several local startups and investment funds. A 2016 UHERO report showed the HI Growth Initiative produced a 12X leverage on state dollars. For all these reasons, we strongly support this bill. All this would not have happened without the strong support of the HI Growth Initiative. DevLeague is an immersive accelerated learning program where we teach in-class modern software development skills to adults and real coding to middle and high school students. As Hawaii's first and only software development boot camp, we design curriculum and conduct 12-week courses for motivated individuals. Our target outcome is that our graduates gain the necessary skills, confidence and project work to earn their career start as a web software developer--an industry that is high-growth, high-salary and in-demand by savvy employers. DevLeague has graduated 106 graduates to date with a 83 percent success/hire rate. The alumni have a combined \$3.9MM in starting salaries (aka taxpayers) with 84 percent working in Hawaii. Our alumni work in software development jobs at Microsoft, Amazon, Nike, Hawaii Pacific Health, DSD Labs, Sudokrew, Uber, Thetus Corp, Internet Brands, Pono Health, DevLeague, MVNP, Upspring Media, State of Hawaii, SkyCatch, Goma Games, SparrowOne, KoaIT, DTL Hawaii, JamBIOS, LiveAction, Revacomm, Anthology Group, Better Way, Ike, Comprendio, Wall to Wall, VuNote, Team Praxis, Fishpondz and American Key Services. One graduate was accepted into Stanford Graduate School computer science program and two graduates started the social network Grumble were funded \$25,000 by Blue Startups accelerator program. Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony. Mahalo! Russel Cheng

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Russel Cheng

Co-founder, Director

Honolulu

Hawaii

From: [Dave Kozuki](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 10:17:35 AM

From: dave@towchoice.com

Message:

It would be a shame to not continue the real momentum that has been created so far.

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Mahalo,

Dave Kozuki

CEO

Honolulu

Hawaii

From: [Michael O'malley](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 9:28:16 AM

From: momalley@goodsill.com

Message:

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Mahalo,

Michael O'malley

Partner

Honolulu

Hawaii

From: [Christopher Somogyi](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 9:09:32 AM

From: chris@reef.com

Message:

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Mahalo,

Christopher Somogyi

Partner

Holualoa

Hawaii

From: [Bill Spencer](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Wednesday, March 22, 2017 8:15:58 AM

From: bspencer@hawaii.rr.com

Message:

This program is essential to continuing the growth of Hawaii's entrepreneurial ecosystem. Developing economic alternatives that will generate tax revenues, create quality jobs and stimulate entrepreneurial development is an essential. We need entrepreneurs to develop companies that will attract more investment. This program has proven its value and needs to be sustained.

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Mahalo,

Bill Spencer

HONOLULU

Hawaii

From: [Michael Harding](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 8:56:18 AM

From: michael@thecondoapp.com <Michael Harding>

Message:

Without these amazing programs the Higrowth initiatives and blue startups Hawaii my company would not be what it is today please support and continue to fund them and us

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Mahalo,

Michael Harding

C.O.O. The Condo App

Honolulu

Hawaii

CHAIR JILL TOKUDA
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, March 29, 2017
9:30AM
Senate Conference Room 211

Personal Testimony by
Joan Ukishima, M.Ed.

RE: Support of HB 100, HD 1 (SEQ #1002-001 House Adjustment to Add (3) Permanent Positions for Psychologists at UH-Mānoa)

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

I have been working at CSDC since 1988 as the testing coordinator. Back in those days, the small reception area was more than adequate for the Center when the counselors' schedules were never filled.

Today, almost 30 years later, CSDC has the same number of psychologists (far below national standard ratios). The stigma of seeking mental help might be less, but depression and anxiety have increased exponentially. With dire news everywhere: global warming, tanking economies, and violence in all forms, it's difficult to feel safe. Plus, the burden of "mortgage" size student loans, family pressures, and academic excellence, can create a very stressful college experience.

It's not surprising that in the past couple years, the wait list at the Center has grew from two days to seven or more. Anxiety and depression are the overwhelming problems, and our dedicated counselors do their best with their daily back to back counseling sessions.

Unfortunately, the trajectory of mental health issues is such that the Center will need added resources to maintain a quality of service that our students deserve. Three additional psychologists would be very helpful, and lead us in the right direction to meet national standards of the ratio of counselors to the student population of our campus.

Thank you for your time and again, and I humbly ask you to support the House's adjustment to add (3) psychologists positions at UH-Mānoa through HB 100, HD 1.

Joan Ukishima, M.Ed.

ROWENA A. SOMERVILLE

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Kailua, Hawaii 96734
(808) 258-2717
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March 24, 2017

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

RE: Testimony in Strong Support of House Bill 100, HD1

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee,

Please accept this testimony in strong support of House Bill 100, HD1. I am a strong advocate and supporter of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC), and this bill is vital to protect the island of Kahoolawe and its resources.

From 2005 through 2014, I served as the KIRC's Deputy Attorney General. That experience gave me great insight into the native Hawaiian practices, customs, and dedication to the environment. During my tenure, I was able to see KIRC take thousands of people to the island to help with restoration and to sow native plants. The work not only helps the island, it also helps "heal" those who are able to volunteer there.

Without funding, the island and its resources will be in jeopardy. I strongly urge you to pass this bill to provide the KIRC with the necessary funding it so desperately needs and deserves! Please feel free to contact me at the above address, email, or telephone number should you need any further information.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Rowena A. Somerville

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 10:21 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: melkdean@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB100 on Mar 29, 2017 09:30AM

HB100

Submitted on: 3/24/2017

Testimony for WAM on Mar 29, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melissa Dean	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please continue to support funding items that support Hawaii's ability to protect its native ecosystems from degradation by invasive species and ensure new invasive threats are caught earlier rather than later. As a Hawaii Island resident living with little fire ant, coqui frogs, and now rapid ohia death, I see first hand how important biosecurity is for the islands. Having experienced degraded forests overtaken by invasive plants and now a new disease, the need to manage forest threats and keep our watersheds healthy is important to me. In particular I support the following measures, though I know some of them have been removed: - \$4.75M Hawai'i Invasive Species Council programs - \$2.4M Watershed Partnerships Program - \$1M Rapid 'Ohi'a Death research - \$500K watershed protection/WPs - 500K Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC, which funds the islands' invasive species committees) - \$7.5M CIP money for watershed fences (\$15M over the biennium).

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Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
By **Karin Schlappa**, ka.schlappa@gmail.com, **Volcano, HI 96785**
In Support of Conservation and HB 100 - Relating to the State Budget
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 AM, Room 211

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

Aloha. Thank you for supporting conservation and our natural and cultural heritage in Hawai'i. Please help us continue that important work by making sure the funding priorities listed below are included in HB 100. While some of the important funding priorities listed below remain in HB 100 HD 1, others were cut from the bill.

The funding priorities listed below will protect our essential watersheds and water sources, 'ohi'a lehua forests, and habitats for rare and endangered Hawaiian species. These priorities will also support the Legacy Land Conservation Program – which funds the acquisition of lands of natural, cultural, agricultural, recreational, and historic significance, including open space, and public access – and the continued restoration of Kaho'olawe.

Governor Ige's request for the following Division of Forestry and Wildlife funding priorities:

- \$4.75M Hawai'i Invasive Species Council programs
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Governor Ige's request for the Legacy Land Conservation Program

- A one-time restoration of \$2,228,250 of lapsed funding from FY15 to the Legacy Land Conservation Program so that pending projects are not shortchange, including lo'i kalo preservation in Ke'anae on Maui and the birthplace of Mary Kawena Pukui at Waikapuna on Hawai'i.
- A permanent spending ceiling increase of \$1.7M for the Legacy Land Conservation Program.

Governor Ige's request for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

- A KIRC staff position. Please restore this critical funding so that the KIRC can continue its innovative restoration of Kaho'olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai'i. The mission of KIRC is to implement the vision for Kaho'olawe Island in which the kino (body) of Kaho 'olawe is restored and na po'e o Hawai'i (the people of Hawai'i) care for the land.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, March 24, 2017 10:41 AM
To: WAM Testimony
Cc: rick_camp@hotmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB100 on Mar 29, 2017 09:30AM

HB100

Submitted on: 3/24/2017

Testimony for WAM on Mar 29, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Richard Camp	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a resident and voter in Hawai'i I support conservative and protection of our native and cultural heritage. As such, I support HB100.

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From: [Kory Payne](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 9:44:50 AM

From: kory@ujoin.co <Kory Payne>

Message:

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Mahalo,

Kory Payne

Co-Founder, CEO, Ujoin

Waialua

Hawaii

From: [David Cunningham](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 9:57:08 AM

From: prayforrain@gmail.com <David Cunningham>

Message:

We have 18 startup companies that are relying on this breakthrough. Please don't let our brightest and best be forced to move to the mainland to pursue their dreams. Please.

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

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David Cunningham

Founder, GVS Accelerator, Kona

Kailua-Kona

Hawaii

From: [Derek Hall](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 10:01:32 AM

From: d.hall@globalvirtualstudio.com <Derek Hall>

Message:

I fully and strongly support BED 145 -- The HI Growth Initiative Sequence #100-001 - and ask that \$5 million be allocated to this line item. Without this in the budget I will be out of a job and likely forced to leave the state and take my family with me. I cannot stress the importance of HSDC and its initiatives. The bigger picture of what they're bringing to the island will only be felt in the coming years. If they are not fully funded moving forward, it will only be to the detriment of the State. Thank you for your consideration

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Managing Director

kailua-kona

Hawaii

From: [David B Ruce](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 10:04:16 AM

From: dtbrucey@gmail.com <David B Ruce>

Message:

I strongly support this initiative. It has increased my business.

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David B Ruce

Owner

Holualoa

Hawaii

From: [Justin Finestone](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 10:06:00 AM

From: justin.finstone@hawaiicounty.gov <Justin Finestone>

Message:

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Justin Finestone

Film Commissioner

Hilo

Hawaii

From: [Jacob Lienau](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 10:08:18 AM

From: jcaleb1@gmail.com <Jacob Lienau>

Message:

To whom it may concern, please support BED 145 -- The HI Growth Initiative Sequence #100-001. It is instrumental in the development of business and new industries in Hawaii. I have personally seen the benefits of support previous years. Thank you for your consideration!

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Jacob Lienau

Film Producer, Entrepreneur

Kailua Kona

Hawaii

From: [Joel Rogers](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 10:30:01 AM

From: joel@innovisionstudio.org <Joel Rogers>

Message:

Please consider this proposed funding for Hawaii startups as it is essential for small / new tech and media businesses here in Hawaii. Our island desperately needs clean, innovative industries like this and your support is needed. Mahalo!

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

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Studio Director

Kailua-Kona

Hawaii

From: [Judith Cunningham](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 10:30:48 AM

From: jckona@gmail.com <Judith Cunningham>

Message:

The accelerator companies that have been supported by this initiative have created job opportunities for me and many! I am proud to live in a state that so supports the entrepreneurial efforts in our creative industries. Please continue to support to grow economic vitality in our islands! Mahalo

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Judith Cunningham

Makeup Artist

Kailua Kona

Hawaii

From: [Joel Angyal](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 10:34:57 AM

From: wheresjoel@yahoo.com <Joel Angyal>

Message:

Aloha, As an entrepreneur on this Island it is a constant up hill battle that we live for, so understandably any kind of boost we can get is extremely needed and welcomed. Without it I'm not sure we'd make it.

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Kailua-Kona

Hawaii

From: [Josh Harmsworth](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 10:36:23 AM

From: joshharmsworth@gmail.com <Josh Harmsworth>

Message:

a third of my work comes from beneficiaries of this initiative, I would be extremely disappointed if this funding disappeared they were no longer able to operate!

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Mahalo,

Josh Harmsworth

Camera Operator

Kailua Kona

Hawaii

From: [Havilah Davis](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 10:37:04 AM

From: havilah.davis@gmail.com <Havilah Davis>

Message:

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Havilah Davis

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From: [Brandie Blosser](#)
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Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 10:53:14 AM

From: abblosser@gmail.com <Brandie Blosser>

Message:

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From: [Andy Blosser](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 10:54:16 AM

From: blossom83@yahoo.com <Andy Blosser>

Message:

We need GVS Accelerator in our community!

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Andy Blosser

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Hawaii

From: [Assumpta Rapoza](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Thursday, March 23, 2017 7:40:55 PM

From: ylimemom@gmail.com

Message:

This is an important way to help put Hawaii on the map for high technology.

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Assumpta Rapoza

Honolulu

Hawaii

From: [Rochelle Eickmeyer](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 11:36:11 AM

From: rochelle.b.fisher@gmail.com <Rochelle Eickmeyer>

Message:

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Mahalo,

Rochelle Eickmeyer

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Cc: dtokishi@kirc.hawaii.gov
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HB100

Submitted on: 3/24/2017

Testimony for WAM on Mar 29, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dean Tokishi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please restore funding for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to the State Budget. In the Governor's Request, funding was provided to support KIRC staff position but was eliminated during the House Committee on Finance's review of HB100. Please restore this critical funding so that the KIRC can continue its innovative restoration of Kaho'olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai'i.

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To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 1:11:13 PM

From: richard@surfhawaii.net <Richard Farnham>

Message:

This is really important. Please don't let this funding slip away.

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Mahalo,

Richard Farnham

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Hawaii

From: [Lea Kaahaaina](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony In Support of Conservation and HB 100 - Relating to the State Budget Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 AM, Room 211
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 1:59:13 PM

Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means
By Lea Ka'aha'aina, 'Alala Project Outreach and Education Associate, DLNR-
DOFAW
In Support of Conservation and HB 100 - Relating to the State Budget
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 AM, Room 211

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

Aloha. Thank you for supporting conservation and our natural and cultural heritage in Hawai'i. Please help us continue that important work by making sure the funding priorities listed below are included in HB 100. While some of the important funding priorities listed below remain in HB 100 HD 1, others were cut from the bill.

The funding priorities listed below will protect our essential watersheds and water sources, 'ohi'a lehua forests, and *habitats for rare and endangered Hawaiian species, like the 'Alala*. These priorities will also support the Legacy Land Conservation Program – which funds the acquisition of lands of natural, cultural, agricultural, recreational, and historic significance, including open space, and public access – and the continued restoration of Kaho'olawe.

Governor Ige's request for the following Division of Forestry and Wildlife funding priorities:

- \$4.75M Hawai'i Invasive Species Council programs
- \$2.4M Watershed Partnerships Program
- \$1M Rapid 'Ohi'a Death research
- \$500K watershed protection/WPs
- 500K Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC, which funds the islands' invasive species committees)
- \$7.5M CIP money for watershed fences (\$15M over the biennium).

Governor Ige's request for the Legacy Land Conservation Program

- A one-time restoration of \$2,228,250 of lapsed funding from FY15 to the Legacy Land Conservation Program so that pending projects are not shortchange, including lo'i kalo preservation in Ke'anae on Maui and the birthplace of Mary Kawena Pukui at Waikapuna on Hawai'i.
- A permanent spending ceiling increase of \$1.7M for the Legacy Land Conservation Program.

Governor Ige's request for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

A KIRC staff position. Please restore this critical funding so that the KIRC can continue its innovative restoration of Kaho‘olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai‘i. The mission of KIRC is to implement the vision for Kaho‘olawe Island in which the kino (body) of Kaho ‘olawe is restored and na po‘e o Hawai‘i (the people of Hawai‘i) care for the land.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Lea Ka‘aha‘aina
Education and Outreach, The ‘Alala Project
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Division of Forestry and Wildlife
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From: [Neil Sauvageau](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 2:18:21 PM

From: naspuck@gmail.com <Neil Sauvageau>

Message:

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Mahalo,

Neil Sauvageau

Producer / Game Designer

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Submitted on: 3/24/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Taylor Marsh	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Testimony of Taylor Marsh Supporting Funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Watershed and Invasive Species Programs in H.B. 100 Relating to the State Budget Senate Committee on Ways & Means Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30AM, Room 211 I am in strong support of funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources' and Department of Agriculture's invasive species and watershed protection programs. Invasive species affect everyone. Our water supply is at risk because our forests are at risk, our locally-grown crops are attacked by pests and diseases, our heritage trees like 'ōhi'a are threatened by disease, and our health and well-being can be harmed by stinging insects and mosquito-borne diseases. However, we recognize that together we can make a difference if we make it a high priority for our government and ourselves to prevent new introductions, control the worst pests already present, educate ourselves and others, and use good science to support our collective efforts. We are a partner of the O'ahu Invasive Species Committee that works in natural areas, agricultural lands and communities to prevent, detect, and control the establishment and spread of invasive species threats to the environment, economy, and quality of life in Hawai'i. The importance of a healthy forest free of invasive species, is priceless and must be a top priority of the government in protecting water, economy, culture, and our health. We all need to appreciate the hard work the the ISCs across Hawaii do for our forests! The DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife's budget request seeks essential base operating and programs that are essential to our quality of life on O'ahu. Thank you for your support. Sincerely, Taylor Marsh Jmar5404@gmail.com (808)469-9432 47-104 hunaahi street, Kaneohe, HI

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Terri Gavagan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Terri Gavagan and I am writing in support of HB100, State Budget, particularly with regard to the budget for DLNR and its inclusion of funding for the operation of the KIRC (Item D.9). This funding will help the KIRC maintain its current operations to protect and restore Kaho'olawe as well as to provide safe and meaningful access to the Reserve. Mahalo.

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Testimony in Support of HB 100 HD 1
Senate Ways and Means Committee
March 29, 2017, 9:30 a.m. Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 211

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

My name is Ann Ito. I am a private citizen testifying in strong support of HB 100 HD 1 relating to the funding of 6 psychologist positions for the University of Hawaii. As I am most familiar with the UH Manoa campus for which 3 of those positions are being requested, I respectfully and strongly urge your approval of this funding bill. College is a most enriching, demanding and stressful time. In the course of college study, many students will encounter stresses, sometimes bigger than they know how to cope with. Some already come with identified mental health challenges and others may experience their first mental health crisis while in college. College students have great capacity but they also are a vulnerable population. It is our ethical, professional and legal obligation to ensure that those college students who are in need of mental health services have access to services provided by qualified professionals in a timely manner.

We live in such confusing, conflicted and anxiety-ridden times. College students are particularly susceptible as young people to these uncertainties and as there is a decided rise in the number of students seeking mental health support, we need to provide that urgently needed support. These students hold the future of our state, nation and planet in their hands. We need to help them find mental health solutions amidst their challenges of college study and world citizenship.

Again, I respectfully urge your funding of this bill to create psychologist positions within the University of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Ann C. Ito

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Submitted on: 3/28/2017

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
A Kathleen Lee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Senator Tokuda et al, I strongly support adding a line item for \$250,000 to the Governor's budget for the HHA to help develop a State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawai'i. My husband became very ill in 2016 and passed only 5 months later. I would be psychologically ill and be on the welfare rolls, if it were not for the insurance provided us. Hawai'i will be facing more of a healthcare crisis & it will get far worse when the Congress amends or repeals the ACA. What will Hawaii do? If Congress wipes out Medicaid, which currently insures 360,000 Hawaii residents, 1 out of every 4 people in Hawaii we will be looking to the leaders who could have prepared for this. We are depending on you to protect the health of our Island Ohana..Mahalo for caring for them. Malama pono, April Lee

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Jenny Wisemark-Cerro	Individual	Support	No

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Susan Rich	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am submitting testimony in support of bridge funding for Wahiawa General Hospital. Wahiawa General is a safety-net hospital serving central and North Shore Oahu with acute, emergency and long-term care services. This funding will assist the hospital in turning around the negative financial performance of the past, and put it on a path of sustainability. To transition over the next three years to a new, sustainable business model, Wahiawa General Hospital needs to have bridge funding from the State through whatever funding mechanism the Legislature determines is appropriate. Critical bridge funding for Wahiawa General Hospital includes operating funds of \$2,000,000 for charity care, physician services and pension expenses, and CIP funds of \$1.5 M for its top three priorities (i.e., planning, design, and construction funds for roof replacements, a new chiller plant, medical equipment, and other capital projects). By providing capital and operating funds, this hospital can continue to care for the upper third of Oahu. Wahiawa General Hospital appreciates the Legislature's continued support of our essential hospital. Mahalo,

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Barbara L. George	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly urge you to insert a line-item in the budget to support and fund the Hawaii Health Authority. It is time for Hawaii to have universal health care!

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From: Brent K. Nakihei
Submitted on: March 28, 2017

Date: Wednesday March 29, 2017
Time: 9:30 A.M.
Place: Conference Room 211
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Testimony in support of HB 100 HD 1, Relating to the State Biennium Budget for Fiscal Years 2017-2019

Submitted to: Senate Ways and Means Committee

Aloha Chair Tokuda and Committee Members,

I strongly support House Bill 100 House Draft 1 (HB 100 HD1) because it is the right thing to do.

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Miles Mulcahy	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: "I strongly support adding a line item for \$250,000 to the Governor's budget for the Hawai'i Health Authority (HHA) - to help HHA fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawai'i. Thank you, Miles H Mulcahy 83-5634 Middle Keei road Captain Cook, Hawaii, 96704

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Steven Jacquier	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly support adding a line item for \$250,000 to the Governor's budget for the Hawai'i Health Authority (HHA) to help HHA fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawai'i. Mahalo, Steven Jacquier 13-3829 Ala Ili Road Pahoia, HI 96778-0832

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Kelly McHugh	Individual	Support	No

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Hope DeMarco	Individual	Support	No

Comments: "Aloha, my name is Hope DeMarco , I live on Kaua`i and am submitting testimony in strong support of inserting a line item in the budget for HB 100 HD1, to fund the Hawai`i Health Authority. Mahalo for your time."

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Anthony Arce	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Testimony in support of adding a line item funding for the Hawaii Health Authority Comments Aloha Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair & the Committee on Ways and Means Hawaii is facing a healthcare crisis. As Republicans made clear last week, improving access and affordability in health care is not a Congressional priority. Medicaid, which currently insures 360,000 Hawaii residents (one out of every four people in our state) is also under attack at the federal level. Among these is my father. He is a diabetic with a limited means of employment and takes odd end handyman jobs. Last year he was diagnosed with cancer. If it wasn't for the protections of the ACA we would not be able to get insurance for him because of his pre existing condition, diabetes. Without the expansion of Medicaid we wouldn't be able to afford insurance for my father. If the GOP changes to healthcare went in effect last year when my father was diagnosed with cancer he would likely be dead right now. Hawaii needs to take action to push for universal coverage. We cannot rely on the GOP controlled government and the White House to protect the people of Hawaii. We must protect everyone in Hawaii, from our youngest keiki to our oldest kupuna. Right now, the Hawai'i Health Authority (HHA) is the ONLY HAWAII STATE AGENCY that has statutory responsibility to plan for Hawaii's healthcare needs in this rapidly-changing political environment. It was developed in 2009, but it lacks the tools it needs to do its job. I strongly advocate that a line item for \$250,000 be added to the Governor's budget for the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA), to help it fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawaii. Respectfully, Anthony Arce District 40

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tim Totten	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: "I strongly support adding a line item for \$250,000 to the Governor's budget for the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) - to help HHA fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawaii. Thank you, Timothy Totten 89-754 Lani Kona Road Captain Cook, HI 96704

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Nathan Yuen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB100 which funds the Hawai'i Health Authority (HHA). HHA was established in 2009 with the responsibility to plan for Hawaii's healthcare needs but little has been achieved because no money or staff was provided to HHA. It needs funding to explore how Hawaii can institute a single payer system that provides universal coverage. When the Hawai'i State Legislature created HHA in 2009 it did so under the Department of Budget & Finance to protect it from bureaucratic pressures from the Department of Health. We cannot allow entrenched interests to derail or interfere with setting up a system that cares for all of Hawaii's people. Denying healthcare is the poorest and most vulnerable among us is wrong. I strongly support funding of the Hawaii Health Authority to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a single payer healthcare system for Hawaii.

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Deborah dela Cruz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am requesting that funding be provided in HB100 to reinstate adult dental services for Medicaid enrollees in the State of Hawaii by funding the Governor's request for Line Item HMS401. Statistics show lower percentages of lower income people seeing a dentist including women during pregnancy and an increase in emergency room visits for dental problems. Statistics aside, common sense should tell you that dental care is as important as regular medical visits. Don't past experiences with dental problems confirm that you can't function with a toothache including your ability to work? Please reinstate funding for adult dental services for Medicaid recipients.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
tlaloc tokuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means By Mr Tlaloc Tokuda, In Support of Conservation and HB 100 - Relating to the State Budget Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 AM, Room 211 Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee, Aloha. Thank you for supporting conservation and our natural and cultural heritage in Hawai'i. Please help us continue that important work by making sure the funding priorities listed below are included in HB 100. While some of the important funding priorities listed below remain in HB 100 HD 1, others were cut from the bill. The funding priorities listed below will protect our essential watersheds and water sources, 'ohi'a lehua forests, and habitats for rare and endangered Hawaiian species. These priorities will also support the Legacy Land Conservation Program – which funds the acquisition of lands of natural, cultural, agricultural, recreational, and historic significance, including open space, and public access – and the continued restoration of Kaho'olawe. Governor Ige's request for the following Division of Forestry and Wildlife funding priorities: \$4.75M Hawai'i Invasive Species Council programs \$2.4M Watershed Partnerships Program \$1M Rapid 'Ohi'a Death research \$500K watershed protection/WPs 500K Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC, which funds the islands' invasive species committees) \$7.5M CIP money for watershed fences (\$15M over the biennium). Governor Ige's request for the Legacy Land Conservation Program A one-time restoration of \$2,228,250 of lapsed funding from FY15 to the Legacy Land Conservation Program so that pending projects are not shortchange, including lo'i kalo preservation in Ke'anae on Maui and the birthplace of Mary Kawena Pukui at Waikapuna on Hawai'i. A permanent spending ceiling increase of \$1.7M for the Legacy Land Conservation Program. Governor Ige's request for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission A KIRC staff position. Please restore this critical funding so that the KIRC can continue its innovative restoration of Kaho'olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai'i. The mission of KIRC is to implement the vision for Kaho'olawe Island in which the kino (body) of Kaho 'olawe is restored and na po'e o Hawai'i (the people of Hawai'i) care for the land. Mahalo and i hope you take on board these comments.

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March 27, 2017

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

I am writing to support Hawaii's forests and watershed and to ask you to restore funding that was cut from the Governor's request for watershed protection for the invasive species programs, the watershed partnerships, and watershed fences in HB 100 HD1.

It may not be apparent from downtown Honolulu, but in the 27 years that I have been doing conservation work in Hawaii I've seen a real change in how much our local communities value the forest. Every weekend here on the Big Island there are groups out planting trees, pulling weeds, and hoping to see the day when the rare native birds are again common in our forests. Volunteers range from keiki to kupuna and from Hawaiians and kamaaina to malahini or snowbirds. The infrastructure developed and put in place makes their work possible (there is no point in planting trees if they are going to be wiped out by goats, pigs, or cattle). But the funding you allocate for watershed protection is multiplied by thousands of volunteer hours from people in our communities working to save the forest. Saving the forest and protecting the watershed saves our water supply, our native plants and birds, and an essential part of Hawaii for everyone.

Please support the people caring for the forests. Please restore the funding.

Sincerely,

J. B. Friday

re: HB100, HD1 Relating to the State Budget:

Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and committee members

I am a senior citizen and a resident of House District 19 and Senate District 9. I am a member of AARP, Kokua Council, the Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans and serve on the PABEA Legislative Committee.

I'm testifying in strong support of reinserting funds for FY 19 for Kupuna Care and the Aging and Disability Resource Center. These programs (under HTH904) are vital for our Kupuna.

Kupuna Care comprises an array of services to elderly residents to enable them to remain in their own homes and "age in place." It includes chore services, attendant care, personal services, homemaker services, light housekeeping and delivered meals (or congregate dining).

The ADRC is the "one-stop shop" for individuals seeking assistance for themselves or their loved ones for the services provided above and may ultimately include residential options. The ADRC is fully functional on Maui and Kauai; services in Honolulu and on the Big Island continue to improve.

Please reinsert funds in FY19 (HTH904) for these two important programs to serve our Kupuna.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Barbara J. Service

March 27, 2017

To: Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Re: HB 100 – State Budget

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on House Bill 100.

Please add \$250,000 line item to Department of Budget & Finance for the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA), an attached agency.

I am a medical student of John A. Burns School of Medicine and I am aware of the healthcare crisis that we are facing in Hawaii: shortage of physicians, increasing healthcare costs, and lack of adequate health insurance. Currently, the HHA is the only Hawaii state agency that has statutory responsibility to plan for Hawaii's healthcare needs in this rapidly-changing political environment. The HHA needs resources to research and create innovative solutions to these overwhelming issues.

I strongly urge you to add to the Governor's budget a line item for \$250,000 for the HHA, to help it fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawaii. The HHA was established in 2009, and this Legislature wisely attached the HHA to the Department of Budget & Finance precisely to protect it from bureaucratic pressures from the Department of Health. The HHA is a small, independent policy-planning board to be composed of 9 volunteer members with diverse expertise in medicine and related fields.

Please do your part in protecting the healthcare of the people of Hawaii. Let us create a more effective and efficient healthcare system by adding \$250,000 line item to Department of Budget & Finance for the Hawaii Health Authority. Thank you for doing your part to help solve our healthcare crisis.

Sincerely,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Donni Gye Corrow-Sanchez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support adding a line item for \$250,000 to the Governor's budget for the Hawai'i Health Authority (HHA) - to help HHA fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawai'i. Hawaii is facing a healthcare crisis. Right now, the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) is the ONLY HAWAII STATE AGENCY that has statutory responsibility to plan for Hawaii's healthcare needs in this rapidly-changing political environment. But it needs the tools to do its job. That's why I strongly urge you to add to the Governor's budget a line item for \$250,000 for the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA), to help it fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawaii. The HHA was established in 2009. This Legislature wisely attached the HHA to the Department of Budget & Finance precisely to protect it from bureaucratic pressures from the Department of Health. Mahalo!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Doreen Gaspar	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha I'm writing in support of the Department Of Hawaiian Homelands funding request. This funding is needed in every department is very important for the trust to operate. Mahalo

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Dee Fulton	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: "I strongly support adding a line item for \$250,000 to the Governor's budget for the Hawai'i Health Authority (HHA) - to help HHA fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawai'i."

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Rachel Rounds	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support, and fully fund, the Legacy Land Conservation Program, the Invasive Species Councils, Watershed Partnerships, Rapid Ohia Death research, watershed protection and CIP funding for watershed fencing. These programs are vital for protecting and restoring our lands and waters for future generations.

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chelsea pang	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Hello - I want to support the line to fund HRS322 funding for universal healthcare in Hawaii. I'm a nurse practitioner at a community health center, and had 10 years the VA system. I think universal single payer healthcare is the only solution to the over spending and under serving healthcare problems we have in our country and in Hawaii. I am also a mom from Kaneohe with children in public scho, so we are invested in the success of good governmental work! I urge Jill Tokuda to consider the line, mahalo!

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Eden Peart	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please fund the Hawaii Health Authority Mahalo!

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Sylvia Ching	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support adding a line item for \$250,000 to Governor's budget for the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) to help HHA develop a State-based plan for a health care system for Hawaii.

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Terez Amato Lindsey	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Yes, absolutely, most emphatically, yes, please funds the HHA. This would do so much good for Hawai'i's people. With appreciation, Terez Amato Lindsey, Kīhei.

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Noa Lincoln	Individual	Support	No

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James Bruch	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please restore funding for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to the State Budget. In the Governor's Request, funding was provided to support KIRC staff position but was eliminated during the House Committee on Finance's review of HB100. Please restore this critical funding so that the KIRC can continue its innovative restoration of Kaho'olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai'i.

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Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

By Annette Kaohelaulii

In Support of House Bill 100 – Relating to the State Budget
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 AM Room 211

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

Aloha kakaiaka. I have long been a supporter of protecting the natural and cultural heritage of Hawaii. I am one of the founding members of the Hawaii Ecotourism Association whose mission is “to protect Hawaii’s unique natural environment and host culture through the promotion of responsible travel and educational programs relating to sustainable tourism for residents, businesses and visitors. “

I would like to thank the members of this committee and this legislature for supporting the conservation and protection of the natural resources of our state. It is now more than ever important to protect all of the resources wherever possible.

The funding priorities listed below will protect our essential watersheds and water sources, ‘ohi’a lehua forests, and habitats for rare and endangered Hawaiian species. These priorities will also support the Legacy Land Conservation Program – which funds the acquisition of lands of natural, cultural, agricultural, recreational, and historic significance, including open space, and public access – and the continued restoration of the island of Kaho’olawe.

Governor Ige’s request for the following Division of Forestry and Wildlife funding priorities:

- \$4.75M Hawai’i Invasive Species Council programs
- \$2.4M Watershed Partnerships Program
- \$1M Rapid ‘Ohi’a Death research
- \$500K watershed protection/WPs
- 500K Hawai’i Invasive Species Council (HISC, which funds the islands’ invasive species committees)
- \$7.5M CIP money for watershed fences (\$15M over the biennium).

Governor Ige’s request for the Legacy Land Conservation Program

- A one-time restoration of \$2,228,250 of lapsed funding from FY15 to the Legacy Land Conservation Program so that pending projects are not shortchange, including lo’i kalo preservation in Ke’anae on Maui and the birthplace of Mary Kawena Pukui at Waikapuna on Hawai’i.
- A permanent spending ceiling increase of \$1.7M for the Legacy Land Conservation Program.

Governor Ige’s request for the Kaho’olawe Island Reserve Commission

- A KIRC staff position. Please restore this critical funding so that the KIRC can continue its innovative restoration of Kaho’olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai’i. The mission of KIRC is to implement the vision for Kaho’olawe Island in which the kino (body) of Kaho ‘olawe is restored and na po’e o Hawai’i (the people of Hawai’i) care for the land.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Robert Culbertson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to see the Hawaii Health Authority funded so that those nine volunteers plus a couple of paid staff can design a Universal Health Care system for Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Atcheson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: RE: Supporting funds for the Hawaii Health Authority Dear members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, Please add \$250,000 line item to Department of Budget & Finance for the Hawaii Health Authority. With so much uncertainty in health care policy at the federal level, and growing concerns and problems at the state level, it would be sensible to fund this agency, the only one with statutory responsibility to plan for Hawaii's healthcare needs by developing a comprehensive, state-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawaii. Given a suitable appropriation, the HHA can create a plan that includes: (1) Establishment of eligibility for inclusion in a health plan for all individuals; (2) Determination of all reimbursable services to be paid by the authority; (3) Determination of all approved providers of services in a health plan for all individuals; (4) Evaluation of health care and cost effectiveness of all aspects of a health plan for all individuals; and (5) Establishment of a budget for a health plan for all individuals in the State. \$250,000 is a modest investment with a potentially life-changing impact for many Hawaii residents. The winds are favorable for Universal Health Care. The HHA is a vehicle to get the plan together -- let's fund it now. Sincerely, David Atcheson 1212 Nuuanu Ave Apt. 906 Honolulu, HI 96817

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Tulsi Greenlee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha. I strongly support this bill. Please add \$250,000 to the budget of the Department of Budget and Finance for the Hawaii Health Authority, so that it may proceed to plan for a comprehensive universal healthcare system. Thank you for your time and consideration, Tulsi

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Doreen Canto	Individual	Support	No

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The Senate Committee on Ways and Means
March 29, 2017
Room 211

HB 100, HD1
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CANCER CENTER

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

My name is Mary Worrall, and I am writing in strong support of the appropriation for the UH Cancer Center as contained in the original version of HB 100 as recommended by Governor Ige. I serve on the Friends of the Cancer Center Board of Directors and have been a Board member for 6 years.

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

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

The UH Cancer Center works to reduce the burden of cancer through research and patient care. Every year, the UH Cancer Center, working with Hawaii's hospitals, enrolls about 300 patients in new clinical trials for both Hawaii's adult and pediatric cancer patients. Currently there are about 100 ongoing clinical trials enrolling both adults and children. These clinical trials always guarantee the national standard of best care and the opportunity to benefit from a better treatment. The Cancer Center is actively following over 1,000 patients who have enrolled in clinical trials in the past. The Cancer Center is also working on identifying potential cancer drugs from Hawaii's natural resources, including compounds from plants, such as poha berry, noni and sea sponge, all of which have shown promise against cancer. Several patents are pending based on the UH Cancer Center's findings and research.

A number of Cancer Center researchers focus on key cancers that impact Hawaii. Our work contributes to a global knowledge that leads to the development of new life-

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

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

Key components of the Cancer Center's financial plan are: 1) ensure continued success and productivity in conducting cancer research that benefits the people of Hawai'i, 2) position UH Cancer Center for successful application for continued National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation and 3) attain zero deficit operations within three years. Successful implementation of the plan will reassure potential philanthropic donors, legislators, the Honolulu business community and community stakeholders of the long-term sustainability of the Cancer Center. The legislative request will enable the Cancer Center to reduce and with additional measures, eliminate the annual operating deficits. It will also enable the Cancer Center to facilitate recruitment of physicians scientists with the expertise to conduct early phase clinical trials. Currently most patients from Hawaii who may be eligible to participate in these trials have to travel to the mainland. Additionally, the funding will enable the expansion of the clinical trials infrastructure for cancer patients on Oahu and permit possible expansion to the neighbor islands. Without the requested funding, the long term sustainability of the Cancer Center will be jeopardized and 20 years of investment in improving the health and lives of the people of Hawaii will be lost.

Cigarette tax revenue is statutorily provided for debt service and (as available) for operations of the facility the Cancer Center occupies in Kaka'ako. Cigarette tax revenue has declined over the years from approximately \$20 million to approximately \$14.8 million currently. In light of the fiscal shortfalls, management has been working diligently to implement operational restructuring to reduce the shortfalls. In order to be successful so that it can continue to serve the needs of Hawaii's population, we must maintain the NCI designation of Hawaii's cancer center.

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

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

The Senate Committee on Ways and Means
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HB 100, HD1
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My name is Earl Stoner, and I am writing in strong support of the appropriation for the UH Cancer Center as contained in the original version of HB 100 as recommended by Governor Ige. I serve on the Friends of the Cancer Center Board of Directors and have been a Board member for 10 years.

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A number of Cancer Center researchers focus on key cancers that impact Hawaii. Our work contributes to a global knowledge that leads to the development of new life-

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

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

Key components of the Cancer Center's financial plan are: 1) ensure continued success and productivity in conducting cancer research that benefits the people of Hawai'i, 2) position UH Cancer Center for successful application for continued National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation and 3) attain zero deficit operations within three years. Successful implementation of the plan will reassure potential philanthropic donors, legislators, the Honolulu business community and community stakeholders of the long-term sustainability of the Cancer Center. The legislative request will enable the Cancer Center to reduce and with additional measures, eliminate the annual operating deficits. It will also enable the Cancer Center to facilitate recruitment of physicians scientists with the expertise to conduct early phase clinical trials. Currently most patients from Hawaii who may be eligible to participate in these trials have to travel to the mainland. Additionally, the funding will enable the expansion of the clinical trials infrastructure for cancer patients on Oahu and permit possible expansion to the neighbor islands. Without the requested funding, the long term sustainability of the Cancer Center will be jeopardized and 20 years of investment in improving the health and lives of the people of Hawaii will be lost.

Cigarette tax revenue is statutorily provided for debt service and (as available) for operations of the facility the Cancer Center occupies in Kaka'ako. Cigarette tax revenue has declined over the years from approximately \$20 million to approximately \$14.8 million currently. In light of the fiscal shortfalls, management has been working diligently to implement operational restructuring to reduce the shortfalls. In order to be successful so that it can continue to serve the needs of Hawaii's population, we must maintain the NCI designation of Hawaii's cancer center.

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

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

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, March 27, 2017 2:46 PM
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HB100

Submitted on: 3/27/2017

Testimony for WAM on Mar 29, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 211

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Douglas Perrine	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please help support conservation and our natural and cultural heritage in Hawai'i by making sure the funding priorities listed below are included in HB 100.

These will protect our essential watersheds and water sources, 'ohi'a lehua forests, and habitats for rare and endangered Hawaiian species. These priorities will also support the Legacy Land Conservation Program – which funds the acquisition of lands of natural, cultural, agricultural, recreational, and historic significance, including open space, and public access – and the continued restoration of Kaho'olawe. Governor Ige's request for the following Division of Forestry and Wildlife funding priorities: • \$4.75M Hawai'i Invasive Species Council programs • \$2.4M Watershed Partnerships Program • \$1M Rapid 'Ohi'a Death research • \$500K watershed protection/WPs • 500K Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC, which funds the islands' invasive species committees) • \$7.5M CIP money for watershed fences (\$15M over the biennium). Governor Ige's request for the Legacy Land Conservation Program • A one-time restoration of \$2,228,250 of lapsed funding from FY15 to the Legacy Land Conservation Program so that pending projects are not shortchange, including lo'i kalo preservation in Ke'anae on Maui and the birthplace of Mary Kawena Pukui at Waikapuna on Hawai'i. • A permanent spending ceiling increase of \$1.7M for the Legacy Land Conservation Program. Governor Ige's request for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission • A KIRC staff position. Please restore this critical funding so that the KIRC can continue its innovative restoration of Kaho'olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai'i.

The mission of KIRC is to implement the vision for Kaho'olawe Island in which the kino (body) of Kaho 'olawe is restored and na po'e o Hawai'i (the people of Hawai'i) care for the land. Mahalo.

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Even though congress did not vote on the health care change, we still need to fix the problems with the Affordable Care Act. Taxpayers want universal health care and the most economical is a single payer system. We need to eliminate the insurance company middlemen who are looking for a profit. What is their useful function? According to Dr. Steffie Woolhandler, member of the Physicians for National Health Program (pnhb.org), most insurance companies have an overhead of 20%, compared with Medicare which has administrative costs of 2-3%. The unnecessary bloated cost of insurance annually is four to five billion dollars. Again I ask what is the useful function of the insurance companies?

As a state we need to be progressive and look for a viable solution. The funding of HB100 is a step in the direction of solving a complex problem to benefit us all. Funding a universal healthcare system is as important as funding universal education, ensuring a compassionate healthy democracy and society that cares for all of its citizens. Keeping each other healthy and wise will be everyone's gift and responsibility.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen M. Pahinui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Supporting funding for the environment including watershed protections and partnerships.

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From: [Scott Cooney](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Testimony in Support of HB100 HD1, BED 145 — HI Growth Initiative, Seq. #100-001
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 11:27:16 AM

Hello esteemed members of the legislature,

I am writing to testify in support of House Bill 100, the HI Growth Initiative. I'm an entrepreneur who has been fortunate enough to have the support of a growing ecosystem of startup culture in Hawaii. My company was selected by the Energy Excelerator for its 2014 cohort and has since grown to \$400,000+ in revenues last year, employing a half dozen full-time staff, and now we are expanding to the mainland. Our work encapsulates everything that the state seems to be supporting--growth of technology related jobs, unoutsourcable jobs, energy efficiency, and home-grown talent.

I'll be the first to say that without this network and startup culture support, I would not be where I am today. My company is now independent of this startup support, off and running on our own two feet, but we needed incubation and support in our early stages or we would have capsized.

I urge you to support clean tech innovation and local startups working to make Hawaii a sustainable, self-sufficient economy, free of foreign oil. Otherwise, we keep shipping our money out of state along with our jobs, our kids, and our future.

Yours,
-Scott Cooney, MS, MBA, Founder of Pono Home, Inc.

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[Find out what "Pono" is by clicking here.](#) It's ancient Hawaiian wisdom and values that we strive to live by and do business by.

From: [David Goetter](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 12:02:32 PM

From: davegoetter@gmail.com <David Goetter>

Message:

To Whom it concerns, First and foremost, I want to thank HI Growth Initiative for what you have done for the communities of Hawaii. You have made a tremendous impact on startups, accelerators and entrepreneurial businesses like mine. I support BED 145 funding of HI Growth Initiative. I believe it's a crucial part in moving Hawaii forward on a local and worldwide stage of progress. My small business would not be here if it weren't for your support. Thank you for your time and consideration. Dave Goetter Twenty20Sound

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

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Mahalo,

David Goetter

Owner/Operator

Kailua Kona

Hawaii

From: [Adrian Hein](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Friday, March 24, 2017 4:38:33 PM

From: adrianhein@mac.com <Adrian Hein>

Message:

On behalf of Honua Studios and the GVS accelerator program funded through HI GROWTH Initiative... Hawaii Action Academy (HAA), a local startup company that purposes to 'train talent for the film industry' would not have been built without the funding and existence of the GVS Accelerator and Honua Studios. HAA has not received any monetary benefits but has tremendously benefited indirectly by the existence of Honua Studios and the GVS accelerator in the capacity of shared relationships, connections, resources, and opportunities. I, Adrian Hein, have been working as a professional stuntman in the film and television industry for fifteen years. My most recent work was doubling Ryan Reynolds as Deadpool, Chris Evans as Captain America: Civil War and playing 'Bagheera' (the panther) in The Jungle Book. All of which were three of the five top grossing films in 2016. Inspired by the vision to build up the film industry on the Big Island of Hawaii spearheaded by David Cunningham out of Honua Studios and GVS Accelerator, I moved to Kona with my family in 2013. Since then, I have been pursuing to help train up the Talent on the Big Island of Hawaii which include actors, extras and aspiring stunt performers. In 2015 as stunt coordinator of the feature film 'Hearts of Men' filmed on the Big Island, it confirmed to me that if we want to keep our Talent safe and create exciting action sequences, we would need to ship over a large amount of stunt equipment to solve problems of minimal resources. I spent over \$100,000 of my own money in just stunt equipment in 2016 and opened up Hawaii Action Academy in January 2017 located next door to Honua Studios. Hawaii Action Academy has been received well in the Kona community and the youth are learning incredibly quickly because of our quality equipment, instructors and unique training program. Our vision is to provide an ongoing training curriculum for aspiring action performers in the film & television industry. This self funded vision to train up Talent for the film industry compliments the vision of Honua Studios and GVS Accelerator to make movies in Hawaii for the world. I have personally invested close to \$200,000 of my own money in the last two years to make this vision happen and I wouldn't have started without the attraction of the Accelerator program. We currently have two employees and actively looking to hire another handful of instructors and assistant managers to expand our hours of operation and to meet the growing demand of our clients. As a Kailua-Kona entrepreneur I am in support for continuing funding towards the GVS Accelerator program and I strongly support Gov. Ige's budget request for \$5 million in new funding for Hawaii startups proposed in the State Budget as it indirectly affects my business. Thank you for your consideration and please call me at 310-962-8081 if you have any further questions. Sincerely, Adrian Hein 310.962.8081 actionspecialist@gmail.com 73-4855 Kanalani Street Kailua-Kona, HI 96740 HAWAII ACTION ACADEMY This article published on the front cover of Monday's WEST HAWAII TODAY does a good job explaining THE WORKING RELATIONSHIP OF HAWAII ACTION ACADEMY AND HONUA STUDIOS. Please go to: <http://westhawaii.com/news/local-news/hollywood-stuntman-opens-academy-teacheshigh-flying-acrobatic-skills>

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Mahalo,

Adrian Hein

Stunt Coordinator / Stuntman / CEO: Hawaii Action Academy

Holualoa

Hawaii

From: bob-marion@hawaiiantel.net
To: [Sen. Jill Tokuda](#); [Sen. Donovan Dela Cruz](#); [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Hawaiian Health Authority
Date: Saturday, March 25, 2017 7:35:51 PM

To members of the Senate Ways and Means committee.

Re: HB 100 – State Budget

Please add \$250,000 line item to Department of Budget & Finance

For the Hawaii Health Authority, an attached agency

Hawaii is facing a healthcare crisis. It is internally generated and it's going to get far worse when the Congress amends or repeals the ACA. What will Hawaii do when, not if but when, Congress wipes out Medicaid, which currently insures 360,000 Hawaii residents? That's one out of every four people in Hawaii.

Right now, the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) is the ONLY HAWAII STATE AGENCY that has statutory responsibility to plan for Hawaii's healthcare needs in this rapidly-changing political environment. But it needs the tools to do its job.

That's why we strongly urge you to add to the Governor's budget a line item for \$250,000 for the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA), to help it fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawaii. The HHA was established in 2009. This Legislature wisely attached the HHA to the Department of Budget & Finance precisely to protect it from bureaucratic pressures from the Department of Health.

The HHA is a small, independent policy-planning board to be composed of 9 volunteer members with diverse expertise in medicine and related fields.

This authorization would allow the HHA to hire a full-time Executive Director at up to \$80,000, and to spend additional funds on research, consulting, and other costs to prepare the comprehensive health plan mandated by HRS 322H-2(b), that includes:

- (1) Establishment of eligibility for inclusion in a health plan for all individuals;
- (2) Determination of all reimbursable services to be paid by the authority;
- (3) Determination of all approved providers of services in a health plan for all individuals;
- (4) Evaluation of health care and cost effectiveness of all aspects of a health plan for all individuals; and
- (5) Establishment of a budget for a health plan for all individuals in the State.

This is a huge task, and \$250,000 would be a bargain amount to get this done. The HHA's oversight task is ESSENTIAL to repair our unsustainable status quo where we have needless expense, waste, and compromised care. The purpose of the HHA is to research and plan comprehensive universal healthcare as a strategic alternative to the current system. We can't lose the only State agency that is specifically designed to propose innovative solutions to already imminent and likely intractable problems. Currently, Hawaii's healthcare system already has major problems from multiple directions. These include, but are hardly limited to, the following:

- Under federal ACA and MACRA laws, doctors are being pressured to restrict and deny necessary care, and from assuming responsibility to care for sicker, more complex, and socially disadvantaged patients;
- The system is creating equally perverse counter-incentives of “pay-for-performance” and risk-adjustment that burden doctors with excessive documentation and data-management demands;
- The system is increasing costs for both providers and payers (Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance) where physicians and office staff must:
 - o Spend more than 15 hours per week on “quality” measures and reporting;
 - o Spend more than \$40,000 per MD per year on “quality” measures and reporting;
 - o Spend twice as much time paying attention to computers as to patients;
 - o Respond to measures, most of which have little to do with actual quality of care;
- There are pressures to replace fee-for-service systems with “value-based” payment, shifting insurance risk onto doctors and hospitals, so they have a financial incentive to restrict care; and
- Insurers are tightening pharmaceutical formulary restrictions and prior authorizations for drugs and imaging, adding more barriers to care.

These problems have resulted in the following, in Hawaii, in rapidly increasing effects in just the past couple of years. Your constituents will confirm this to you:

- Rapid loss of physicians from private practice, especially in Hawaii where 2/3 were in individual and small-group practices prior to the ACA, leading to:
 - o Premature retirement
 - o Leaving the state
 - o Taking administrative jobs and jobs with hospitals and big health systems, to avoid insurer micromanagement of patient care
- Patients losing access to doctors in out-patient settings, an accelerating problem:
 - o October 2016: 31% of Oahu primary care practices closed to all new patients, double the rate of the previous year;
 - o 47% closed to new Medicare patients, with even more refusing new Medicaid;
- More care pushed to ERs and hospitals for those who can't get care elsewhere;
- Epidemic of physician burnout – at 55% in December 2015 and rising annually;
- Rising cost (premiums, deductibles, co-pays), less access, and health system collapse!

For all these reasons, Hawaii must follow through with the well-planned procedures set out in HRS Chapter 322H to develop a system that will stop the cost-explosion, and begin cost-containment. The HHA is the ONLY AGENCY that can streamline health planning and policy management through careful planning and analysis. And, frankly, bills to make Obamacare part of Hawaii's state law – SB 403 and HB 552 – won't solve these problems.

Please add \$250,000 to the budget of the Department of Budget and Finance for the Hawaii Health Authority, so that it may proceed to plan for a comprehensive universal healthcare system. Thank you for your kind attention to this serious and pressing issue, and for your foresight in considering our plea.

Sincerely,

Robert and Marion McHenry

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The Senate Committee on Ways and Means
March 29, 2017
Room 211

HB 100, HD1
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CANCER CENTER

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

I am writing to urge this Committee to approve the appropriation for the UH Cancer Center (UHCC) as recommended by the Governor and as contained in HB 100.

My name is Hansong Wang. I am an Associate Specialist (Professor) at UHCC. I study genetic susceptibility of colorectal cancer. One of the highlights of my work is the identification of a novel genetic risk variant for this disease, one among the 50+ genetic risk loci identified worldwide for sporadic colorectal cancer.

UHCC is one of the only 69 institutions in the United States that hold the prestigious National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation and is the only NCI-designated cancer research center in the Pacific. UHCC has a long history of research excellence. Its work ranges from identifying lifestyle and genetic risk factors for cancer through the unique multiethnic populations in Hawaii, to elucidating various cancer-causing mechanisms, and to bringing innovative clinical trials to Hawaii. UHCC has been an important partner within the healthcare community of the state; it raised awareness of and promoted healthy lifestyle in the local community through cancer prevention work and routine fund-raising and educational events. UHCC's ideal geographic location is naturally appealing to collaborative cancer research efforts across the Pacific.

The NCI designation is crucial for UHCC to continue to receive federal or other extramural funds to conduct ground-breaking studies and to adventure further into areas of translational medicine and clinical trials that may bring new cancer-fighting drugs and treatments, some of which could be from Hawaii's natural resources, such as from poha berry, noni and sea sponge.

The funds requested for UHCC will be used to reduce the annual shortfall in current operations at the Cancer Center caused by a reduction in the cigarette tax revenue and by the indiscreet management by the previous leadership. Now with a new leadership in place, the faculty and staff at UHCC are looking forward to an opportunity to recover and regain research excellence and rebuild its previously-tarnished reputation.

Without the requested funding, the long term sustainability of UHCC will be negatively impacted and 20 years of investment in improving the health and lives of the people of Hawaii will be lost. The state owes itself another chance to protect and develop its investment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Hansong Wang, Ph.D

From: [Brandon Bennett](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Sunday, March 26, 2017 6:35:07 PM

From: blbennett08@gmail.com <Brandon Bennett>

Message:

Thanks to the many entities involved in shaping Hawaii's burgeoning startup ecosystem, tremendous momentum has been gained over the past decade. The islands are perfectly situated for many sectors of innovation.

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

I **strongly support** Gov. Ige's budget request for \$5 million in new funding for Hawaii startups proposed in the State Budget, HB 100, relating to BED 145 – HI Growth Initiative, Sequence #100-001.

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Mahalo,

Brandon Bennett

CEO

Seattle

Washington

From: [Nicole Nietz](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Sunday, March 26, 2017 9:56:14 PM

From: nnietz@globalvirtualstudio.com <Nicole Nietz>

Message:

Please support HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative for allocation for the HI Growth Initiative for the full resources it is requesting. I sincerely believe the support is a great investment for the future for the State of Hawaii.

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

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Nicole Nietz

GTA Development Fund Administrator

Kailua-Kona

Hawaii

From: [Edwin Marshall](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Monday, March 27, 2017 11:24:55 AM

From: edwinharborlight@gmail.com <Edwin Marshall>

Message:

Thanks for this opportunity to say THANK YOU for the support and help in producing "Jo, The Medicine Runner" on the Big Island - it was the perfect setting and great to work with local cast and crew. Hawaii has so much potential for independent film growth and production. Keep up the great work with the Accelerator! Best, Edwin Marshall

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Mahalo,

Edwin Marshall

Producer

Arcadia

California

From: [Laurel Brier](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: HB 100
Date: Monday, March 27, 2017 11:46:56 AM

Please fun the Hawaii Health Authority to design a Universal Health Care System for Hawaii. It's the right thing to do.

Yours truly,
Laurel Brier
Anahola, HI



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March 26, 2017

To: Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Re: HB 100 –SUPPORT State Budget addition for the Hawai'i Health Authority (HHA), an attached agency.

Submitted by: Amy Agbayani, chair
Filipino-American Advocacy Network (FAN)

Chair Tokuda and members of the committee:

Please add \$250,000 line item to the Department of Budget and Finance for the Hawai'i Health Authority, an attached agency to DBF. The HHA is the **ONLY HAWAI'I STATE AGENCY** that has statutory responsibility to plan for Hawaii's healthcare needs. HHA needs resources to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawai'i. Our state needs an independent policy-planning board with diverse expertise.

March 26, 2017

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Submitted by: Doris Segal Matsunaga
Aiea, Hawaii

Chair Tokuda and members of the committee:

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From: [Marya Mann](#)
To: marya@loomoflove.com
Subject: SUPPORT HB100
Date: Monday, March 27, 2017 7:56:19 PM

Aloha, Honorable Legislators!

I strongly support adding a line item for \$250,000 to the Governor's budget for the Hawai'i Health Authority (HHA) - to help HHA fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawai'i.

Support health, support life!

Thank you for voting for this line item!

Marya Mann
Kealakekua, HI

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From: [Donavan Kealoha](#)
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: Support for HB 100 HD1: BED 145 Seq. #100-001 -- HI Growth Initiative
Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 7:53:57 AM

From: dkealoha@gmail.com <Donavan Kealoha>

Message:

I strongly support this effort to diversify Hawaii's economy.

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

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Mahalo,

Donavan Kealoha

Sr. Associate, Startup Capital Ventures

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Hawaii

From: bob-marion@hawaiiantel.net
To: [WAM Testimony](#)
Subject: HB100 HD1
Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2017 10:19:54 AM

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and entire ways and means committee,

I concur with Dr. Stephen Kimble MD in his remarks regarding allocating funding to strengthen and reinforce the role of HHA (Hawaii Health Authority) in overseeing, administering, and planning for healthcare coverage for Hawaii.

Hawaii's healthcare needs are critical, and the system that is currently in place, which President Obama, (a local boy from Punahou), attempted to improve, is facing serious challenges from our current federal administration. Please protect the health of Hawaii's residents and our keikis by allocating HHA the funds it needs to help Hawaii move forward and build on the beautiful work of Dr. John "Jack" Lewin, MD, former Hawaii Director of Health from 1986-1994.

(Note: For those who may not remember, Dr. Lewin oversaw 6500 employees and a \$1+ billion budget, and helped Hawaii achieve near-universal access to health care while revitalizing statewide public health systems.) During Dr. Lewin's tenure, Hawaii was known as *"The Health State."*

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Dr. Arthur Brownstein, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.C.P.M.
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Staff Physician
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Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine

Dept. of Medicine

John A. Burns School of Medicine (1993-2008)

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Pacific Air Forces

Regional Medical Center

Clark Air Force Base

Republic of Philippines (1983-87)

Testimony of Michael G. Buck
Supporting Funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
Watershed and Invasive Species Programs
in H.B. 100 Relating to the State Budget
Senate Committee on Ways & Means
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30AM, Room 211

Thank you for your past support of funding for watershed protection and invasive species response in Hawai'i. Please help us continue that important work by again supporting the Department of Land and Natural Resources' budget request for watershed management, CIP fencing work, and invasive species prevention, control, research, and education programs and activities.

My name is Michael G. Buck, former Hawaii State Forester from 1989 to 2004. The intent of my testimony is to provide some policy and economic perspective of managing Hawaii's forested watersheds in light of the enormous pressure you have as decision makers to allocate limited funds over a range of needs and requests. Hawaii's forests exist today only because of a considerable investment and political consensus established over a century ago that involved extensive fencing, animal control, and reforestation. While natural resource valuation is not an exact science, Hawaii's forested watersheds are obviously enormous assets to our economy and society and the need for dependable supplies of fresh water is expected to increase in the future.

Yet, many of our priority forested watershed landscapes are slowly degrading, and so is our water supply. Hawaii's 11 watershed partnerships provide an innovative framework for the landscape level forest management activities needed, yet they are faced with inconsistent funding. The bottom line is that we are reaping the benefits of past investments made and are not assuring Hawaii's future population of a dependable supply of water.

No cost is assigned to water resources in their natural state or the costs associated with insuring sustainable forested watersheds to collect and percolate our water supplies. The question of who should pay the watershed bill has been an ongoing debate at the legislature for years. In evaluating the public sector's role, it is important to remember that private lands comprise @ one half of the priority watershed areas in the State (and two thirds on the island of Oahu). Historically, private landowners allowed their forests to be managed by the Territory, under surrender agreements, but retained the water rights and did not pay any property tax. But times have changed as real property tax incentives for watersheds have not been adopted by the counties, the public now "owns" the water, and the majority of these lands are now in restrictive Conservation limits. While restrictive zoning can prevent development in priority forested watersheds, it does not pay for watershed management.

Supporting the budget of Department of Land and Natural Resources , which has historically received less than 1 percent of the State budget is a prudent and needed investment for our future generations. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lilinoe Smith	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please include a line item be inserted into the state budget to fund HRS 322, The Hawaii Health Authority. Mahalo, Lilinoe Smith Kalaheo, Kauai

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To: Senator J.N. Tokuda, Chair, D.M. Dela Cruz,
Vice Chair and Members of the Ways and Means Committee

From: Patrick Conant, Volcano, Island of Hawaii

Regarding: HB100 allocations for watershed protection, Legacy Lands protection,
alien species control and ongoing restoration of Kahoolawe

I am encouraged to see funding allocations for critical needs in conservation lands and watershed protection and restoration in HB 100. However it will not be enough. Please restore Governor Ige's requested allocations to DOFAW for Invasive Species Council programs, Watershed Partnership programs, Rapid Ohia Death research, Watershed Partnerships, the Hawaii Invasive Species Council, fencing to protect our watersheds from destructive alien hoofed animals, and Legacy Lands conservation programs. Also, Governor Ige requested funding to keep a KIRC position and continue the amazing ongoing restoration work that protects the land from erosion and our reefs from smothering with silt washing off that abused island. I have done volunteer plantings there and the staff is more dedicated to restoring that isle than anyone in any other conservation cause I have seen in this State.

Please fund these important programs **at the levels requested by the Governor Ige** to protect what is left of our watersheds and native ecosystems.

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alex beers	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please add \$250,000.00 to the budget of dept. Of budget and finance for the Hawaii Health Authority. I strongly believe that we need to fund the HHA.

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

BILL OR RESOLUTION NO., DRAFT NO. HB 100, HD 1

MARCH 29, 2017, 9:30 A.M. AT STATE CAPITOL CONFERENCE ROOM 211

JULI PATAO -- PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Dear SENATOR JILL N. TOKUDA CHAIR, SENATOR DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, VICE-CHAIR, and Members of the COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,

My name is JULI PATAO and I am CAREERLINK DIRECTOR AND COOPERATIVE EDUCATION ASSISTANT PROFESSOR at the University of Hawai'i Maui College, however, I speak in my own personal capacity. I am writing to SUPPORT BILL RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET HB 100, HD 1. As a faculty member, I prepare students to enter the workforce in their academic area of study. Often, many students at UH Maui College campus require diverse special needs requiring psychological support. Unfortunately, we do not have enough counselor's at our campus to provide crisis support as we have one counselor to service our 3800 student population. Sad to say, we are unable to provide sufficient services for our students. Kindly support this bill as funding will help to provide increased services for UH Manoa and UH Maui College campus by increasing funding to allow our campuses to provide Psychological assistance for our students and community members. Often our students have diverse challenges that require specialized counselors to assist in crisis. With your support of this bill, our students will benefit from the CDSC/UHM, statistics or data presented with this bill. We can help our students to continue their educational goals if we can address their needs in a timely manner at our campus. In closing, support this bill to help our college campuses provide the immediate support needed in our communities. Also, please remember that are students range from Veteran's with PTSD, community members that have been laid off from the closing of Hawaii Cane and Sugar plantation, Makena Beach and Golf Resort, and other personal issues of homelessness, poverty, broken families and the battle against drugs. The students we serve are trying their best to move ahead with their lives and having the extra psychological support at our campuses will help to retain our students with seeking higher educational goals in hopes of improving our future community. It is critical that you support this bill as it has a huge impact for our university and our future.

Thank you for your time and again, I SUPPORT HB 100, HD 1 STATE BUDGET CHANGES.

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Richard/Ric Andrews, M.D.	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Koohan Paik	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: PLEASE fund the Hawaii Health Authority so that those nine volunteers plus a couple of paid staff can design a Universal Health Care system for Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathy Shimata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please add a line item to fund the Hawaii Health Authority. We can have Universal Health Care using the H.H.A. If funded, it will design a lower cost health care delivery system for Hawaii, and then present that plan to the legislature in Dec 2017, for evaluation in the January 2018 session.

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Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means
The Hawai'i State Twenty-Ninth Session of 2017

Reference: Hearing for HB100 HD1; WAM, Room #211, Date 03/29/2017

Subject: Our Need to Evaluate all our States Health Care Options

Dear Senators Tokuda and Cruz:

Please insert a line item in the budget in the amount of \$250,000 to fund a study by the Hawaiian Health Authority (HHA) to further investigate and complete their insightful study published in January 2013 titled: **“The Hawaiian Health Authority Proposal: Using the Affordable Care Act as a Stepping Stone Toward Universal Health Care”**, by January 2018. Given the current EXTREMELY negative attitude in Washington D.C. concerning the provision of health care for all Americans, and the likelihood that the ACA will be made ineffective during the four year tenure of the current administration, it is imperative that we Hawaiians leave no option off the table to protect the health of our citizens. If the HHA completes their study and presents a cogent plan for funding and implementing a Universal Health Care System for Hawai'i, by January 2018, that plan can be compared to existing insurance industry health care delivery models for cost and effectiveness while the ACA is still functioning. The legislature and the people of Hawai'i deserve a chance to make that comparison. I strongly urge the WAM to approve this funding for the HHA study. \$250,000 is a bargain for such a complex effort.

Sincerely,



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Linda Middleton	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am writing to support the request for funding of HR5322, which will allow the Hawai'i Health Authority to prepare a plan for a Universal Health Care System, written by physicians. The HHA will offer health care to all of Hawai'i's residents at lower costs than the plan prepared by the Dept. of Health and the insurance industries. Our current healthcare options have been detrimental to the retention of physicians who will provide services for Hawai'i's currently insured residents, and we need to address this while we can. The urgency of Universal Health Care has recently attracted national attention, and I call on our lawmakers to respond to the possibility of removing the competitive corporate involvement in Healthcare for Hawai'i's citizens. We need to act now.

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- o 47% closed to new Medicare patients, with even more refusing new Medicaid;

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- Rising cost (premiums, deductibles, co-pays), less access, and health system collapse!

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Please add \$250,000 to the budget of the Department of Budget and Finance for the Hawaii Health Authority, so that it may proceed to plan for a comprehensive universal healthcare system. Thank you for your kind attention to this serious and pressing issue, and for your foresight in considering our plea.

Sincerely,

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Erica Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I urge Senator Tokuda to fund HRS322 The Hawaii Health Authority by inserting the line item in HB100 which will allow Universal Health Care to be designed in Hawaii.

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Jan Becket	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please restore funding for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to the State Budget. In the Governor's Request, funding was provided to support KIRC staff position but was eliminated during the House Committee on Finance's review of HB100. Please restore this critical funding so that the KIRC can continue its innovative restoration of Kaho'olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai'i.

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tia pearson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please add \$250,000 line item to the Department of Budget & Finance for the Hawaii Health Authority, an attached agency.

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Alina Patterson	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Arnold Kotler	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please insert line item into the state budget to fund HRS322, The Hawaii Health Authority

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Gina Mello	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support HB100! I would also like line item budget to fund Hawaii Health Authority HRS322. Mahalo!!!

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Russell F. Jones	Individual	Support	No

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Barbara Barry	Individual	Comments Only	No

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directions. These include, but are hardly limited to, the following:

- Under federal ACA and MACRA laws, doctors are being pressured to restrict and deny necessary care, and from assuming responsibility to care for sicker, more complex, and socially disadvantaged patients;
- The system is creating equally perverse counter-incentives of “pay-for-performance” and risk-adjustment that burden doctors with excessive documentation and data-management demands;
- The system is increasing costs for both providers and payers (Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance) where physicians and office staff must:
 - o Spend more than 15 hours per week on “quality” measures and reporting;
 - o Spend more than \$40,000 per MD per year on “quality” measures and reporting;
 - o Spend twice as much time paying attention to computers as to patients;
 - o Respond to measures, most of which have little to do with actual quality of care;
- There are pressures to replace fee-for-service systems with “value-based” payment, shifting insurance risk onto doctors and hospitals, so they have a financial incentive to restrict care; and
- Insurers are tightening pharmaceutical formulary restrictions and prior authorizations for drugs and imaging, adding more barriers to care.

These problems have resulted in the following, in Hawaii, in rapidly increasing effects in just the past couple of years. Your constituents will confirm this to you:

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Anne Thurston	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Healthcare in Hawaii costs too much. Let's take a look at a lower cost model. I want to see the Hawaii Health Authority funded so that there will be a basis for a cost benefit analysis. It will be important to compare the HHA's Universal Health Care system with the existing 'insurance industry' health insurance plan. What is the cost of the insurance industry micromanagement of physicians.

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Mike Trussel	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Kaho 'olawe must be considered part of the Hawaiian state. The only way to do that is to include restoration in the budget. My wife and I plan to make a trip to Kaho'olawe in order to do our part in making the island a proud part of the Hawaiian culture.

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james Kimo Falconer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HB 100. The community would also ask that certain parts of the original budget of this bill be reinstated (watershed fencing, HISC and CIP). In particular, the fencing work being done by our Watershed partnerships is more critical now than ever. On West Maui, axis deer have made headway and the loss of this funding will mean the loss of all that work to date. Please give hard consideration to bringing that funding back. Mahalo

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Health care in Hawaii costs too much. With everything else that we are being taxed to death on, health care is something that we in Hawaii should not have to worry about. The people of Hawaii deserve a better solution than what we have.

Even though President Trump and the Republican Party failed to get the votes they needed to overturn ACA we cannot sit down and wait for them to try again. We also can no longer depend on anyone, but ourselves. We must be strong and move forward to make sure that all our people have the best health care that they deserve.

There is a possible solution and that solution is called the Hawaii Health Authority. We ask that our leaders fund the Hawaii Health Authority, HRS322, so that it can complete its mission of designing a universal health care system for Hawaii. By funding the Hawaii Health Authority it will be able to complete its design and thereby allowing them to submit the design to the legislature by December 2017.

We believe that the members of the legislature deserve the opportunity to see a side by side comparison of the Hawaii Health Authority plan, next to our other insurance industry created plans. By doing this we give the people and legislatures a chance to see which will cost less, which will provide for a better health care for all of us in Hawaii which will the physicians choose. All we ask is that the people have a chance to fight for the opportunity to have a choice in picking the health care plan that they believe is in the best interest of all the people.

Governor Ige is opposed to allowing the Hawaii Health Authority design a plan and in addition to supporting insertion of this line item to fund the HRS322. We kindly ask that Governor Ige please express to the public why he is opposed to allowing Hawaii Health Authority to complete its mission of designing a Universal Health Care Plan.

Perhaps there is a way to clear up some misconceptions. Perhaps Governor Ige and Dr. Pressler, the chair of the Dept. of Health, can be persuaded to consider the cost saving benefits of a health care system which is designed without insurance industry domination of its design. How can a health care system built by the Health Industry who will benefit from it, be considered to have the people's best interest. The industry's goal is one and only one and that is their bottom line. Let's build a health care system without the input of the insurance company, and see what that would look like.

Right now our people can't afford health care in Hawaii. We can lower the costs by cutting unnecessary expenditures, such as 'pre authorizations, or, in other words, 'insurance company micro management of physicians.' We can lower the cost also by having an oversight board that will watch for waste of money and for fraud within the system. To do this we must have Hawaii Health Authority to design a Universal Health Care for all of us in Hawaii.

We the people of Hawaii support an item to fund the Hawaii Health Authority. We believe that we the people should have a right to choose what type of health care we are to have and that our leaders and legislatures need to be moving in the direction that we as a people have chosen. The right of health care is a human right and the right to choose the direction in which we want to go is the right of the people of Hawaii.

We ask that our leaders and legislature look into the Hawaii Health Authority and give it the funding that it needs to create a universal health care system for us in Hawaii. We ask that our leaders and legislature hear what we are saying and start this process right away as we have no time to waste in the care of all our people. Better Health care for all the people of Hawaii that we can all afford. Not Health care for the insurance companies that make their monies on the backs and health of the people.

We finally ask that our leaders and legislatures make funding available so that Hawaii Health Authority can begin the process of designing a Universal Health Care.

Mahalo nui loa
Ernest David Kaimana Carvalho

The Senate Committee on Way and Means

March 29, 2017

HB 100

Individual Testimony in Support of the Appropriation
for the University of Hawaii Cancer Center

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

My name is Unhee Lim. I am an epidemiologist and Associate Professor at the UH Cancer Center. I herein submit my individual testimony in strong support of the appropriation for the UH Cancer Center.

I believe that the State's investment in the people of the Cancer Center and the work we carry out will produce significant returns for the community and for future generations. Your support will be critical for the Center to retain its National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation, a distinguished recognition for high-caliber and synergistic cancer research. The fact that we could have successfully competed for this distinguished honor for 20 years, despite being one of the smallest of all ~65 NCI Cancer Centers, is a testament to the importance of our work on the uniquely diverse populations of Hawaii and the Pacific that cannot be replaced by any in mainland. Our populations have the most varied genetic make-up and the widest range of lifestyles and cultures, which is reflected in the varied patterns of cancers and some with the highest rates in the nation. Our world's leading cancer epidemiology group has conducted excellent surveillance and etiology research to decode the relationships of many genetic and lifestyle factors with different cancers, to an extent often not possible by studies of homogeneous populations in mainland and in other countries. Our clinical trials team and local oncologists continue their 30-year passionate effort to deliver never-profitable but often life-saving experimental treatments to hospitals for their patients in the direst need. Our cancer biology group strives to cultivate the Pacific nature and the minds of local youths to advance the future care.

The immeasurable value of our work can only be realized with your continued vision and commitment. I understand the many competing needs in the State. I recognize any disappointment and reservations you may have about the Center's financial and managerial performance in recent years, as one of the faculty members who spoke out for principled and transparent management. I stress that much more how precious and crucial this momentum is for the Center, now with a new leadership, to recover financial self-sufficiency and excel its research to the next level.

As with every problem in life, it is easier to pass the responsibility to someone else. We the Cancer Center research faculty and staff need you, the State's top problem solvers, to remain engaged with us in addressing the top challenge for the community – health – and the “emperor of all maladies” – cancer care and prevention.

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March 29, 2017

Committee on Ways and Means
Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

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

We would like to provide testimony in support for HB100 HD1.

We are a group of advocates representing Native Hawaiian, Multilingual, English Learner, Special Education students, as well as organizations wanting improved community engagement in our schools, who have come together to express our concern for the DOE Budget, as adjusted by the Governor's Message of February 7, 2017.

As public education advocates, we provided input on our priorities for public education in the Governor's ESSA Task Force town hall meetings and BOE/DOE Strategic Plan community meetings. Attachment 1 lists these priorities along with the respective stakeholders. We noticed that the Governor and the BOE/DOE appeared supportive of our priorities since items such as Hawaiian Education/ Nā Hopena A'o (HĀ), the narrowing the achievement gap for English Learners, Special Education and disadvantaged students, and the importance of community engagement were recurrent throughout both the Blueprint for Education and the Strategic Plan.

We appreciated that the BOE and DOE supported our priorities in the Board approved budget for the Biennium FY18 and FY19 (attachment 2), in particular, because many of these line item inputs and supports addressed the Strategic Plan's aim to narrow the achievement gap. However, we are concerned by the Governor's recent adjustments to the budget, which cut the funding for all of these priorities (attachment 2), as well as reduced weighted student formula funds by \$18 million per year. Instead, the governor's budget recommends a school innovation fund for \$10 million per year for two years. Other items were cut from the budget along with our priorities, such as air conditioning and facilities maintenance, teacher induction and mentoring, and structural supports vital for the planning and implementation of the state's ESSA Plan, such as the Office of Strategy Innovation and Performance and data governance. While we agree that innovation is important, it should not be at the expense of funding systemic basic needs and supports for our high needs students.

We have advocated to the Board of Education and hope to convey our concerns directly to the governor. We ask the legislature to join us in our advocacy to support the Board approved budget, and restore these line items, which are critical for implementing the Strategic Plan and narrowing the achievement gap.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Mahalo,

Martha Guinan (Special Education Advisory Council)
Cheri Nakamura (HE'E Coalition)
Sylvia Hussey (Native Hawaiian Education Council)
Patricia Halagao
Brook Chapman DeSousa
Emily Lam
Gavin Thornton
William Pila Wilson (Ka Haka 'Ula O Ke'elikōlani College of Hawaiian Language, UH Hilo, 'Aha Pūnana Leo, Inc.)
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Paula Adams (Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance)
Dawn Dunbar (After-School All-Stars Hawai'i)
Amy Agbayani (Filipino-American Advocacy Network)
Faye Kennedy (Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights)
Elisapeta Tuupo Alaimaleata (Le Fetuao Samoan Language Center)
Terrina Wong (Pacific Gateway Center)
Josie Howard (We are Oceania)
Shawn Ford (Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL))

Governor’s Blueprint and DOE Strategic Priorities (Attachment 1)

PRIORITY	STAKEHOLDER GROUP	LINE ITEM
Nā Hopena A’o (HĀ)/Hawaiian Education	Native Hawaiian Education Council Ka Haka ‘Ula O Ke‘elikōlani College Kamehameha Schools ‘Aha Punana Leo	EDN 100 Office of Hawaiian Education
Achievement Gap: SPED and Disadvantaged	Special Education Advisory Council Hawaii Appleseed Center	EDN150 Pre-school Teachers and Ed Assistants EDN150 Train & License of Paraprofessionals EDN200 Seclusion and Restraints EDN200 School Based Behavioral Health EDN200 Homeless Concerns Liaisons
Achievement Gap: English Learners	Hawaii Association of Language Teachers Filipino Community Center Lefetuao Samoan Language Center Micronesians United Big Island We are Oceania Hawai’i TESOL Pacific Gateway Center	EDN200 World Languages and Health EDN200 English Language Learner Program
Community Engagement	HE’E Coalition Hawai’i Afterschool Alliance University of Hawai’i College of Education After-School All-Stars Hawai’i Atherton and Campbell Foundations	EDN300 Community Engagement
Facilities	All Stakeholders	EDN400 Heat Abatement and AC Maintenance EDN400 Environmental Health Service EDN400 School Service and Maintenance
ESSA and Other Supports	All Stakeholders	EDN300 Teacher Mentoring EDN300 Data Gov and Strategic Initiatives EDN300 Funding for OSIP

DOE/BOE Request vs. GOV's Decision (02/2017)

(Attachment 2)

Prog ID	DESCRIPTION	DOE/BOE		GOV'S DECISION	
		FY18	FY19	(02/2017) FY18	(02/2017) FY19
EDN100	OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN EDUCATION	283,255	283,255	0	0
EDN100	OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN EDUCATION	2,027,645	2,027,645	0	0
EDN150	TRAINING AND LICENSURE OF PARA-PROFESSIONALS	3 (FTE)	3 (FTE)	0	0
EDN150	PRESCHOOL TEACHERS AND ED ASSTANTS (IDEA)	60 (FTE)	60 (FTE)	0	0
EDN200	SECLUSION AND RESTRAINTS	466,909	466,909	0	0
EDN200	SCHOOL BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	183,818	183,818	91,909	183,818
EDN200	HOMELESS LIAISONS	844,776	844,776	0	0
EDN200	WORLD LANGUAGES AND HEALTH	183,818	183,818	0	0
EDN200	ELL PROGRAM	183,818	183,818	0	0
EDN300	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFFICE	293,557	293,557	0	0
EDN400	HEAT ABATEMENT AND AC MAINTENANCE	2,031,330	2,031,330	0	1,000,000
EDN400	ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	800,000	800,000	0	0
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EDN300	FUNDING FOR OFFICE OF STRATEGY INNOV AND PERFORM	1,080,184	1,080,184	0	0
EDN100	SCHOOL INNOVATION PROGRAM			10,000,000	10,000,000

March 26, 2017

To: Members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee

Re: HB 100 – State Budget

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on House Bill 100.

Please add \$250,000 line item to Department of Budget & Finance for the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA), an attached agency.

As a medical student of John A. Burns School of Medicine, I became aware of the healthcare crisis that we are facing in Hawaii: shortage of physicians, increasing healthcare costs, and lack of adequate health insurance. Right now, the HHA is the **ONLY HAWAII STATE AGENCY** that has statutory responsibility to plan for Hawaii's healthcare needs in this rapidly-changing political environment. But it needs the tools to do its job.

That's why I strongly urge you to add to the Governor's budget a line item for \$250,000 for the HHA, to help it fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawaii. The HHA was established in 2009, and this Legislature wisely attached the HHA to the Department of Budget & Finance precisely to protect it from bureaucratic pressures from the Department of Health. The HHA is a small, independent policy-planning board to be composed of 9 volunteer members with diverse expertise in medicine and related fields.

Please do your part in protecting our Hawaii people's healthcare! Let us keep Hawaii healthy by adding \$250,000 line item to Department of Budget & Finance for the Hawaii Health Authority.

Sincerely,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Linda Pascatore	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the proposal to fund the Hawaii Health Authority which is a line item in the state budget (HB100). I support universal health care, and hope that Hawaii can step up and provide health care for all its citizens.

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Juan Wilson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Given the failure of the federal government to address the issue of a coherent health plan system I strongly support the inclusion of Hawaii Health Authority being funded so that those nine volunteers plus a couple of paid staff can design a Universal Health Care system for Hawaii.

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Patricia Wistinghausen	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Dela Cruz, and WAM Committee Members, I am writing in strong support of HB 100 HD 1, adding a line item in the Governor's budget to fund the Hawai'i Health Authority (HHA). Funding for the HHA will aide in the development of a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for all of Hawai'i. As our elected officials in the Hawai'i State Legislature, you are the representatives of the people of Hawai'i. And as WAM Committee Members, you are the means by which we have the opportunity to fund initiatives that seek to care for the health and wellness of all of Hawai'i people; regardless of their financial status and ability (or inability) to pay for needed healthcare. I believe that in our modern society, as a first world country and as one of the richest nations in the world, we have a moral obligation to ensure that all people in our country and certainly in our family-oriented state of Hawai'i, have a Right to Healthcare. We should all have the right to access health care when we need it, a right to go to the doctor when we are sick, a right to get a life saving medication, medical device, or surgery when we need it, and a right to long-term health services such as therapy, counseling, and rehabilitation. No one should be deterred from seeking health care services in Hawai'i or denied healthcare services, because they don't have enough money, can't afford it and would otherwise go bankrupt trying to help and save their own lives. Collectively our culture here in Hawai'i is to treat everyone as family, treat them with respect, and to take care of one another; To Live With Aloha. This is what I've learned being born, raised and still living here in Hawai'i (on the island of Kaua'i). Our Hawai'i culture is the model for how we have to look at the way we provide (or more so don't provide) access to health care and services to our own ohana; as our current healthcare systems are so privatized and profit-based (Profits Over People, instead of People Over Profits). By funding the HHA, you would be taking a major step forward in caring for the people of Hawai'i by allowing the chance for the formation of a healthcare plan and system that will ensure all of our Hawai'i ohana are cared for. Mahalo for your time, public service and consideration of my testimony in support of HB 100 HD 1, Patricia Wistinghausen Kaua'i - District 14, Precinct 4

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John Zwiebel	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This attached study of HR676 shows that America could save nearly \$600B/year in health care costs. There is little chance that such a bill will pass the Republican Congress. It is up to the Hawaii Legislature to take over where the Federal Government is failing. I support funding the Hawaii Health Authority via a line item insert in the budget bill: HB100

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Funding a National Single-Payer System

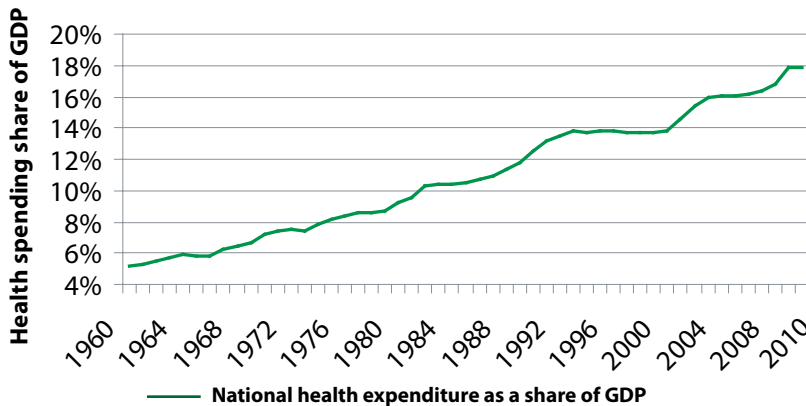
“Medicare for All” would save billions, and could be redistributive.

BY GERALD FRIEDMAN

The Expanded & Improved Medicare for All Act” (HR 676) would establish a single authority responsible for paying for health care for all Americans. Providing universal coverage with a “single-payer” system would change many aspects of American health care. While it would raise some costs by providing access to care for those currently uninsured or under-insured, it would save much larger sums by eliminating insurance middlemen and radically simplifying payment to doctors and hospitals. While providing superior health care, a single-payer system would save as much as \$570 billion now wasted on administrative overhead and monopoly profits. A single-payer system would also make health-care financing dramatically more progressive by replacing fixed, income-invariant health-care expenditures with progressive taxes. This series of charts and graphs shows why we need a single-payer system and how it could be funded. **D&S**

GERALD FRIEDMAN is a professor of economics at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

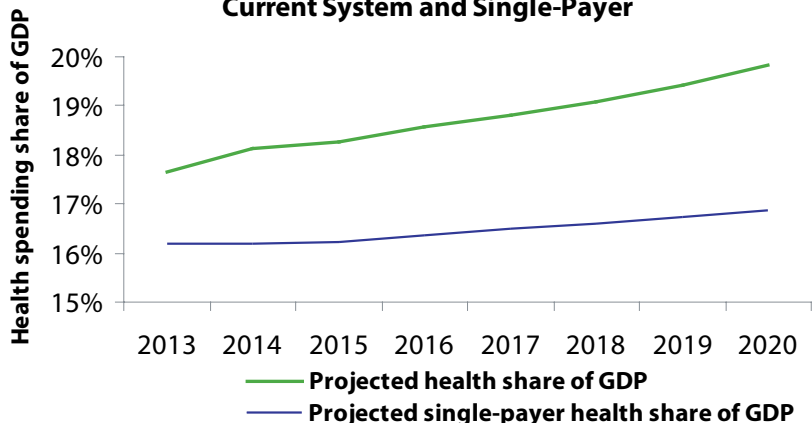
Figure 1: Health-Care Spending and GDP, 1960-2010



Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, National Health Expenditures (cms.gov/National-HealthExpendData/); author’s own calculations for projections of single-payer costs.

Health-care costs have risen much faster than income in the United States over the last 50 years, rising from 5% of Gross Domestic Product in 1960 to nearly 18% today. Some of the increase in costs in the United States, as with other countries, is associated with improvements in care and longevity. Costs have risen much faster in the United States, however, because of the growing administrative burden of our private health-insurance system.

Figure 2: Projected Health Care Spending of GDP: Current System and Single-Payer

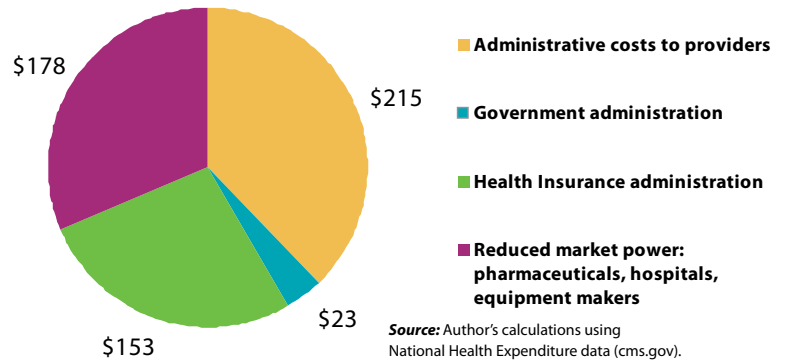


Sources: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, National Health Expenditures (cms.gov/National-HealthExpendData/); author’s own calculations for projections of single-payer costs.

With \$570 billion in savings on administration and monopoly profits, a single-payer system would reduce dramatically the burden of health care costs on the United States economy. Over time, furthermore, a single-payer system would allow us to slow the growth in health-care spending.

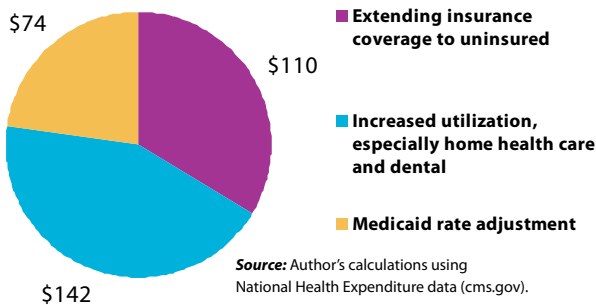


Figure 3: Sources of Savings from a Single-Payer Health Plan (in Billions)



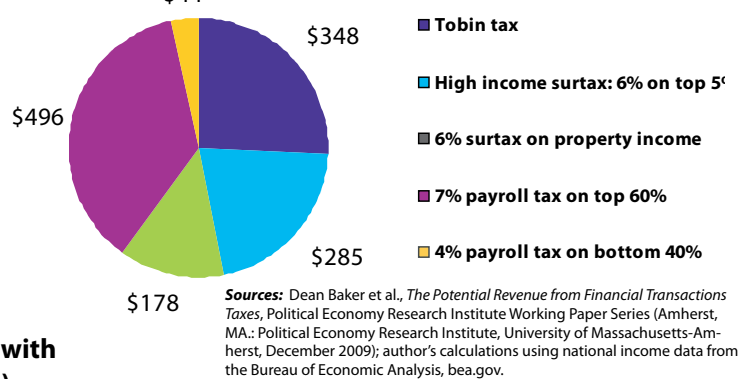
A single-payer system would produce huge administrative savings by simplifying billing operations within providers' offices and hospitals, and by redistributing the monopoly profits currently enjoyed by pharmaceutical makers and other companies.

Figure 4: Increased Spending Associated with a Single-Payer Plan (in Billions)



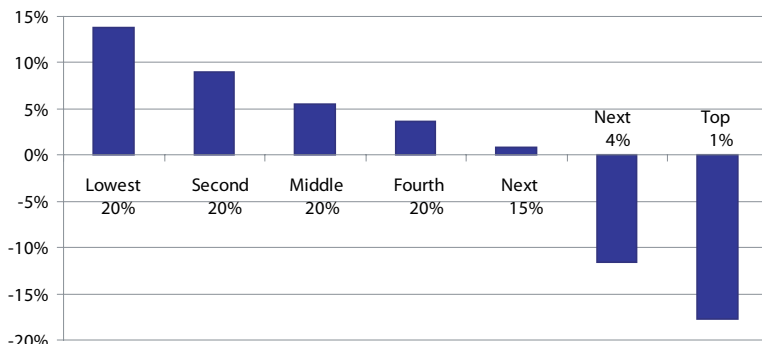
The savings produced by a single-payer system would allow us to correct some of the problems within the current health-care system. In addition to extending coverage to all of those currently uninsured, we could also improve the coverage for those with inadequate insurance. Finally, we could correct the inequity in the current financing system by reimbursing providers equally for caring for the poor under Medicaid.

Figure 5: Funding for a Single-Payer Plan, 2013 (in Billions)



The single-payer system would be paid for by a variety of taxes. The Tobin tax is a tax on financial transactions that would raise revenue while discouraging the types of speculative finance that led to the current economic crisis. The remaining revenue would come from taxes targeted at those best able to pay, including those with high incomes and with incomes from property (including capital gains, dividends, interest, profits, and rents).

Figure 6: Changes in Disposable Income* with a Single-Payer Plan (by Income Group)



With private health insurance, health-care expenditures are largely fixed with respect to income and, therefore, are a heavier burden on the poor and middle classes than on the wealthy. By linking health-care expenditures to income, a tax-funded single-payer system would provide savings for all Americans below the wealthiest top 5%.

*"Disposable Income" is income after taxes and health-care spending.

Source: Data on the distribution of income and its sources from the income tax as prepared by Emmanuel Saez and Thomas Piketty (elsa.berkeley.edu/~saez).

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Patricia Boland	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please represent the people and not the insurance corporations. I would like to see the Hawaii Health Authority funded so that those nine volunteers plus a couple of paid staff can design a Universal Health Care system for Hawaii.

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Francine Roby	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please fund Hawaii's Health Authority so there are staff who can design a universal health care system for Hawaii. Vermont has a successful single payer system as do many other countries. We cannot rely on the federal government to address our health care needs, or at least not totally. Let's become self-sustaining in Hawaii for health care for all. Mahalo.

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Lani Hink	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please fund the HHA via line item insert in HB100 for \$250,000. Hawaii could greatly benefit from this with 1 out of every 4 residents utilizing Medicaide. If created properly, this new plan would be cheaper for the state and tax payers (users now paying high premiums), and of course ensure everyone has access to health care regardless of income, and pre-existing conditions. Thank you.

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CHAIR JILL TOKUDA
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, March 29, 2017
9:30AM
Senate Conference Room 211

Personal Testimony by
Richard Mizusawa, M.Ed.

RE: Support of HB 100, HD 1 (SEQ #1002-001 House Adjustment to Add (3) Permanent Positions for Psychologists at UH-Mānoa)

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

My name is Richard Mizusawa and I am a Junior Faculty Specialist/Coordinator of Communication & Program Development at the Counseling & Student Development Center (CSDC) at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UH-Mānoa). However, I speak in my own personal capacity to **support the House’s addition of three (3) psychologists positions at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa through HB 100, HD 1.**

We have seen over the years a rise in students requesting and needing mental health services, not only on our campus, but across the country. College counseling centers nationally address and work with students on issues ranging from anxiety, depression, suicidal thoughts, and more. When I was a student at UH-Mānoa, I personally have dealt with stress, anxiety, and sometimes felt that I needed support that the CSDC could provide. As an advocate and feel a strong passion for students, I understand and can empathize with those who need these services and our office could use any help we can get to lower the wait list we currently have.

Although I may not work as a counselor in my office, I personally have seen the time and efforts that my colleagues put in to serve our students, and sometimes even after ours through our Counselor-in-Residence Program. To have witnessed a friend of mine needing professional help during the evening on a school night was not only difficult to experience, but made me realize even more of the importance of having access and more psychologists that can address the mental health issues that many students face. We may not see it, but for many, no matter how minor or significantly strong, deal with some level of mental health issue that should be addressed in a timely manner.

Thank you for your time and again, and I humbly ask you to support the House’s adjustment to add (3) psychologists positions at UH-Mānoa through HB 100, HD 1.



Richard Mizusawa
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The Senate Committee on Ways and Means
March 29, 2017
Room 211

HB 100, HD1
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII CANCER CENTER

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

My name is Adelia Chung, and I am writing in strong support of the appropriation for the UH Cancer Center as contained in the original version of HB 100 as recommended by Governor Ige. I serve on the Friends of the Cancer Center Board of Directors and have been a Board member for 6 years.

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

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

The UH Cancer Center works to reduce the burden of cancer through research and patient care. Every year, the UH Cancer Center, working with Hawaii's hospitals, enrolls about 300 patients in new clinical trials for both Hawaii's adult and pediatric cancer patients. Currently there are about 100 ongoing clinical trials enrolling both adults and children. These clinical trials always guarantee the national standard of best care and the opportunity to benefit from a better treatment. The Cancer Center is actively following over 1,000 patients who have enrolled in clinical trials in the past. The Cancer Center is also working on identifying potential cancer drugs from Hawaii's natural resources, including compounds from plants, such as poha berry, noni and sea sponge, all of which have shown promise against cancer. Several patents are pending based on the UH Cancer Center's findings and research.

A number of Cancer Center researchers focus on key cancers that impact Hawaii. Our work contributes to a global knowledge that leads to the development of new life-

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

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

Key components of the Cancer Center's financial plan are: 1) ensure continued success and productivity in conducting cancer research that benefits the people of Hawai'i, 2) position UH Cancer Center for successful application for continued National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation and 3) attain zero deficit operations within three years. Successful implementation of the plan will reassure potential philanthropic donors, legislators, the Honolulu business community and community stakeholders of the long-term sustainability of the Cancer Center. The legislative request will enable the Cancer Center to reduce and with additional measures, eliminate the annual operating deficits. It will also enable the Cancer Center to facilitate recruitment of physicians scientists with the expertise to conduct early phase clinical trials. Currently most patients from Hawaii who may be eligible to participate in these trials have to travel to the mainland. Additionally, the funding will enable the expansion of the clinical trials infrastructure for cancer patients on Oahu and permit possible expansion to the neighbor islands. Without the requested funding, the long term sustainability of the Cancer Center will be jeopardized and 20 years of investment in improving the health and lives of the people of Hawaii will be lost.

Cigarette tax revenue is statutorily provided for debt service and (as available) for operations of the facility the Cancer Center occupies in Kaka'ako. Cigarette tax revenue has declined over the years from approximately \$20 million to approximately \$14.8 million currently. In light of the fiscal shortfalls, management has been working diligently to implement operational restructuring to reduce the shortfalls. In order to be successful so that it can continue to serve the needs of Hawaii's population, we must maintain the NCI designation of Hawaii's cancer center.

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

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

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Eleanor Snyder	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support this bill. We cannot depend on the Federal Government to do so. Let's have Hawaii lead the nation!!

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I strongly support adding a line item for \$250,000 to the Governor's budget for the Hawai'i Health Authority (HHA) - to help HHA fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawai'i.

Right now, the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) is the ONLY HAWAII STATE AGENCY that has statutory responsibility to plan for Hawaii's healthcare needs in this rapidly-changing political environment. But it needs the tools to do its job.

That's why we strongly urge you to add to the Governor's budget a line item for \$250,000 for the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA), to help it fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawaii. The HHA was established in 2009. This Legislature wisely attached the HHA to the Department of Budget & Finance precisely to protect it from bureaucratic pressures from the Department of Health.

The HHA is a small, independent policy-planning board to be composed of 9 volunteer members with diverse expertise in medicine and related fields.

This authorization would allow the HHA to hire a full-time Executive Director at up to \$80,000, and to spend additional funds on research, consulting, and other costs to prepare the comprehensive health plan mandated by HRS 322H-2(b), that includes:

- (1) Establishment of eligibility for inclusion in a health plan for all individuals;
- (2) Determination of all reimbursable services to be paid by the authority;
- (3) Determination of all approved providers of services in a health plan for all individuals;
- (4) Evaluation of health care and cost effectiveness of all aspects of a health plan for all individuals; and
- (5) Establishment of a budget for a health plan for all individuals in the State.

This is a huge task, and \$250,000 would be a bargain amount to get this done. The HHA's oversight task is ESSENTIAL to repair our unsustainable status quo where we have needless expense, waste, and compromised care. The purpose of the HHA is to research and plan comprehensive universal healthcare as a strategic alternative to the current system. We can't lose the only State agency that is specifically

designed to propose innovative solutions to already imminent and likely intractable problems. Currently, Hawaii's healthcare system already has major problems from multiple directions. These include, but are hardly limited to, the following:

- Under federal ACA and MACRA laws, doctors are being pressured to restrict and deny necessary care, and from assuming responsibility to care for sicker, more complex, and socially disadvantaged patients;
- The system is creating equally perverse counter-incentives of "pay-for-performance" and risk-adjustment that burden doctors with excessive documentation and data-management demands;
- The system is increasing costs for both providers and payers (Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance) where physicians and office staff must:
 - o Spend more than 15 hours per week on "quality" measures and reporting;
 - o Spend more than \$40,000 per MD per year on "quality" measures and reporting;
 - o Spend twice as much time paying attention to computers as to patients;
 - o Respond to measures, most of which have little to do with actual quality of care;
- There are pressures to replace fee-for-service systems with "value-based" payment, shifting insurance risk onto doctors and hospitals, so they have a financial incentive to restrict care; and
- Insurers are tightening pharmaceutical formulary restrictions and prior authorizations for drugs and imaging, adding more barriers to care.

These problems have resulted in the following, in Hawaii, in rapidly increasing effects in just the past couple of years. Your constituents will confirm this to you:

- Rapid loss of physicians from private practice, especially in Hawaii where 2/3 were in individual and small-group practices prior to the ACA, leading to:
 - o Premature retirement
 - o Leaving the state
 - o Taking administrative jobs and jobs with hospitals and big health systems, to avoid insurer micromanagement of patient care
- Patients losing access to doctors in out-patient settings, an accelerating problem:
 - o October 2016: 31% of Oahu primary care practices closed to all new patients, double the rate of the previous year;

- o 47% closed to new Medicare patients, with even more refusing new Medicaid;
- More care pushed to ERs and hospitals for those who can't get care elsewhere;
- Epidemic of physician burnout – at 55% in December 2015 and rising annually;
- Rising cost (premiums, deductibles, co-pays), less access, and health system collapse!

Sincerely,

Maureen Datta

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Corine Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Corine M Chang 11-2207 Ohialani Road Mountain View, Hawaii 96771
Phone: 808-968-7192 I strongly "support" adding a line item for \$250,000.00 to the
Governors budget for the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) to help HHA fulfill their critical
mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for
Hawai'i. I ask that you please support HB-100. Thank you. Sincerely, Corine M Chang

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Valerie Barnes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I STRONGLY support continuation of the HHA. It's work is critical!

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Vernon Hinsvark	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Thorne Abbott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As a citizen of Hawaii, it is critical that our government invest in maintaining, restoring and improving our natural assets such as beaches, forests, coral reefs and watersheds. Please improve and fully support funding the Department of Land and Natural Resources, especially the Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands, Lands Division, and the Legacy Land Conservation Program. Mahalo!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Deborah Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I strongly support adding a line item for \$250,000 to the Governor's budget for the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) - to help HHA fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawaii. Mahalo!

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Dear Chairwoman Tokuda and Vice Chairman Dela Cruz,

HB100 HD1 includes 17.8 million dollars for the proposed Saddle Road Extension on the Big Island. This funding will be matched by the Federal Highway Administration, who'll allocate 71.2 million dollars towards this highway project.

This highway extension will complete the cross -island Daniel K. Inouye Highway, which currently goes from Hilo to Mamalahoa Highway in West Hawaii. This extension will provide better accessibility for people who work at the South Kohala resorts, and the soliders that train up at Pohakuloa Training Area. These individuals have to use the substandard Waikoloa Road to reach Kawaihae Harbor, or the South Kohala resorts.

I strongly urge that this funding remain the CIP budget going forward. This is a critical highway project for the Big Island, which will provide construction jobs, and improve cross-island traffic circulation.

Sincerely,
Aaron Stene

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Ching	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Delacruz and members of the committee, Please pass the state budget with the following items included: Funding for Division of Forestry and Wildlife priorities: \$4.75M Hawaii Invasive Species Council programs \$2.4M Watershed partnerships Program \$1M Rapid Ohì`a Death research \$500K watershed protection \$500K Hawaii Invasive Species Council, which funds the islands' invasive species committees \$7.5M Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for watershed fencing Funding for the State Legacy Land Conservation Program: The Legacy Land Conservation Program provides funding for the acquisition of lands, including easements, for the protection of the following resources: agricultural, coastal, cultural/historic, habitat, natural areas, open space/scenic, watershed, parks, recreation/hunting A permanent spending increase of \$1.7M for the Legacy Land Conservation Program A one-time restoration of \$2,228,250 of lapsed funding from FY2015 to the Legacy Land Conservation Program. This funding is needed to ensure that projects such as lo`i kalo preservation in Ke`anae on Maui and Mary Kawena Pukui's birthplace in Waikapuna on Hawai`i Island can move forward. Funding to restore a staff position so that the Commission can continue its restoration of Kaho`olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai`i. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. Please include all the above when passing the State Budget. These items will provide state government with the means to protect our beautiful aina.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Barbara Barry	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and Committee Members, I strongly support adding a line item for \$250,000 to the Governor's budget for the Hawai'i Health Authority (HHA) - to help HHA fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawai'i. Mahalo, Ms. Barbara Barry

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter Altomare	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly support proposed insertion of funding related to universal health care in Hawaii.

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R. Spiegel	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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ralph sifford	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please support HB100 and fund HHA. Thanks

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet Ashkenazy	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support HB 100 to fund the Hawaii Health Authority in designing a universal health care system. Healthcare is the right of all residents of Hawaii without regard to any qualifying eligibility requirements, I support all Hawaii state legislation to make universal healthcare in Hawaii a reality.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cory Harden	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha legislators, Please support: Governor Ige's requested funding for Division of Forestry and Wildlife priorities: •\$4.75M Hawaii Invasive Species Council programs •\$2.4M Watershed partnerships Program •\$1M Rapid Ohi`a Death research •\$500K watershed protection •\$500K Hawaii Invasive Species Council •\$7.5M Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) for watershed fencing Governor Ige's requested funding for the State Legacy Land Conservation Program: *a permanent spending increase of \$1.7M for the program *Restoration of \$2,228,250 of lapsed funding from FY2015 to the program. Governor Ige's requested funding to restore a staff position so that the Commission can continue its restoration of Kaho`olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai`i. mahalo! Cory Harden

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronnie Perry	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please insert a line item to fund HRS322 fund the Hawaii Health Authority!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janice palma-glenie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, Mahalo for supporting the protection and conservation of HHawaii's natural and cultural resources. Please help continue that important work by making sure the funding priorities as listed below are included in HB 100. they will protect our essential watersheds and water sources, 'ohi'a lehua forests, and habitats for rare and endangered Hawaiian species. These priorities will also support the Legacy Land Conservation Program – which funds the acquisition of lands of natural, cultural, agricultural, recreational, and historic significance, including open space, and public access – and the continued restoration of Kaho'olawe. Governor Ige's request for the following Division of Forestry and Wildlife funding priorities: \$4.75M Hawai'i Invasive Species Council programs \$2.4M Watershed Partnerships Program \$1M Rapid 'Ohi'a Death research \$500K watershed protection/WPs 500K Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC, which funds the islands' invasive species committees) \$7.5M CIP money for watershed fences (\$15M over the biennium). Governor Ige's request for the Legacy Land Conservation Program A one-time restoration of \$2,228,250 of lapsed funding from FY15 to the Legacy Land Conservation Program so that pending projects are not shortchange, including lo'i kalo preservation in Ke'anae on Maui and the birthplace of Mary Kawena Pukui at Waikapuna on Hawai'i. A permanent spending ceiling increase of \$1.7M for the Legacy Land Conservation Program. Also: Governor Ige's request for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission A KIRC staff position. Please restore this critical funding so that the KIRC can continue its innovative restoration of Kaho'olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai'i. The mission of KIRC is to implement the vision for Kaho'olawe Island in which the kino (body) of Kaho 'olawe is restored and na po'e o Hawai'i (the people of Hawai'i) care for the land. Mahalo for standing strong for conservation of our natural and cultural heritage -- a goal of a majority of reHawai'i residents as polled throughout the islands over the last two decades, yet in continuing need of fulfillment. Sincerely, janice palma-glennie kailua-kona

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ed Felien	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Attention Senators Tokuda and Dela Cruz: Please consider amending HB100 to include funding for The Hawai'ian Health Authority, HRS322, so they can present the results of a comparative study of healthcare plans for your consideration in the 2018 Session of the Legislature.

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To: All Members of the Hawaii State Legislature

Re: HB 100 – State Budget

Please add \$250,000 line item to Department of Budget & Finance
For the Hawaii Health Authority, an attached agency

Hawaii is facing a healthcare crisis. It is internally generated and it's going to get far worse when the Congress amends or repeals the ACA. What will Hawaii do when, not if but when, Congress wipes out Medicaid, which currently insures 360,000 Hawaii residents? That's one out of every four people in Hawaii.

Right now, the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) is the **ONLY HAWAII STATE AGENCY** that has statutory responsibility to plan for Hawaii's healthcare needs in this rapidly-changing political environment. But it needs the tools to do its job.

That's why we strongly urge you to add to the Governor's budget a line item for \$250,000 for the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA), to help it fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawaii. The HHA was established in 2009. This Legislature wisely attached the HHA to the Department of Budget & Finance precisely to protect it from bureaucratic pressures from the Department of Health.

The HHA is a small, independent policy-planning board to be composed of 9 volunteer members with diverse expertise in medicine and related fields.

This authorization would allow the HHA to hire a full-time Executive Director at up to \$80,000, and to spend additional funds on research, consulting, and other costs to prepare the comprehensive health plan mandated by HRS 322H-2(b), that includes:

- (1) Establishment of eligibility for inclusion in a health plan for all individuals;
 - (2) Determination of all reimbursable services to be paid by the authority;
 - (3) Determination of all approved providers of services in a health plan for all individuals;
 - (4) Evaluation of health care and cost effectiveness of all aspects of a health plan for all individuals;
- and
- (5) Establishment of a budget for a health plan for all individuals in the State.

This is a huge task, and \$250,000 would be a bargain amount to get this done. The HHA's oversight task is **ESSENTIAL** to repair our unsustainable status quo where we have needless expense, waste, and compromised care. The purpose of the HHA is to research and plan comprehensive universal healthcare as a strategic alternative to the current system. We can't lose the only State agency that is specifically designed to propose innovative solutions to already imminent and likely intractable problems. Currently, Hawaii's healthcare system already has major problems from multiple directions. These include, but are hardly limited to, the following:

- Under federal ACA and MACRA laws, doctors are being pressured to restrict and deny necessary care, and from assuming responsibility to care for sicker, more complex, and socially disadvantaged patients;
- The system is creating equally perverse counter-incentives of "pay-for-performance" and risk-adjustment that burden doctors with excessive documentation and data-management demands;
- The system is increasing costs for both providers and payers (Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance) where physicians and office staff must:
- Spend more than 15 hours per week on "quality" measures and reporting;

- Spend more than \$40,000 per MD per year on “quality” measures and reporting;
- Spend twice as much time paying attention to computers as to patients;
- Respond to measures, most of which have little to do with actual quality of care;
- There are pressures to replace fee-for-service systems with “value-based” payment, shifting insurance risk onto doctors and hospitals, so they have a financial incentive to restrict care; and
- Insurers are tightening pharmaceutical formulary restrictions and prior authorizations for drugs and imaging, adding more barriers to care.

These problems have resulted in the following, in Hawaii, in rapidly increasing effects in just the past couple of years. Your constituents will confirm this to you:

- Rapid loss of physicians from private practice, especially in Hawaii where 2/3 were in individual and small-group practices prior to the ACA, leading to:
 - Premature retirement
 - Leaving the state
 - Taking administrative jobs and jobs with hospitals and big health systems, to avoid insurer micromanagement of patient care
 - Patients losing access to doctors in out-patient settings, an accelerating problem:
 - October 2016: 31% of Oahu primary care practices closed to all new patients, double the rate of the previous year;
 - 47% closed to new Medicare patients, with even more refusing new Medicaid;
 - More care pushed to ERs and hospitals for those who can’t get care elsewhere;
 - Epidemic of physician burnout – at 55% in December 2015 and rising annually;
 - Rising cost (premiums, deductibles, co-pays), less access, and health system collapse!

For all these reasons, Hawaii must follow through with the well-planned procedures set out in HRS Chapter 322H to develop a system that will stop the cost-explosion, and begin cost-containment. The HHA is the **ONLY AGENCY** that can streamline health planning and policy management through careful planning and analysis. And, frankly, bills to make Obamacare part of Hawaii’s state law – SB 403 and HB 552 – won’t solve these problems.

Please add \$250,000 to the budget of the Department of Budget and Finance for the Hawaii Health Authority, so that it may proceed to plan for a comprehensive universal healthcare system.

Mahalo piha,
Jan Becket
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Denise Key	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly urge the committee to add to the Governor's budget a line item for \$250,000 for the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA), to help it fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for all for Hawaii Mahalo for the opportunity to testify!

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Anne Freeman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please add \$250,000 line item to Department of Budget & Finance For the Hawaii Health Authority, an attached agency Hawaii is facing a healthcare crisis. It is internally generated and it's going to get far worse when the Congress amends or repeals the ACA. What will Hawaii do when, not if but when, Congress wipes out Medicaid, which currently insures 360,000 Hawaii residents? That's one out of every four people in Hawaii. Right now, the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) is the **ONLY HAWAII STATE AGENCY** that has statutory responsibility to plan for Hawaii's healthcare needs in this rapidly-changing political environment. But it needs the tools to do its job. That's why we strongly urge you to add to the Governor's budget a line item for \$250,000 for the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA), to help it fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charlotte Turner, PhD	Individual	Support	No

Comments: To clarify my earlier comment about HB100, I specifically would like to see the Hawaii Health Authority funded so that nine volunteers plus a two paid staff can design a Universal Health Care system for Hawaii. Thank you VERY MUCH for taking the health and wellness of Hawaiians into consideration! Mahalo!

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Eli Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My spouse and I are homeowners on the island of Kauai. We whole heartedly support HB 100 and ask that you give serious consideration for the health of the people of Hawaii by passing this bill. Mahalo

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Denise Boisvert
225 Kaiulani Ave #1604
Honolulu, HI 96815
March 28, 2017

House Committee on Ways and Means
Hearing on March 29, 2017 at 9:30 AM

Re: HB 100 HD1

To Whom It May Concern:

This is testimony to support only part of HB 100 HD1.

Hawaii has less than 0.2 percent of U.S. land area, and yet more than 25 percent of all federally endangered species are found there. Most are plants and birds, threatened mainly by invasive species and habitat loss.

Hawaii's unique flora and fauna are disappearing at an alarming rate. It is not too late to try to protect those that are struggling to survive.

Please support this bill.

Yours sincerely,

Denise Boisvert

Mr. Kim Jorgensen
225 Kaiulani Ave #1604
Honolulu, HI 96815

March 28, 2017

House Committee on Ways and Means
Hearing on March 29, 2017 at 9:30 AM

Re: HB 100 HD1

To Whom It May Concern:

This is testimony to support HB 100 HD1 because the dozens of endangered species in Hawaii cannot ask you to do it for them.

The DLNR needs funds to protect essential watersheds and endangered species habitat, eradicate invasive species that are overpowering and destroying native ones, to find a cure for ohia lehua rapid death and to continue the vital work of the Legacy Land Conservation Program.

Anyone who truly cares about the health of Hawaii and its natural beauty knows this funding is critical.

Sincerely,

Kim Jorgensen

March 28, 2017

HB100 State Budget

The Honorable Jill Tokuda, Chair
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Wednesday March 29, 2017 9:30 a.m. Conference Room 212

Position: Request to add a line item for \$250,000 to the Department of Budget and Finance for the attached agency the Hawaii Health Authority
Support HB100 with this proposed amendment

As a member of the Community Coalition for Hawaii Universal Healthcare through Comprehensive Planning, I am sure we as a team have shared all the rational reasons that a line item funding the Hawaii Health Authority should be added to the Department of Budget and Finance.

As a mother of two, my testimony is congruent but different in nature. There is not a moment that I do not take the best interests of my children to heart. It is why I explore and examine every possibility when it comes to their education, food, health and even healthcare. I do this because they are important to me, they are in my charge, and because their health and futures are important to them, even if they themselves do not realize it yet.

Through the insight of this great Legislature the Hawaii Health Authority was created to research and develop a comprehensive plan for universal health coverage. Especially in a volatile time, especially when premiums and co-pays are sky-rocketing, especially when care is taking a backseat to paperwork, we owe it to ourselves and our keiki to at least explore and examine every possibility for lower costs, and better health coverage and care.

I am not asking for Universal Healthcare immediately, but I do humbly ask that we as a State at least do the due diligence to find out if this is the best way forward for Hawaii. We are in your charge, the people of Hawaii deserve to know...and are counting on you to take their best interests to heart.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify on this important matter. Please pass HB100 with the requested amendment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daria Fand	Individual	Comments Only	Yes

Comments: Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members: I am testifying to strongly request that you add a line item in HB100 to fund revitalization of the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) in the amount of \$250,000. This is a very modest amount for a critical mission, mandated in Chapter 322H of the Hawaii Revised Statutes: to enable the HHA, as a nine-member volunteer agency, to research and propose to the Legislature a comprehensive universal healthcare plan for our State. Hawaii's current model is a cumbersome, fiscally unsustainable system of skyrocketing administrative cost and complexity that severely burdens physicians, hospitals and other healthcare facilities, and takes a serious toll on patients in the quality of care they are provided, and their ability to afford access. The ACA, with its emphasis on the private for-profit insurance market, cannot attain the level of streamlining, cost-effectiveness, and inclusivity needed for patients that universal healthcare will achieve. Particularly in the face of a continuing volatile, unpredictable situation in Washington that could at any time legislate against the welfare of Medicare and Medicaid patients (who comprise a quarter of Hawaii's residents), it is high time that we, as a State, and you, our forward-thinking leaders, allocate this long overdue sum towards the development of a model that would rid us of the time, expense, paperwork, and human energy that is sinking us now. A Medicare-for-All paradigm is gaining strong traction in the country and other State legislatures, so it is only a matter of time that this model is realized as the answer to our behemoth healthcare woes. Hawaii stands at the vanguard of this movement, and Hawaii has spoken to enact this law. So I ask you, as an individual and on behalf of the collective, to appropriate the sum stated above to allow the HHA to do its job, which will be to propose a plan to revolutionize the institution of healthcare, as it is so desperately needed. Thank you for your deep consideration of this important move away from an untenable status quo. Daria Fand, Honolulu Resident, Community and Public Health Advocate

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

RE: HB 100 HD 1 (Relating to the State Budget)

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Testimony of Andrew N Polloi

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

My name is Andrew N Polloi and I am the Clinical Team Leader for Counseling Services at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo, however, I speak in my own personal capacity. I am writing to support HB 100 HD 1. There is a growing need to meet and care for students at the University of Hawaii campuses with serious mental illnesses on college campuses as indicated by national surveys such as the ACHA-NCHA (American College Health Association-National College Health Assessment). The ACHA-NCHA in 2016 show

13.9% reported being diagnosed with or treated for depression
17% reported being diagnosed with or treated for anxiety
15.4% reported depression and 23.2% reported that anxiety affected their academic performance

In closing, given the growing needs to diligently take care of our students I support HB 100 HD 1.

Mahalo for your time.

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Gene Ross K. Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair and members of the WAM committee, Thanks for scheduling this hearing and allowing testimony. Please the accept the Budget for DHHL along with other state agencies. We appreciate the allocation of funding this department. Trust monies can now be utilized for the mission of the trust. Thank you.

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Eva Wisemark	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please restore funding for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to the State Budget. In the Governor's Request, funding was provided to support KIRC staff position but was eliminated during the House Committee on Finance's review of HB100. Please restore this critical funding so that the KIRC can continue its innovative restoration of Kaho'olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai'i.

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Tammy Kohrer	Individual	Support	No

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CHAIR JILL TOKUDA
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, March 29, 2017
9:30AM
Senate Conference Room 211

Leslie Mitchell
Interim Director, Office of Judicial Affairs, University of Hawai'i – Mānoa

RE: Support of HB 100, HD 1 (SEQ #1002-001 House Adjustment to Add (3) Permanent Positions for Psychologists at UH-Manoa)

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

My name is Leslie Mitchell and I am the Interim Director of the Office of Judicial Affairs at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, however, I speak in my own personal capacity to support the House's addition of (3) psychologists positions at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa through HB 100, HD 1. In our work facilitating the Student Conduct Code at UH-Mānoa we are often called to help students personally struggling with behaviors that then produce conflicts with poor conduct. Whether it be alcohol violations, damage/theft of property, physical altercations, etc. students involved are often in need of support and services within the many offices on campus. Most directly, support and services within the Counseling and Student Development Center (CSDC) aiming to redirect behavior and assist with ingrained issues bubbling up as conduct concerns. As a partner to the staff in CSDC, I see the effects of understaffed capabilities as faculty/staff practitioners strain to meet the needs of the student population.

Currently, the Counseling and Student Development Center is understaffed per recommendations from the International Association of Counseling Services which suggests 1.0 FTE mental health professional per 1000-1500 students. Unfortunately, current staffing doesn't meet this suggestion and leaves the student body at a disadvantage. I believe this is most accurately noted when reviewing the student wait times for appointments. Currently, as of February 2, 2017, there are 43 students on a waiting list for services which average nearly 10 days from request to scheduling. This is truly detrimental to those in need of mental health services at a critical time of their personal development.

In closing, as the CSDC struggles to meet the ongoing needs of the student population, it is critically important to provide the needed staff/faculty presence in order to service the campus. Adding additional critical positions will assist the campus and community as students of concern can be addressed quickly and appropriately.

Thank you for your time and again, and I humbly ask you to support the additional three (3) psychologists positions at UH-Mānoa through HB 100, HD 1.

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Cassandra L. Smith	Individual	Support	No

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Stephanie Lauifi	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support funding for DHHL. It is the State's fiduciary responsibility to fund DHHL appropriately.

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Lisa Hallett	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We implore you to allow this piece of legislation to pass. Hawaii should lead the nation and has regarding healthcare. Hawaii needs lower cost healthcare that works better! Mahalo, LisaHallett ToddAndrews Jessica Andrews

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Pamela Cruz	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am submitting testimony in support of bridge funding for Wahiawa General Hospital. Wahiawa General is a safety-net hospital serving central and North Shore Oahu with acute, emergency and long-term care services. This funding will assist the hospital in turning around the negative financial performance of the past, and put it on a path of sustainability. To transition over the next three years to a new, sustainable business model, Wahiawa General Hospital needs to have bridge funding from the State through whatever funding mechanism the Legislature determines is appropriate. Critical bridge funding for Wahiawa General Hospital includes operating funds of \$2,000,000 for charity care, physician services and pension expenses, and CIP funds of \$1.5 M for its top three priorities (i.e., planning, design, and construction funds for roof replacements, a new chiller plant, medical equipment, and other capital projects). By providing capital and operating funds, this hospital can continue to care for the upper third of Oahu. Wahiawa General Hospital appreciates the Legislature's continued support of our essential hospital. Mahalo!

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Marion McHenry	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We need a line item budget insert to fund the Hawaiian Health Authority HRS322

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Michelle Ogata	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please allocate monies for Wahiawa General Hospital!

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Ronald Smith
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March 28, 2017

Dear Committee Members,

Please see my Testimony in *support* of restoring funds for the **KIRK
HB100**

Please restore funding for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to the State Budget. In the Governor's Request, funding was provided to support KIRC staff position but was eliminated during the House Committee on Finance's review of HB100. Please restore this critical funding so that the KIRC can continue its innovative restoration of Kaho'olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai'i.

March 27, 2017

Aloha Legislators,

My family and I (10 of us) are unanimously and strongly in favor of a Single Payer Health Insurance.

I have attached a study of HR676 shows that America could save nearly \$600B/year in health care costs. There is little chance that such a bill will pass the Republican Congress. It is up to the Hawaii Legislature to take over where the Federal Government is failing.

I support funding the Hawaii Health Authority via a line item insert in the budget bill: HB100.

Please, we urge you to support a single payer health insurance system for Hawaii!!

Thank you,

Mary Lu Kelley

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RUNNING A NATIONAL SINGLE-PAYER SYSTEM

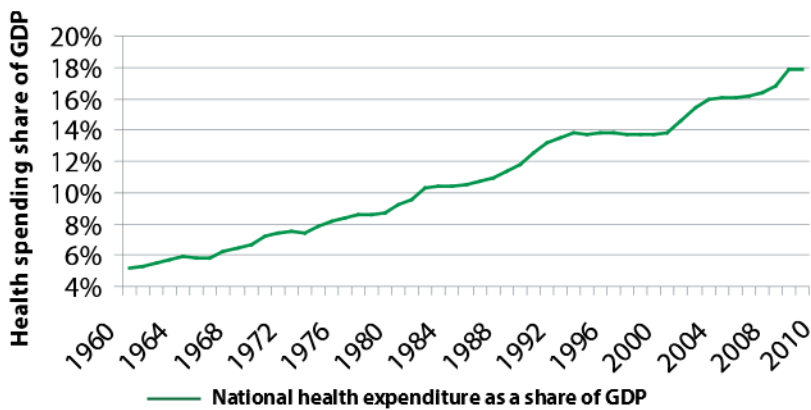
Medicare for All would save billions, and could be redistributive.

BY GERALD FRIEDMAN

The Expanded & Improved Medicare for All Act (HR 676) would establish a single authority responsible for paying for health care for all Americans. Providing universal coverage with a “single-payer” system would change many aspects of American health care. While it would raise some costs by providing access to care for those currently uninsured or under-insured, it would save much larger sums by eliminating insurance middlemen and radically simplifying payment to doctors and hospitals. While providing superior health care, a single-payer system would save as much as \$570 billion now wasted on administrative overhead and monopoly profits. A single-payer system would also make health-care financing dramatically more progressive by replacing fixed, income-invariant health-care expenditures with progressive taxes. This series of charts and graphs shows why we need a single-payer system and how it could be funded. **D&S**

GERALD FRIEDMAN is a professor of economics at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

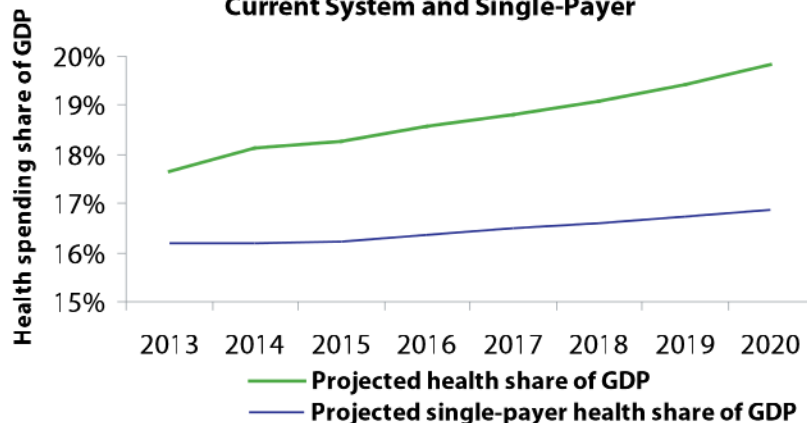
Figure 1: Health-Care Spending and GDP, 1960-2010



Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, National Health Expenditures (cms.gov/National-HealthExpendData/); author's own calculations for projections of single-payer costs.

Health-care costs have risen much faster than income in the United States over the last 50 years, rising from 5% of Gross Domestic Product in 1960 to nearly 18% today. Some of the increase in costs in the United States, as with other countries, is associated with improvements in care and longevity. Costs have risen much faster in the United States, however, because of the growing administrative burden of our private health-insurance system.

Figure 2: Projected Health Care Spending of GDP: Current System and Single-Payer

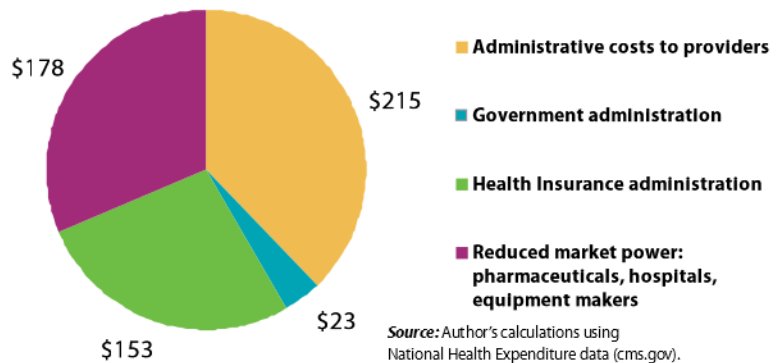


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With \$570 billion in savings on administration and monopoly profits, a single-payer system would reduce dramatically the burden of health care costs on the United States economy. Over time, furthermore, a single-payer system would allow us to slow the growth in health-care spending.

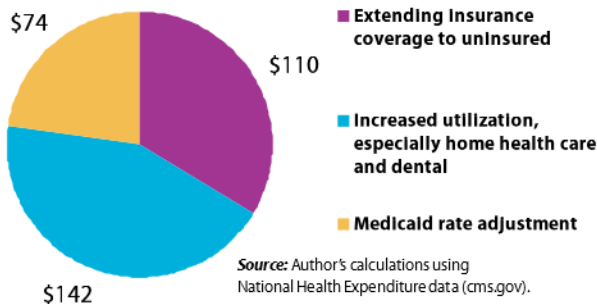


Figure 3: Sources of Savings from a Single-Payer Health Plan (in Billions)



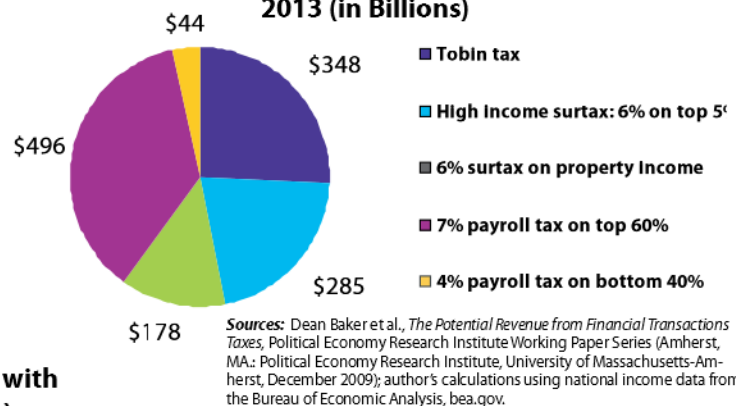
A single-payer system would produce huge administrative savings by simplifying billing operations within providers' offices and hospitals, and by redistributing the monopoly profits currently enjoyed by pharmaceutical makers and other companies.

Figure 4: Increased Spending Associated with a Single-Payer Plan (in Billions)



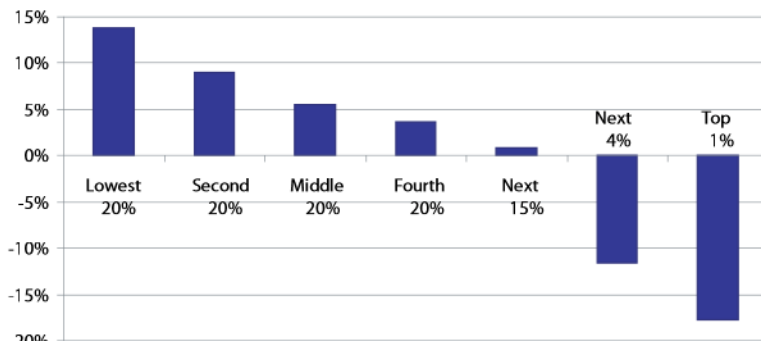
The savings produced by a single-payer system would allow us to correct some of the problems within the current health-care system. In addition to extending coverage to all of those currently uninsured, we could also improve the coverage for those with inadequate insurance. Finally, we could correct the inequity in the current financing system by reimbursing providers equally for caring for the poor under Medicaid.

Figure 5: Funding for a Single-Payer Plan, 2013 (in Billions)



The single-payer system would be paid for by a variety of taxes. The Tobin tax is a tax on financial transactions that would raise revenue while discouraging the types of speculative finance that led to the current economic crisis. The remaining revenue would come from taxes targeted at those best able to pay, including those with high incomes and with incomes from property (including capital gains, dividends, interest, profits, and rents).

Figure 6: Changes in Disposable Income* with a Single-Payer Plan (by Income Group)



*"Disposable Income" is income after taxes and health-care spending.

Source: Data on the distribution of income and its sources from the income tax as prepared by Emmanuel Saez and Thomas Piketty (elsa.berkeley.edu/~saez).

With private health insurance, health-care expenditures are largely fixed with respect to income and, therefore, are a heavier burden on the poor and middle classes than on the wealthy. By linking health-care expenditures to income, a tax-funded single-payer system would provide savings for all Americans below the wealthiest top 5%.

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Rebecca Canon-Fratis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha! I am submitting testimony in support of bridge funding for Wahiawa General Hospital. Wahiawa General is a safety-net hospital serving central and North Shore Oahu with acute, emergency and long-term care services. This funding will assist the hospital in turning around the negative financial performance of the past, and put it on a path of sustainability. To transition over the next three years to a new, sustainable business model, Wahiawa General Hospital needs to have bridge funding from the State through whatever funding mechanism the Legislature determines is appropriate. Critical bridge funding for Wahiawa General Hospital includes operating funds of \$2,000,000 for charity care, physician services and pension expenses, and CIP funds of \$1.5 M for its top three priorities (i.e., planning, design, and construction funds for roof replacements, a new chiller plant, medical equipment, and other capital projects). By providing capital and operating funds, this hospital can continue to care for the upper third of Oahu Wahiawa General Hospital appreciates the Legislature's continued support of our essential hospital. Mahalo for your time and consideration. Becky Canon-Fratis Administrator for Wahiawa Nursing and Rehabilitation Center or WGH's Long Term Care Facility

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Leslie Ming	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Submitting for D. Seeholzer I am submitting testimony in support of bridge funding for Wahiawa General Hospital. Wahiawa General is a safety-net hospital serving central and North Shore Oahu with acute, emergency and long-term care services. This funding will assist the hospital in turning around the negative financial performance of the past, and put it on a path of sustainability. To transition over the next three years to a new, sustainable business model, Wahiawa General Hospital needs to have bridge funding from the State through whatever funding mechanism the Legislature determines is appropriate. Critical bridge funding for Wahiawa General Hospital includes operating funds of \$2,000,000 for charity care, physician services and pension expenses, and CIP funds of \$1.5 M for its top three priorities (i.e., planning, design, and construction funds for roof replacements, a new chiller plant, medical equipment, and other capital projects). By providing capital and operating funds, this hospital can continue to care for the upper third of Oahu Wahiawa General Hospital appreciates the Legislature's continued support of our essential hospital. Mahalo, David Seeholzer WGH Chairman of the Board

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David Dinner	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, my name is David Dinner , I live on Kaua`i and am submitting testimony in strong support of inserting a line item in the budget for HB 100 HD1, to fund the Hawai`i Health Authority. Mahalo for your time

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Lara Hackney	Individual	Support	No

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marcy montgomery	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, my name is Marcy Montgomery, I live on Hawaii Island and am submitting testimony in strong support of inserting a line item in the budget for HB 100 HD1, to fund the Hawai`i Health Authority. My understanding is that the State Constitution includes provisions to protect the health and well being of its people and I encourage the legislature to support funding for the Health Authority. Mahalo for your time."

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Kevin Gavagan	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I feel that the current political climate does not favor supporting the ongoing clean up and restoration of Kahoolawe island. I would like to reiterate previous testimonies submitted that we owe it to the Aina, our Culture, the preservation of the stories this island has yet to tell our children. Will we be the ones to let the care of this valuable resource slip thru our hands into disrepair, looting and poaching. Is it not our State motto to "Ua mau ke ea o ka aina I ka pono" Let us be pono. Let us be pono and act on this bill. Mahalo

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Doug Cole	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, My testimony on HB100_HD1 is limited to expressing our support of DLNR's and the Governor's budget requests for the Legacy Land Conservation Program, which provides funding for the acquisition of lands, including easements, for the protection of agricultural, coastal, cultural/historic, habitat, natural areas, open space/scenic, watershed, parks, and recreation/hunting. DLNR has requested: • A permanent spending increase of \$1.7M for the Legacy Land Conservation Program, and • A one-time restoration of \$2,228,250 of lapsed funding from FY2015 to the Legacy Land Conservation Program, Preserving special natural, cultural, recreational, and agricultural landscapes throughout the State is a worthy investment of today's dollars to ensure that tomorrow's generations can enjoy a Hawaii that is as good or better than the one we are so fortunate to enjoy today. Both the spending increase and the restoration of lapsed FY2015 funds are important, but if both cannot be achieved, I respectfully request that you at least include the one time restoration of \$2,228,250 in lapsed funds from FY2015 funds to ensure that projects such as lo`i kalo preservation in Ke`anae on Maui and Mary Kawena Pukui's birthplace in Waikapuna on Hawai`i Island can move forward. The Legacy Land Conservation Fund has helped to protect thousands of acres throughout the State and the more funding we can put towards the program, the more land we will conserve moving forward. This is both good for today's population and a high return investment in the wellbeing of future generations. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.
Doug Cole Executive Director North Shore Community Land Trust
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Amy Smith	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Please restore funding for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) to the State Budget. In the Governor's Request, funding was provided to support KIRC staff position but was eliminated during the House Committee on Finance's review of HB100. Please restore this critical funding so that the KIRC can continue its innovative restoration of Kaho'olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of Hawai'i.

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TO: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Robert Carroll
Council Member

DATE: March 28, 2017

SUBJECT: **OFFERING COMMENTS OF GENERAL BUDGET BILL HB100,
HD1; RELATING TO STATE BUDGET.**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment as an individual on this important measure. The purpose of this measure appropriates funds for the Operating and Capital Improvements budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

Therefore I will be providing **support** to LNR 407 CIP List – Watershed Lump Sum Projects. Asking to **reinstate the funding** of projects that were cut.

1. Particularly the proposed funding to the Department of Land and Natural Resources(DLNR) for watershed management, CIP fencing work and invasive species prevention, control, research and education programs and activities.
2. The County of Maui has benefited and supported partnerships through its Department of Water Supply (DWS) along with State of Hawaii through funding for the following watersheds;
West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership, Pu'u Kukui Watershed Partnership, East Maui Watershed Partnership/Wahikuli Watershed, Waikamo'i Upcountry East Maui Source, Leeward Haleakala Watershed, East Moloka'i Watershed Partnership, Lana'i Watershed Partnership and the Auwahi Forrest Restoration.
3. The County recognizes the necessity of natural resource stewardship. We understand that that the source of pure pure water is a system of healthy forested watersheds which capture rain and cloud moisture and deliver it efficiently to aquifers and surface sources for subsequent consumption in our daily lives and for the benefit of our island economy.

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4. The East Maui Watershed yields the largest surface water harvest in the state, at 60 billion gallons of fresh clean water annually and is home to 48 streams, 35 of them perennial, 400 intakes, 75 miles of aqueducts and 7 reservoirs. The EMWP formed for the purpose of jointly managing and protecting East Maui Watershed lands from habitat altering weeds and feral ungulates are among the serious threats.
5. The DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife's budget request seeks base operating and CIP funding for the protection of our native forest, which are the source of nearly all the islands' supply of fresh water. The watershed protection and invasive species programs supported with State funds and leveraged several times over with matching funds from county, federal and private sources help to ensure healthy, managed natural resources that are critical for isolated island chains such as Hawai'i.

Mahalo for allowing me to comment in **support** of the foregoing reasons.

Sincerely,

Robert Carroll
Council Vice Chair, County of Maui

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Paula Loya	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: "I am submitting testimony in support of bridge funding for Wahiawa General Hospital. Wahiawa General is a safety-net hospital serving central and North Shore Oahu with acute, emergency and long-term care services. This funding will assist the hospital in turning around the negative financial performance of the past, and put it on a path of sustainability. To transition over the next three years to a new, sustainable business model, Wahiawa General Hospital needs to have bridge funding from the State through whatever funding mechanism the Legislature determines is appropriate. Critical bridge funding for Wahiawa General Hospital includes operating funds of \$2,000,000 for charity care, physician services and pension expenses, and CIP funds of \$1.5 M for its top three priorities (i.e., planning, design, and construction funds for roof replacements, a new chiller plant, medical equipment, and other capital projects). By providing capital and operating funds, this hospital can continue to care for the upper third of Oahu Wahiawa General Hospital appreciates the Legislature's continued support of our essential hospital." Mahalo Paula C Loya

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TO: Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Stacy Helm Crivello
Councilmember 

DATE: Heating on March 29, 2017

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF HB100, HD 1, RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET**

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments on this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the operating and capital improvement budget of the Executive Branch for fiscal years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

1. I am in strong support of the Department of Land and Natural Resources' and the Department of Agriculture's invasive species and watershed protection programs. Maui County appropriated over \$3.8 million for watershed protection, soil/water conservation, and environmental protection in FY17.
2. "Hahai no ka ua I ka ululā'au". Without forests on our mountain slopes, there is no rain. Without rain, there is no life. The Maui County Department of Water Supply's motto is "By Water All Things Find Life".
3. The greatest threats to Maui's watersheds are feral ungulates and invasive weeds. Feral animals eat our native vegetation which hastens erosion. Invasive weeds compete for habitat and other resources. Many non-native plants have become established in our upland forests and residential areas where seeds can readily spread to our watersheds. Left unchecked, invasive plants will ultimately damage the entire structure of our watersheds.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Aimoku Chee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in support of the DLNR's and the Governor's budget requests for the Legacy Land Conservation Program, which provides funding for the acquisition of lands, including easements, for the protection of agricultural, coastal, cultural/historic, habitat, natural areas, open space/scenic, watershed, parks, and recreation/hunting: and a permanent spending increase of \$1.7M for the Legacy Land Conservation Program A one-time restoration of \$2,228,250 of lapsed funding from FY2015 to the Legacy Land Conservation Program, which is needed to ensure that projects such as lo`i kalo preservation in Ke`anae on Maui and Mary Kawena Pukui's birthplace in Waikapuna on Hawai`i Island can move forward. Mahalo, Aimoku Chee

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Audrey Tamashiro-Kamii	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha, I am writing as a concerned citizen in support of HB 100, particularly regarding the funding requested by the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Land and Natural Resources. I work for a conservation organization on Maui. Our staff spend weeks at a time away from their families camping on the mountain to remove invasive species that threaten our native forests, and to outplant native seedlings which will restore habitat in the hopes that native flora and fauna can reestablish themselves. The work does not end and the need will only continue to grow. In this modern age, we are blessed with the ability to travel or transport items to anywhere at anytime. Although convenient, international transportation becomes a vector for invasive species to migrate and establish themselves here in Hawai'i. We rely on the Department of Agriculture to detect potential threats, and prevent them from entering the state. We also depend upon the Department of Land and Natural Resources to manage our watersheds and protect our water sources. This can only be done by investing in infrastructure (such as fences, fire breaks, etc.), invasive species removal, outplanting, rare and endangered species protection and raising public awareness. Our current national administration does not recognize climate change and is not supporting conservation. To protect our beautiful islands we will need to look inwards and invest in ourselves. We need to defend against outside invasive species and protect our water sources. I humbly ask that you support the original budget requests of the Department of Agriculture and reinstate the \$500,000 in Watershed Protection, \$500,000 in Invasive Species Control and \$7,500,000 in CIP funding for the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Please do it for the 'aina, for our economy, for our water sources, and for the sake of our future generations. Mahalo!

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Nix	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Debra and John Nix support funding in our Hawaii State Budget for HRS322 HHA. Universal healthcare is one of the greatest things that humans can achieve for ourselves and for others. This would raise the bar for all other accomplishments.

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Testimony
HB 100 – LNR 101 – March 29, 2017

Good morning Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Committee on Ways and Means. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

My name is Lucy Brown and I strongly support the proposed budget outlined by LNR 101 in HB 100. I am a second-year student at the William S. Richardson School of Law and I am passionate about preserving cultural and natural resources in Hawai‘i.

Specifically, I support the permanent increase of the spending ceiling to \$6.8 million (\$5.1 million existing ceiling + \$1.7 million permanent increase) for the Legacy Land Conservation Program (“LLCP”) for FY18 and subsequent years. LLCP provides funding for non-profit organizations, state agencies, and counties seeking to purchase land in an effort to protect agricultural, coastal, cultural, historic, habitat, natural areas, open space, scenic, parks, recreation, hunting, and watershed resources.¹ Many of these conservation lands are used for community gathering and education, land and cultural restoration, practicing customary agriculture, and the preservation of spectacular views that all residents and visitors enjoy.

Furthermore, I support a one-time increase of the spending ceiling for the LLCP from \$5.1 million to \$9,028,250 (\$5.1 million existing ceiling + \$2,228,250 FY15 restoration + \$1.7 million permanent increase as indicated above). This one-time spending increase is necessary to restore the FY15 funds that were unspent and unappropriated. Without this increase, conservation projects either from FY15 or from FY17 will be adversely affected, including many neighbor island projects. The unappropriated funds also damage opportunities for organizations and agencies to secure matching federal funds to carryout important conservation projects.

The conservation of land and its precious resources are vital to the future of Hawai‘i. These projects mend communities, reinvigorate Hawaiian cultural practices, and preserve the qualities that make Hawai‘i such a special place to live and visit.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Lucy Brown



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¹ State of Hawai‘i, Department of Forestry and Wildlife, *Legacy Land Conservation Program*, <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/ecosystems/llcp/> (last visited March 28, 2018).

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Kat Culina	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Stephens	Individual	Support	No

Comments: We all know the 'aina is extremely important. The population of Hawai'i is growing, but the land is limited. We aren't going to get any more. There are only eight major islands and Kaho'olawe is one of them. It has been badly abused, but we are restoring it. This bill is a significant part of that effort. We need to bring back Kaho'olawe--both for the present and for the future generations. Please vote "yes".

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Maria Pena	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
MaryAnn Omerod	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support adding a line item to HB100 for Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) in the amount of \$250,000. This will enable HHA with the proper funding to work on providing a Comprehensive Health Plan for our State.

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Colette Faris	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support funding HRS322 for Hawaii Health Authority via a line item on State budget bill HB100. Thank you.

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Testimony Submitted to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means by Jane R. Beachy
In Support of Conservation and HB 100 - Relating to the State Budget
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30 AM, Room 211
Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and Members of the Committee,

Aloha,

Thank you for supporting conservation and our natural and cultural heritage in Hawai'i. Please help us continue that important work by making sure the funding priorities listed below are included in HB 100. While some of the important funding priorities listed below remain in HB 100 HD 1, others were cut from the bill.

The funding priorities listed below will protect our essential watersheds and water sources, 'ohi'a lehua forests, and habitats for rare and endangered Hawaiian species, and provide protection against the ravages of invasive species. The DLNR Division of Forestry and Wildlife's budget request seeks essential base operating and CIP funding for invasive species and watershed protection programs that are essential to our quality of life on O'ahu. These priorities will also support the Legacy Land Conservation Program – which funds the acquisition of lands of natural, cultural, agricultural, recreational, and historic significance, including open space, and public access – and the continued restoration of Kaho'olawe.

Governor Ige's request for the following Division of Forestry and Wildlife funding priorities:

- \$4.75M Hawai'i Invasive Species Council programs
- \$2.4M Watershed Partnerships Program
- \$1M Rapid 'Ohi'a Death research
- \$500K watershed protection/WPs
- 500K Hawai'i Invasive Species Council (HISC, which funds the islands' invasive species committees)
- \$7.5M CIP money for watershed fences (\$15M over the biennium).

Governor Ige's request for the Legacy Land Conservation Program

- A one-time restoration of \$2,228,250 of lapsed funding from FY15 to the Legacy Land Conservation Program so that pending projects are not shortchange, including lo'i kalo preservation in Ke'anae on Maui and the birthplace of Mary Kawena Pukui at Waikapuna on Hawai'i.
- A permanent spending ceiling increase of \$1.7M for the Legacy Land Conservation Program.

Governor Ige's request for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission

- A KIRC staff position. Please restore this critical funding so that the KIRC can continue its innovative restoration of Kaho'olawe and keep the Reserve accessible to the people of

Hawai'i. The mission of KIRC is to implement the vision for Kaho'olawe Island in which the kino (body) of Kaho 'olawe is restored and na po'e o Hawai'i (the people of Hawai'i) care for the land.

As a natural resource manager with more than 15 years of experience, I cannot emphasize enough that sustained funding is critical to successful protection of our unique biota, lands, and culture. This is a long-term investment, one which we as a State cannot ignore, if we wish to preserve the Hawai'i of our childhoods for future generations

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jane R Beachy
47-410 Lulani St.
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Aloha Chair Tokuda, and members of the Ways and Means committee

My name is Lisa Engebretsen. I'm a current student at the Richardson School of Law, focusing on environmental law. I strongly support the Governor's requests in HB 100 for DLNR funding for the Legacy Lands Conservation Program (LLCP). The two Executive Requests for Legacy Land funds in subpart LNR 101 seek to authorize 1.) A one-time spending ceiling increase to use lapsed funds from FY 2015, totaling \$2,228,250; and 2.) A permanent spending ceiling increase of the Legacy Land Conservation Fund by \$1,700,000 for FY 2018 and FY 2019. Funding the LLCP is critical for protecting pristine, critical undeveloped land, including habitat for endangered species, essential watersheds, historical and culturally significant sites, and public recreation areas.

History of the LLCP

A "Land Conservation Fund" was established by the State of Hawai'i in 1973 for the purpose of protecting natural, cultural, and agricultural resources. This Fund remained dormant until 2005, when the Legislature, by a nearly unanimous vote, passed the Legacy Land Act to allocate 10% of conveyance taxes into the Fund and created the Commission to oversee the Fund's uses.¹ The LLCP provides matching funds with federal and private landowners to protect and conserve land in fee simple or by negotiation of a conservation easement. Lands protected through the LLCP contain vital characteristics of (i) watershed protection, (ii) parks, (iii) coastal areas, (iv) habitat protection, (v) agricultural sites, (vi) culturally significant sites, and/or (vii) open space.² Since its creation, the Fund has protected and conserved over 26,000 acres of land in 43 different projects throughout Hawai'i.³

Benefits of the LLCP

Investing in land conservation reaps economic benefits by providing conservation jobs, recreation and tourism opportunities, and environmental advantages that promote human and animal health.⁴ A 2010 national study found that every \$1 of funds spent on land conservation returns almost \$4 in economic value.⁵ Conservation lands offsets the needs to expend billions of dollars annually by means of providing natural water quality protection and supply, flood protection, fish production, habitat provisions, storm protection, carbon sequestration, pollination, dilution of wastewater, and erosion control. As climate change progresses, Hawaii will face the loss of shorelines, loss of native species and resources, and more frequent extreme weather patterns like droughts and flooding, which increase the need to protect conservation lands.⁶

LLCP One-Time Spending Increase to Access FY15 Funds

Due to a staffing vacancy at DLNR, the Fund has \$2,228,250 leftover in the budget from FY15 for previously approved and contracted FY15 projects that missed the fiscal

¹ HI ST § 173A-5

² <http://www.sunsetranchhawaii.com/uncategorized/state-of-hawaii-legacy-land-conservation-fund/>

³ <http://dlnr.hawaii.gov/ecosystems/llcp/>

⁴ http://www.tpl.org/sites/default/files/VA%20ROI_report.pdf

⁵ Return on the Investment from the Land & Water Conservation Fund, The Trust for Public Land, http://conservationtools.org/library_items/1034/files/953

⁶ <http://seagrant.soest.hawaii.edu/sites/default/files/publications/smfinal-hawaiiiclimatechange.pdf>

deadline. These monies are unspent and are not appropriated for other purposes. If the monies are not restored, previously approved pending projects could be jeopardized, including two projects from Moloka‘i (969 acres at Kalua‘aha Ranch and 800 acres of Pua‘ahala Watershed in Kamalō); a project from Hawai‘i Island (Wai‘ōpae, 322 acres in Puna); a 1.8 acre project in Hanalei, Kaua‘i, and two projects from O‘ahu (3,716 acres of Pupukea Mauka and 181 acres of Ka Iwi Coast Mauka). If the one-time spending increase is not approved for these previously approved projects, the Commission will be forced to make difficult choices between those projects and the approved projects for FY17, which include conservation lands in east Hana and Wai‘ehu, Maui; Ka‘ū, Hāmākua, and South Kona, Hawai‘i Island; and Kahuku, O‘ahu. These projects represent essential watersheds, recreation areas, and some of the last remaining wide swaths of undeveloped land that local communities depend on.

LLCP Permanent Spending Ceiling Increase

A permanent spending ceiling increase of \$1.7 million is necessary because there are more worthy projects than there is funding available. The vast majority of projects proposed come from the neighbor islands, where conserving resources is essential to sustaining the way of life for rural communities, where more people practice subsistence lifestyles dependent on the land. As the value of land continues to increase in Hawai‘i, the Fund’s ceiling must increase to compensate and conserve land now before costs become too prohibitive to acquire lands. Additionally, increasing the Fund’s current budget limitations makes it easier to secure matching funding offered from federal or private sources, which helps the state protect critical conservation land at a fraction of the price. The proposed permanent increase of \$1.7 million will keep funding under the statutory 10% limit for conveyance tax revenue funding for the program and will simply reinstitute the historic levels of funding that was granted the LLCP.

Thank you for considering granting the Governor’s requests for increasing the Legacy Land Conservation Program funding to protect in perpetuity Hawai‘i’s most significant undeveloped resources.

Lisa Engebretsen
Juris Doctor Candidate, Class of 2018
William S. Richardson School of Law

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Dylan Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Chairwoman Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and members of the Committee, I support HB 100. I support robustly funding the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA) so that we can move towards a Medicare for All system. Hawaii has a fine and visionary position as a leader in America on expanding healthcare access and coverage. We need the HHA to be funded in order to be institutionally successful, and we need that success because that is the way we lower both costs and improve health outcomes, for our kupuna and keiki alike. The Senate can now affirm its credibility as a democratic institution; support universal healthcare in our budget. I support funding for the Department of Hawaiian Homelands (DHHL). The State of Hawaii must fulfill its traditional obligations and duties to the people of these lands. Not only are we not presently fulfilling those obligations, we have a housing crisis that disproportionately affects kanaka maoli. There is an injustice; it alienates Hawaiians from their own home, and narrows their opportunities in life. Furthermore, in terms of public finance, accomplishing a relaxation in the demand for real estate through the supply of DHHL lands benefits all people of this State, not just Hawaiians. Everyone in Hawaii has an incentive, from renters, to our kupuna on fixed incomes, because their corrosive property taxes are spurred by a housing shortage which drives up their property values. In summary, we must do our duty and ensure DHHL's success. Mahalo nui loa for your consideration. Dylan P. Armstrong, Vice Chairman Oahu County Democrats, Democratic Party of Hawaii

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From: heathergoetter@me.com <Heather Goetter>

Message:

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

I **strongly support** Gov. Ige's budget request for \$5 million in new funding for Hawaii startups proposed in the State Budget, HB 100, relating to BED 145 – HI Growth Initiative, Sequence #100-001.

- HI Growth has been instrumental in catalyzing Hawaii's entrepreneurial ecosystem and supporting its development into the vibrant community it is today.
- Hawaii boasts award winning accelerators. Accelerator graduate companies are growing and hitting milestones that are triggering further investment from private investors.
- Hawaii's private sector sees value in supporting innovation and has invested in several local startups and investment funds.
- A 2016 UHERO report showed the HI Growth Initiative produced a 12X leverage on state dollars.

All this would not have happened without the catalytic investments by the HI Growth Initiative.

Mahalo,

Heather Goetter

Kailua Kona

Hawaii

From: [chris cramer](#)
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Subject: Please Restore Gov. Ige's Legacy Land Funding Request-HB 100 HD1
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 7:55:16 AM

Aloha Chair Tokuda and Vice-Chair DelaCruz,

Your kokua in restoring the Legacy Land Conservation Program funding would be greatly appreciated to perpetuate Hawaii's treasures for the next generation. Specifically if you could restore the following

- A one-time restoration of \$2,228,250 of lapsed funding from FY15 to the Legacy Land Conservation Program so that pending projects are not shortchanged, including lo'i kalo preservation in Ke'anae on Maui and the birthplace of Mary Kawena Pukui at Waikapuna on Hawai'i.
- A permanent spending ceiling increase of \$1.7M for the Legacy Land Conservation Program.

Mahalo,

Chris Cramer
Maunalua Fishpond Heritage Center

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janice palma-glenie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: aloha, i strongly support any state efforts that will help create a fair, universal healthcare system in our state and in our country. With the federal political climate as it is, states must give their all to overcome the disparities that the president and republican party are inflicting upon our nation. please stand up for democratic values which include providing good healthcare for all. makes economic sense, too. mahalo and sincerely, janice palma-glennie kailua-kona

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Katharine T. Cannon-Eger	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Strongly support all efforts at detection, control, and elimination of Little Fire Ants. Left uncontrolled, this alien pet species will severely damage Hawaii's ability to grow and market food and flowers.

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Kaulana Dameg	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl Campagna	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Many thank for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure. I would like to strongly encourage the inclusion of the up to \$250,000 for the Hawaii Health Authority to continue their mission of developing the policy path towards universal health care for the State of Hawaii. It is a Democratic Party of Hawaii Priority as it is on our State and County platforms to ultimately achieve Universal Health Care. I would further encourage the Governor to pass and fully fund that line item within the Finance Budget immediately upon enacting this legislation. This could be yet another opportunity for the State of Hawaii to provide leadership for the country. Once again, I appreciate your time and consideration for this vital issue for the people of the State of Hawaii.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Scott Garris	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly urge you to add to the Governor's budget a line item for \$250,000 for the Hawaii Health Authority (HHA), to help it fulfill its critical mandate to develop a comprehensive State-based plan for a healthcare system for Hawaii.

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by

Amanda Paterson

Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 9:30pm

Senate Conference Room 211

HB 100, HD 1 – RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

Chair Tokuda and members of the committee:

My name is Amanda Paterson and I would like to submit this testimony in support of the proposed funding in HB 100, HD1, (SEQ #1002-001) to add three permanent positions for psychologists at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

While I am the Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Office of Intercollegiate Athletics ("UHM Athletics"), I am offering this testimony as an individual and not in any official capacity at UHM Athletics.

Within the responsibilities of my position at UHM Athletics, is to serve as the Deputy Title IX Coordinator. That has allowed me to observe first-hand the importance of the types of services that are provided by Dr. Allyson Tanouye. We have worked with her in arranging counseling services for our students, we have utilized the emergency Blue Line, and we currently have students who are on the waiting list for appointments.

With the wait time for appointments, we have looked into our students utilizing outside counseling sources. However, we feel that keeping our students on campus for services would be a more effective option that could be helped with the additional psychologists proposed in HB 100, HD1.

I respectfully request your support of the funding for the additional psychologist positions included in HB 100, HD1, and thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.