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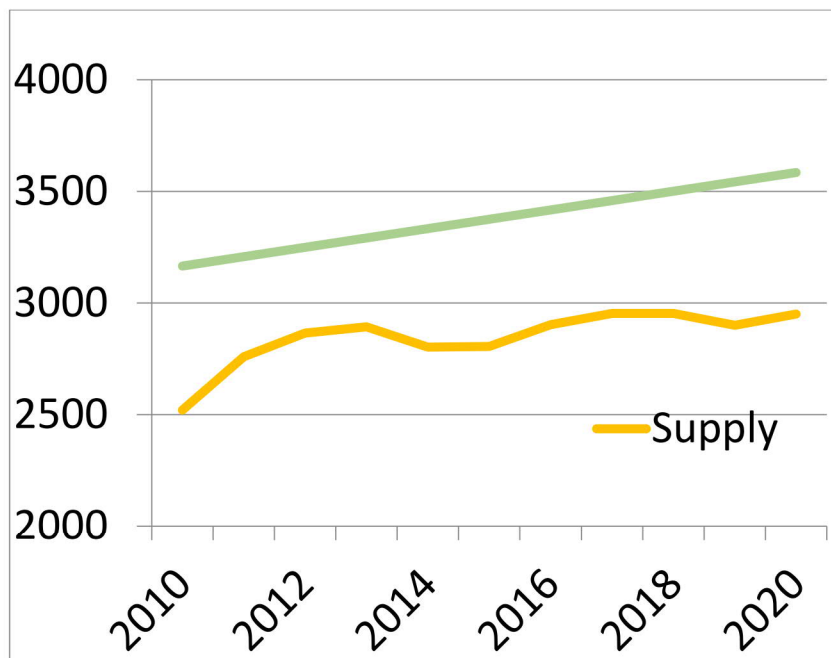
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Hawaii/Pacific Basin Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Director
John A. Burns School of Medicine
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

HB 428 – RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT

Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Hashem and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of HB 428, which permits continuation of the Hawai'i Physician Workforce Assessment program that supports research of the supply and demand of physicians in Hawai'i, as well as interventions to recruit physicians and increase career satisfaction of practicing physicians. Currently the program is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2017.

Hawai'i has a shortage of over 500 doctors, which has improved from a shortage of 600 in 2015. The pattern of physician supply and demand is outlined in the graph below.



Activities that have been undertaken with the funds paid by the physicians upon relicensure include:

Continuing Medical Education for over 4,000 person-hours a year in the form of

1. An annual Hawai'i Health Workforce Summit for 500 providers to learn about changes in healthcare, avoidance of burn out, new advances in rural health, geriatrics and electronic health records;
2. Project ECHO, weekly telehealth sessions addressing endocrinology/diabetes, behavioral health, and geriatrics (monthly).

Recruitment of new physicians to Hawai'i - physicians have found employment in Hawai'i based on job advertisements at www.ahec.hawaii.edu where all open positions in the state are advertised and collaboration with Hawai'i Physician Recruiters group.

Support for activities to recruit students into health careers such as those at www.ahec.hawaii.edu.

Support for state efforts to get expanded federal designations of Health Professions Shortage Areas.

Support for 13 physicians to receive loan repayment for working in underserved areas.

Support for the Hawai'i Ho'okipa Program, a welcoming program for newly arriving providers to get them integrated into the community where they work.

Support training for medical students in rural areas.

Creation of a Rural Health Coordinator at University of Hawai'i that will work with all health students working in rural areas to increase opportunities and track impact of the rural training programs.

Medical malpractice reform (2013).

Continuation of the Physician Workforce Assessment program will cost the physicians of Hawai'i \$60 every other year and will allow for continuation of the above activities as well as capacity to act rapidly when new ideas for solving the physician shortage are identified.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

**PRESENTATION OF THE
HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
HIGHER EDUCATION

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2017

Tuesday, February 7, 2017
2:01 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL NO. 428, RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE
ASSESSMENT.**

TO THE HONORABLE JUSTIN H. WOODSON, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Jone Geimer-Flanders, D.O., and I am an osteopathic physician member of the Hawaii Medical Board (“**Board**”). Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on House Bill No. 428, Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment. House Bill No. 428 proposes to continue to allow the John A. Burns School of Medicine (“**JABSOM**”) to continue to receive a portion of the physician workforce assessment fee to support physician workforce assessment and planning to effect the strategic recruitment and retention of physicians for rural and medically underserved areas of the State.

The Board reviewed a draft of this bill at its meeting on January 12, 2017, and respectfully requests that the assessment fee be repealed by June 30, 2017.

While the Board understands the importance of the physician workforce assessment and planning to effect the strategic recruitment and retention of physicians for rural and medically underserved areas of the State, the Board provided the following comments regarding the data presented:

- **Quality of data:** JABSOM uses a distinct methodology which is currently being used by very few states. JABSOM collects data through a survey based process, therefore deeply limiting any comparisons. For example, The Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care and the Association of American Medical

Colleges used methodologies to examine all states, and have concluded findings contrary to JABSOM's study. Based on information presented by both organizations, Hawaii patients' access to care is at the national average, and in some cases better than the national average. The Board did recognize that there is a mal-distribution of specialists throughout the State; however, Hawaii has more physicians per 100,000 residents than many other states.

- **Access to care:** The primary issue should be access to care and the breakdown of access to care. Access to care is the focus of national health policy, and should be determined by how quickly a patient is able to see a physician and the distance which the patient must travel to see that physician. The Board noted that this has not been used as an outcome measure in any of the data presented by JABSOM.

Lastly, if it is the intent of the Committee to move this measure forward, the Board recommends that any monies collected through the physician workforce assessment be used towards increasing medical class sizes at JABSOM and increasing graduate medical education class sizes in the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on House Bill No. 428, Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment.

FROM:
HAWAII MEDICAL ASSOCIATION
Dr. Chris Flanders, Executive Director
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

TO:
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION
Representative Justin H. Woodson, Chair
Representative Mark J. Hashem, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, February 7, 2017
TIME: 2:01 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 309
State Capitol

HB428
Position: Support, if amended

On behalf of the physician and medical student members of the Hawaii Medical Association, we are writing regarding our support for the Physician Workforce Assessment, provided that the sunset clause scheduled to expire on July 1, 2017 be renewed for 3 additional years. The Physician Workforce Assessment has been conducted for six years, demonstrating a continued downward trend in the physician workforce, at a cost approximating \$1,500,000 to the physician community. In spite of this, the state has yet to develop a comprehensive, effective strategy to counteract this problem.

If the state does not prioritize a solution to the physician shortage, there is no reason for the study to continue. The HMA would propose an amendment to extend the Physician Workforce Assessment sunset clause to June 30, 2020.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



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February 3, 2017

To: The Honorable Chair Justin Woodson
House Committee on Higher Education

From: 'Ohana Health Plan
Danny Cup Choy; Director, Government Affairs

Re: HB 428, Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment; **In Support**
February 7, 2017; Conference Room 309

'Ohana Health Plan ('Ohana) is a member of the WellCare Health Plans, Inc.'s ("WellCare") family of companies and provides healthcare for Hawai'i residents statewide. Since 2009, 'Ohana has utilized WellCare's national experience to develop a Hawai'i -specific care model that addresses local members' healthcare and health coordination needs. By focusing on the state's Medicaid and Medicare population, 'Ohana serves Hawaii's most vulnerable residents: low-income, elderly, disabled, and individuals with complex medical issues. Our mission is to help our members' lead better, healthier lives.

'Ohana Health Plan offers our **support** of HB 428, which allows the John A. Burns School of Medicine to continue to receive a portion of the physician workforce assessment fee for ongoing physician workforce assessment and planning to support the recruitment and retention of physicians in the State.

It is no secret that we face a provider shortage in our state. Supporting the recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals, specifically in rural and medically underserved areas, is necessary in order to address this issue. We support this bill as a key initiative to help with Hawaii's provider shortage, which will hopefully result in greater access to quality care for all of our state's residents.

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



February 7, 2017
2:01 p.m.
Conference Room 309

To: The Honorable Justin Woodson, Chair
The Honorable Mark Hashem, Vice Chair
House Committee on Higher Education

From: Laura Esslinger, Chief Executive Officer
Paula Arcena, Chief Customer Officer
Rachel Wilkinson, Public Policy Analyst

Re: HB428 Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment

AlohaCare appreciates the opportunity to testify **in support** of HB428 which allows the John A. Burns School of Medicine to continue to receive a portion of the physician workforce assessment fee for ongoing physician workforce assessment and planning to support the recruitment and retention of physicians in the State, particularly those in rural and medically underserved areas.

AlohaCare is a non-profit, Hawaii based health plan founded in 1994 by Hawaii's community health centers. We serve Medicaid and Medicare Special Needs beneficiaries in all counties.

It is no secret Hawaii has a shortage of physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, physical therapists and many other healthcare providers. Continuing the physician workforce assessment will help provide continuing medical education, new provider recruitment, training for medical students in rural areas, and support for physicians to receive loan repayment for working in underserved areas, among other beneficial aspects of this program.

Continuation of the Physician Workforce Assessment program will cost licensed physicians of Hawaii \$60 every other year and will allow for continuation of the above

activities as well as capacity to act rapidly when new ideas for solving the physician shortage are identified.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



HAWAI'I ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

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By Hawai'i Academy of Family Physicians

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It is clear that my community has a shortage of physicians, as well as nurse practitioners, physician assistants, physical therapists and many other healthcare providers. Continuing the physician workforce assessment will help in these ways:

Providing Continuing Medical Education for me.

Recruiting new providers on the website www.ahec.hawaii.edu

Creating the Health Career Navigator and supporting activities to recruit students into health careers such as those at www.ahec.hawaii.edu.

Support for state efforts to get expanded federal designations of Health Professions Shortage Areas.

Support for 13 physicians to receive loan repayment for working in underserved areas.

Support for the Hawai'i Ho`okipa Program, a welcoming program for newly arriving providers to get them integrated into the community where they work.

Support training for medical students in rural areas.

Creation of a Rural Health Coordinator at University of Hawai'i that will work with all health students working in rural areas to increase opportunities and track impact of the rural training programs.

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify,

Kelley Withy, MD, PhD, President HAFP

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By

Ka`ohimanu Dang Akiona, MD, Chief Resident, Hawai`i Island Family Medicine
Residency, Hilo Medical Center, HHSC- East Hawai`i Region

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Providing Continuing Medical Education for me to keep my knowlege knowledge up to date.

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Support for state efforts to get expanded federal designations of Health Professions Shortage Areas. This effort will affect my colleagues and I directly as this has implications for federal support pending a more accurate needs assessment of the communities we serve.

Support for 13 physicians to receive loan repayment for working in underserved areas. As debt burden continues to overshadow many career decisions, this can greatly increase the likelihood that providers choose to stay in rural communities.

Support for the Hawai'i Ho`okipa Program, a welcoming program for newly arriving providers to get them integrated into the community where they work.

Support training for medical students in rural areas. Exposure to our wonderful communities at an early stage in training and creating opportunities for mentoring relationship increases the likelihood of providers returning and staying.

Creation of a Rural Health Coordinator at University of Hawai'i that will work with all health students working in rural areas to increase opportunities and track impact of the rural training programs. This has very direct impact on the recruitment of providers particularly to the neighbor island communities like East Hawai'i.

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By Stephen Bradley MD

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Erica Davis

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Senate Committees on Higher Education and
Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
February 7, 2017; 2:15 pm
By

Patricia McKenzie

SB 141 –RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT

Chairs Kahele and Baker, Vice Chairs Kidani and Nishihara, and members of the committees:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Misailidis, MD	Individual	Support	No

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By Jolene Muneno

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By

David Sakamoto

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of HB428, which permits continuation of the Hawai'i Physician Workforce Assessment program. Currently the program is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2017. If no action is taken on this measure, all the activities will end!

There are a number of reasons to maintain this program, but the most compelling is this: The organization that publishes the most widely used physician workforce data at the national and state level is the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC), a fine organization. But the primary data source for its biennial physician supply report is The American Medical Association (AMA) Physician Masterfile. This data has been carefully scrutinized by impartial researchers, who published their findings in peer reviewed journals. In short, they found AMA Masterfile data inaccurate and misleading. The reasons for this appear to be beyond the AMA's control.

Planning our healthcare delivery system has far-reaching implications for virtually everyone in the state. And starting with proven inaccurate data is nonsensical, particularly when HB428 maintains a source of good provider workforce data at no cost to the taxpayer.

I urge you to maintain the flow of accurate physician and other provider workforce data by passing HB428.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diana Shaw	Lanai Community Health Center	Support	No

Comments: Even though our organization participates in the federal health service corp loan repayment program, we continually lose out to more urban areas. Please support this measure which will provide us with the ability to offer loan repayment to our providers.

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By

Deborah Peters, PhD

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It is clear that Hawai'i has a shortage of physicians, as well as, other health care providers, including nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and physical therapists. Continuing the physician workforce assessment will help in these ways:

Providing Continuing Medical Education for health care providers.

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Vincent Giani	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony Presented Before the House Committee on Higher Education February 7, 2017; 2:01 pm By Vincent Giani, MD. First year resident at Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency. HB 428 –RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Hashem and members of the committee(s): Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 428, which permits continuation of the Hawai`i Physician Workforce Assessment program that supports research of the supply and demand of physicians in Hawai`i, as well as interventions to recruit physicians and increase career satisfaction of practicing physicians. Currently the program is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2017. So if you don't act on this all the activities will end! It is clear that my community has a shortage of physicians, as well as nurse practitioners, physician assistants, physical therapists and many other healthcare providers. Continuing the physician workforce assessment will help in these ways: Providing Continuing Medical Education for me. Recruiting new providers on the website www.ahec.hawaii.edu Creating the Health Career Navigator and supporting activities to recruit students into health careers such as those at www.ahec.hawaii.edu. Support for state efforts to get expanded federal designations of Health Professions Shortage Areas. Support for 13 physicians to receive loan repayment for working in underserved areas. Support for the Hawai`i Ho`okipa Program, a welcoming program for newly arriving providers to get them integrated into the community where they work. Support training for medical students in rural areas. Creation of a Rural Health Coordinator at University of Hawai`i that will work with all health students working in rural areas to increase opportunities and track impact of the rural training programs. Continuation of the Physician Workforce Assessment program will cost the physicians of Hawai`i \$60 every other year and will allow for continuation of the above activities as well as capacity to act rapidly when new ideas for solving the physician shortage are identified. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Claire Barenholtz

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well as capacity to act rapidly when new ideas for solving the physician shortage are identified.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Claire Barenholtz', written in a cursive style.

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