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March 16, 2017

To: The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair,
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair,
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Health

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 414, State Capitol

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

Re: H.B. No. 428 HD1 Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment

I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

HB428 HD1 proposes to continue to allow the John A. Burns School of Medicine to receive a portion of the physician workforce assessment fee to support physician workforce assessment and planning for the strategic recruitment and retention of physicians for rural and medically underserved areas of the state.

The Department supports this bill provided its passage does not replace or adversely affect priorities identified in the Governor's Executive Budget request.

II. CURRENT LAW

Act 166 (SLH, 2015) established the Hawaii Healthcare Workforce Advisory Board (codified as §371-19.2) to advise the DLIR on strategies for developing the healthcare industry workforce. The Advisory Board was an outgrowth of Healthcare Skill Panels* convened in 2010 among 150 healthcare professionals and educators

to identify skill shortages and recommend strategies to reduce or avoid the shortages.

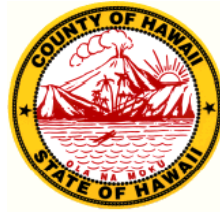
Advisory Board members include DLIR as Chair and representatives from the Department of Health, University of Hawaii, Community College, Center on Nursing, and health professionals.

III. COMMENTS ON THE HOUSE BILL

The Department supports this bill provided its passage does not replace or adversely affect priorities identified in the Governor's Executive Budget request. Having accurate and up-to-date data is essential for determining specific areas of physician shortages and for developing effective workforce strategies that protect the well-being of Hawaii's communities.

*<http://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2013/01/Healthcare2020Report.pdf>

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Dear Chair Kahele, Chair Baker, and members:

Re: HB 428, HD1 Physician Workforce Assessment Program

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 428, HD1.

Although healthcare is generally thought to be a "State" rather than a "County" issue, I have never seen it that way. In fact, in my first terms as Mayor, I declared healthcare to be a critical issue for Hawaii County, because it was clear that we had a worsening physician shortage and that healthcare on the neighbor islands was in a perilous position.

Unfortunately, eight years later, and despite ongoing community efforts, the crisis continues.

We want and need a Hawai'i Physician Workforce Assessment Program that does research on the supply and demand of physicians in Hawai'i, and also assists us in recruiting physicians and increasing career satisfaction of physicians already in practice. These actions are extremely important as we try to improve healthcare on the Big Island and throughout the State.

Please act favorably on HB 428.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Kim
Mayor
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erik Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support HB428! Mahalo!

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