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The Honorable Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
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PLACE OF HEARING: State Capitol
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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 995: RELATING TO HEALTH SERVICES.

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

HB 995 appropriates funds as a grant pursuant to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for Hale Makua Health Services to allow Hale Makua Health Services to admit more wait-listed patients from Maui Memorial Medical Center.

The UPW supports this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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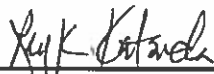
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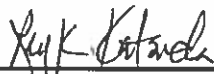
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Background

Currently, on the Island of Maui there are three institutional healthcare facilities, Maui Memorial Medical Center, which is the only acute care hospital, Kula Hospital, a critical access hospital consisting of primarily 99 nursing home beds, and Hale Makua Health Services, which operates among other lines of service, 344 nursing home beds and 22 care home beds.

Some of the major issues plaguing the healthcare delivery system are census issues, “wait-list” issues and financial issues.

Census Issues

Maui Memorial Medical Center

From a census standpoint, Maui Memorial is the only acute care hospital on the island, often exceeding its capacity, resulting in “back-ups” in the emergency room due to the lack of beds and/or inability to transport patients to Honolulu.

Much of the problem with Maui Memorial operating over capacity is related to the high number of patients who are no longer considered “acute” and are no longer in need of acute level services (and are not reimbursed as acute care patients) and are waiting a transfer to long

term care facilities. Maui Memorial which with around 200 acute care beds, has approximately 35-40 beds per day taken up by these “wait-list” patients (approximately 20%).

Kula Hospital

Kula Hospital is operating near capacity, and for financial reasons related to its Federal “Critical Access Hospital” status, it is most financially beneficial when they have Medicaid/Medicare patients filling their beds.

Hale Makua Health Services

Hale Makua has been operating with a census of about 80-85%, with unoccupied nursing home beds of over 40 beds per day. This is on top of converting one of its Wailuku facility’s nursing home wing to a 22 bed adult residential care home. These care home beds have an occupancy of only 50% or 11 beds filled.

Wait-List Issues

The wait-list issue continues to be a significant problem for the healthcare delivery system as these “sub-acute” patients end up staying in the hospital and often times there are no beds available for acute care patients, which results in acute/emergency room patients being held in the emergency room and/or elective surgical procedures being cancelled to eliminate need for beds. This domino effect results in delayed care of patients by a hospital providing services for the entire island of Maui.

In a study by Hawaii Health Information Corporation (HHIC), the reasons for waitlisted patients across the State were:

- Lack of sufficiently-staffed bed (to appropriately match waitlisted patient health needs)
- Source of payment for high cost antibiotics
- Source of payment for specialty equipment
- Source of payment for higher skill/mix at long-term care facilities

In addition previous studies done by Maui Memorial in collaboration with Hale Makua reflected that 36% of the wait list is related to financial issues. This population includes the uninsured, homeless or Medicaid ineligible.

Financial Issues

The financial issues that have resulted from this wait-list issue is that the cost per day to the State and the healthcare delivery system of a wait-listed patient is \$1,500 per day. Assuming an average of 35-40 patients per day for the year would equate to a loss of \$19.2 million to \$21.9 million per year.

Meanwhile, the cost of a SNF/ICF patient at Hale Makua (which currently has capacity) is about \$300 to \$500 per day, or for those same 35-40 patients, \$3.8/\$6.4 million (for 35 patients per day) to \$4.4/\$7.3 million (for 40 patients) per year.

Hale Makua is unable to admit these patients for the following reasons:

- No payer/funding source
- Acuity is higher than the current clinical capabilities at Hale Makua
- Costs to take care of these patients exceeds insurance reimbursement

The problem will be exacerbated as the MMMC-Kaiser transition takes place, as Kaiser is bringing more physician capabilities to Maui to allow more Maui residents to stay on island for their acute care needs.

From a financial perspective, without adequate capacity to bring in more profitable services, it will result in continued subsidies to support wait-list patients at the highest cost (hospital vs. nursing home) and will limit more profitable lines to be brought in to allow the reduction in subsidy by the State at a faster pace.

Request

\$2,000,000 Subsidy to Hale Makua to allow Hale Makua to admit more wait-listed patients from Maui Memorial

The breakdown of the request is as follows:

\$1,000,000 To allow Hale Makua to admit additional uninsured/underinsured, homeless patients from Maui Memorial's wait-list:

- Estimated to reduce the waitlist by 10

\$500,000 To subsidize the hiring of Kaiser as physician component at Hale Makua, which will result in Hale Makua being able to admit higher acuity patients:

- Estimated to reduce wait-list by a minimum of 5 patients

\$500,000 To fund the purchase of specialty equipment, disposables, etc. to allow the admissions of additional patients (i.e. bariatric or respiratory patients)

- Estimated to reduce wait-list by a minimum of 5 patients

Comments

The subject request is being made to improve the healthcare delivery system as well as reduce the total amount of subsidy by the State to support the County of Maui's healthcare needs.

One of the biggest opportunities that Kaiser has in improving the financial performance of the hospital is the reduction in the wait-list which would provide added capacity for Kaiser to bring in higher margined services.

From a financial perspective, please see the following:

Estimated Savings to Maui Memorial

- Estimated savings through the elimination of uninsured, underinsured, homeless patients from the wait-list (10 patients)
- \$1,500 savings per day X 10 patients X 365 days per year = \$5,475,000 per year
- Elimination of wait-list costs on higher acuity patients based on additional physician support from Kaiser (estimated at 5 patients per day)
- \$1,500 savings per day X 5 patients X 365 days per year = \$2,737,500
- Elimination of wait-list costs for patients requiring specialty equipment/disposables not currently being admitted to Hale Makua (estimated at 5 patients per day)

Total Estimated Savings: \$5,475,000 + \$2,737,500 + \$2,737,500 = \$10,950,000

Cost of Subsidy to Hale Makua = \$2,000,000

Net Savings to the State = \$8,950,000

From a clinical perspective, there will be an improvement in the continuum of care by taking care of the community at the appropriate level of care and the addition of Kaiser physicians to support the geriatric/long term care community resulting in the improvement of quality of care and a more efficient and patient-centered delivery system.

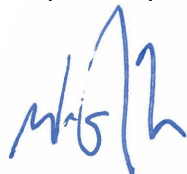
Conclusion

Any resources that are provided to assist in mitigating this problem will

- Improve the quality of care for the residents of Maui County as care will be delivered in the most appropriate care setting
- Increase capacity for Maui Residents and visitors of acute care beds without requiring the construction of new hospital facilities
- Save the State money through the reduction of subsidies to support the wait-list at Maui Memorial Medical Center

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB995.

Respectfully,



Wesley Lo
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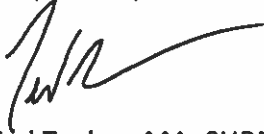
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My support of HB995 is simple.

It is not only a significant first step in relieving some of the burden of the waitlist problem at Maui Memorial Medical Center, and on Maui, it can help to improve delivery of care and services for those who need long term care.

Upon approval, it will also result in immediate and significant cost savings for the State and County healthcare delivery systems.

I feel it is a GREAT step toward dealing with a well documented critical need for our Maui community.

Sincerely,
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John L Harman	HMHS	Support	No

Comments: As someone who has had a loved one need and experience the services of Hale Makua Health Services, I believe it is essential that this bill pass, in order to help sustain the high quality of care at Hale Makua Health Services.

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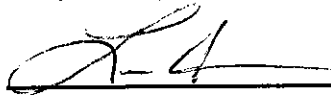
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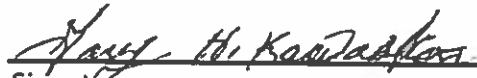
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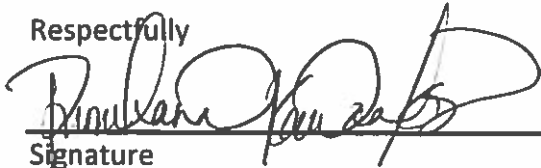
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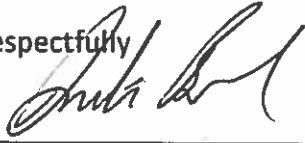
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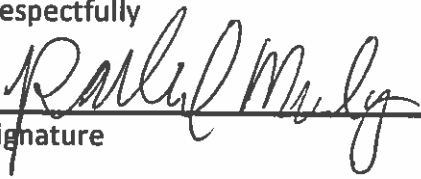
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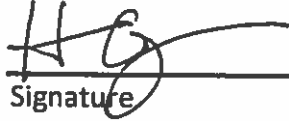
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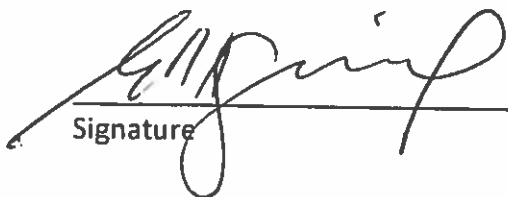
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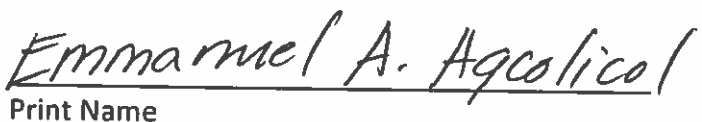
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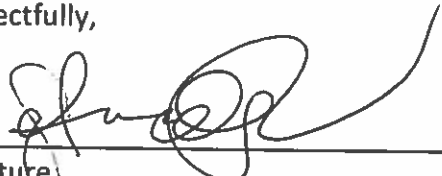
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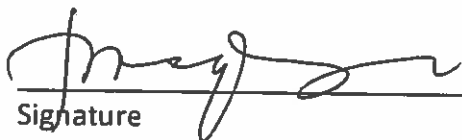
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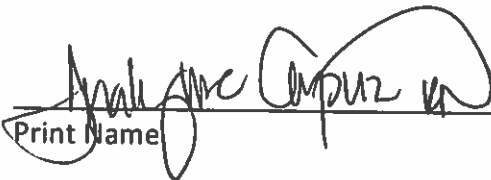
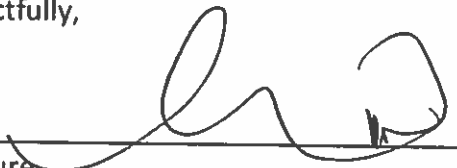
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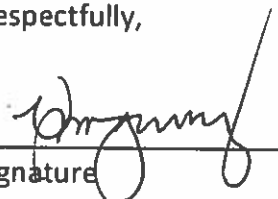
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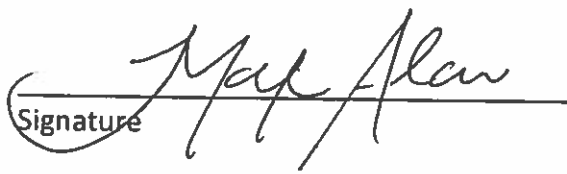
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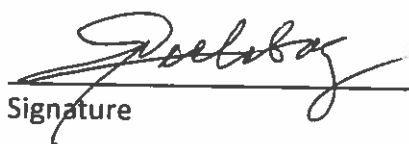
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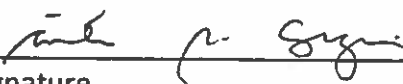
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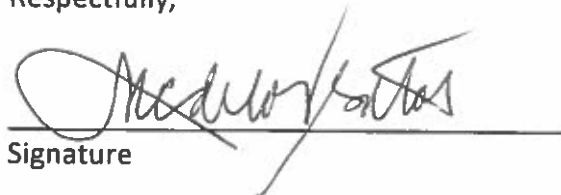
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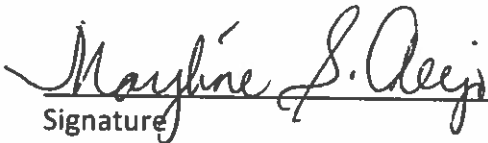
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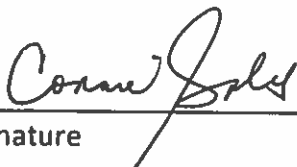
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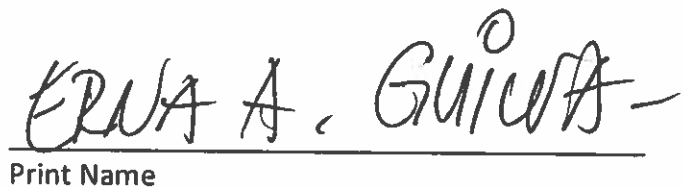
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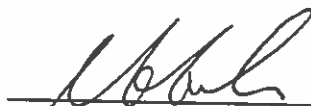
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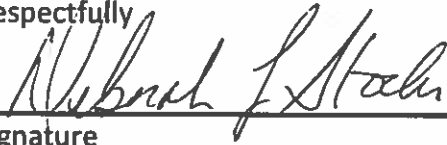
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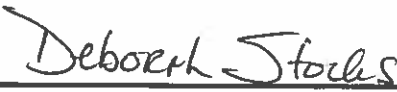
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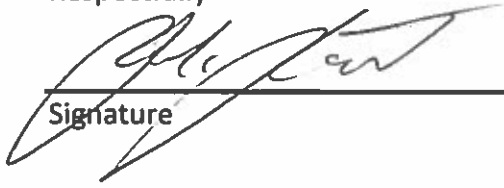
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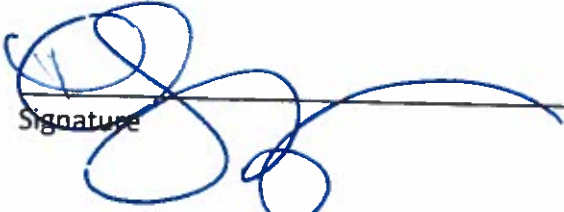
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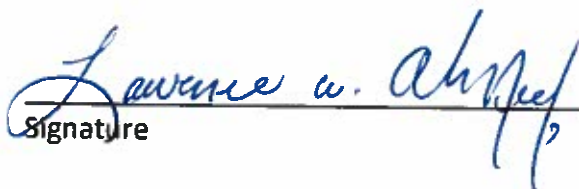
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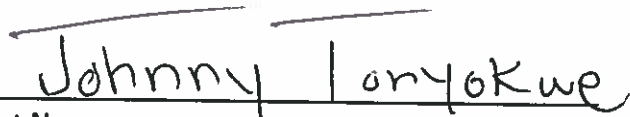
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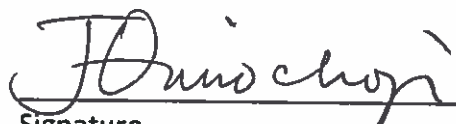
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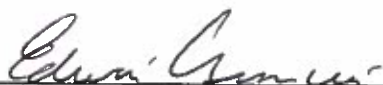
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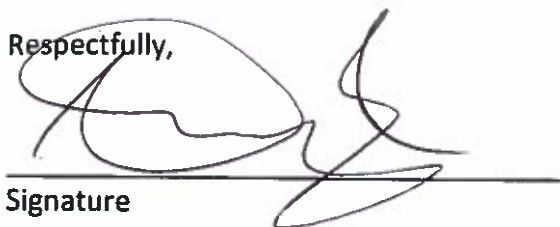
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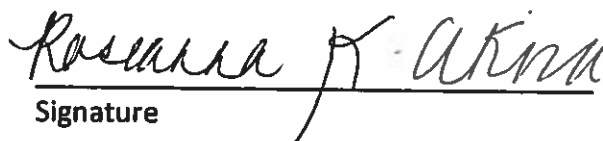
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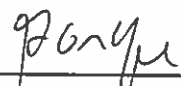
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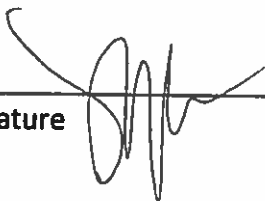
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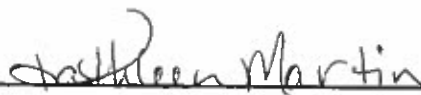
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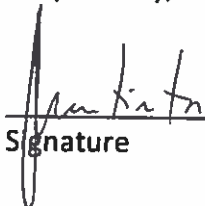
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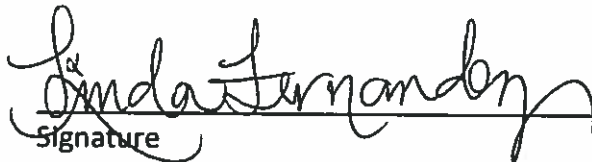
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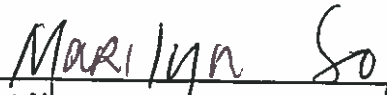
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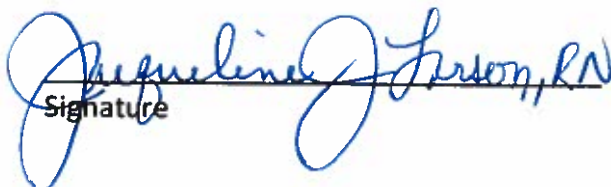
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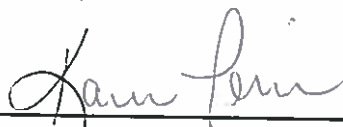
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Signature

The printed name "Jeana Parsons" in a black serif font.

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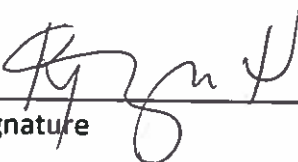
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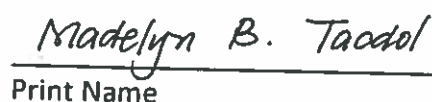
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It is estimated that this \$2.0 million appropriation will allow Hale Makua to reduce the waitlist by approximately 20 patients per day. From a financial perspective, the estimated savings to the Hospital (at \$1,500 per day) would be approximately \$10,950,000. As a result the net savings to the Hospital, which continues to be subsidized by the State would be \$8,950,000. This bill will provide the ability to mitigate some of the major clinical and financial problems plaguing the Healthcare delivery system on Maui.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. I humbly request your support of this measure.

Respectfully,


Signature


Print Name



**TO: The House of Representatives Committee on Health
Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair**

**RE: Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 995
Thursday, February 9, 2017, 8:30 a.m., Conference Room 329, State Capitol**

I am submitting testimony in support of HB 995. Hawaii's waitlist problem is well-documented, and on Maui the situation is at critical levels. From a financial standpoint there are 35-40 waitlisted patients, or 15% of the beds available, at MMMC on any given day. The cost to care for these individuals at MMMC is \$1,500 per day. At 35 patients per day, that equates to over \$19 million annually.

The average cost to care for a waitlisted individual at Hale Makua ranges from \$300-\$500 per day. Unfortunately the average Medicaid reimbursement rate ranges from \$220-\$240 per day.

The appropriation of money to allow the patients to move from the hospital at a cost of \$1,500 per day to a lower cost setting, would not only save the State and the healthcare delivery system substantial amounts of money, but also improve the delivery of care by placing the patient in the most appropriate care setting.


In addition, these 35-40 patients per day are taking up acute care beds, which causes many emergent patients to be held in the Emergency Room or transferred to Oahu due to lack of vacant acute care beds.

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February 9, 2017 at 8:30 AM
Conference Room 329

House Committee on Health

To: Chair Della Au Belatti
Vice Chair Bertrand Kobayashi

Re: **Testimony in Support**
HB 995, Relating to Health Services

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB995.

Hawaii's waitlist problem is well-documented, and on Maui the situation is at critical levels. From a financial standpoint there are between 35 – 40 waitlisted patients, or 15% of the beds available, at MMMC on any given day. The cost to care for these individuals at MMMC is \$1,500 per day. At 35 patients per day, that equates to over \$19 million annually.

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It is estimated that this \$2.0 million appropriation will allow Hale Makua to reduce the waitlist by approximately 20 patients per day. From a financial perspective, the estimated savings to the Hospital (at \$1,500 per day) would be approximately \$10,950,000.

As a result the net savings to the Hospital, which continues to be subsidized by the State would be \$8,950,000.

This bill will provide the ability to mitigate some of the major clinical and financial problems, plaguing the healthcare delivery system in the State.

Respectfully,



Denise Thayer

The House of Representatives
Committee on Health
Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 9, 2017 @ 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

The Honorable Representative Belatti, Chair, and The Honorable Representative Kobayashi, Vice Chair,

RE: Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 995

I am submitting testimony in **support of HB995**.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. I humbly request your support of this measure.

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**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 995
RELATING TO HEALTH SERVICES**

The ILWU Local 142 **supports** H.B. 995, which appropriates funds as a grant pursuant to HRS 42F for Hale Makua Health Services to allow Hale Makua to admit more wait-listed patients from Maui Memorial Medical Center.

Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC) is the only acute care hospital for the entire island of Maui. As such, the hospital must accept all patients needing inpatient care. Many patients currently at MMMC are no longer in acute status, but remain in the hospital because appropriate long-term care placements are unavailable.

Unlike MMMC, long-term care facilities are private entities that are not mandated to accept patients regardless of ability to pay. The irony is that nursing homes like Hale Makua have unoccupied beds but cannot admit patients who are unable to pay because of their own budgetary shortfalls. That leaves MMMC unable to discharge patients for lack of a suitable bed elsewhere, resulting in acute beds occupied by sub-acute patients, even as Hale Makua has open beds to spare.

H.B. 995 proposes a subsidy of \$2 million to Hale Makua to allow more sub-acute patients to be transferred from Maui Memorial Medical Center to Hale Makua, thus freeing up acute care beds at the hospital to accommodate the anticipated increase in patient numbers when Kaiser Permanente takes over MMMC and has more physicians to offer additional services. This will save MMMC (and the State) millions of dollars that it costs to keep a sub-acute patient in an acute care bed. The subsidy to Hale Makua represents an investment with the potential to ensure improved quality of care at MMMC while helping Hale Makua to maintain its viability.

The ILWU represents certain bargaining unit members at Hale Makua. The employer, in fact, has collective bargaining agreements with more than one labor union. Hale Makua is a major long-term care facility in Central Maui with more than 350 nursing home and care home beds.

The ILWU urges passage of H.B. 995. Thank you for allowing us to offer testimony on this measure.