

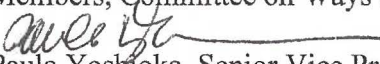


**THE QUEEN'S
HEALTH SYSTEMS**

LATE TESTIMONY

To: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Judiciary and Labor

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: February 28, 2017

Hrg: Senate Committees on Judiciary and Labor & Ways and Means Joint Decision Making;
Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 9:50AM in Room 211

Re: **Comments on SB 122, SD1, Relating to Mental Health**

My name is Paula Yoshioka and I am a Senior Vice President at The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's). QHS would like to express **support** for SB 122, SD1, Relating to Mental Health. This bill entitles designated family members and other interested persons of a person having a mental health emergency to: notice of certain procedures and actions, option to be present in the courtroom for a hearing on a petition for involuntary hospitalization or assisted community treatment, and option to receive copies of hearing transcripts or recordings. It also requires the court to adjourn or continue a hearing on a petition for involuntary hospitalization or assisted community treatment for failure to timely notify designated persons, with certain exceptions.

At Queen's we are committed to providing care for Hawaii's most underserved and appreciate the intent for greater inclusion of family members and concerned others in the care of these vulnerable patients. We believe that the SD1 edits recommended by the Attorney General's office adequately address the concerns that we raised in the original version of the bill related to federal law, particularly the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

We commend the legislature for introducing this measure and ask you to support it. Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

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.