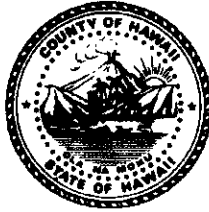


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March 10, 2017

Representative Justin Woodson
Higher Education
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Woodson and Members:

**RE: SB 141, SD2
Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment**

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 141, SD2.

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 SB 141.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Kim
Mayor



**Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Higher Education
March 14, 2017 at 2:00 PM**

**by
Laura Reichhardt, NP-C, APRN, Director
Hawai'i State Center for Nursing
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**

SB141, SD2 RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT

Dear Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Hashem, and members of the House Committee on Higher Education.

The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing thanks you for this opportunity to testify in **support** of SB141, SD2, 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.

Healthcare workforce supply and demand research and efforts to support the recruitment and retention of healthcare providers is essential to ensuring that there is an adequate supply of highly qualified healthcare providers for the people of Hawai'i.

State-led workforce data and analysis is best positioned to provide the context to inform local polices. For example, national reports use sample data as opposed sampling the entire workforce. In nursing, a reputable national survey only sampled 4 LPNs in Hawai'i, whereas the HSCN's most recent survey gathered responses from nearly 40% of our state's LPNs. Certainly, the information our state-based survey concludes has much more representation from our workforce than the national survey that was aiming for a little feedback across the entire nation. Familiarity of such environmental factors of a state is essential to providing context for accurate policy recommendations and avoiding harmful assumptions.

The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing was established to do to workforce research, promote quality and best practices in nursing, support the recruitment and retention of nurses, and report on these activities. Without the considerable support and wisdom of the Legislature, HSCN would not exist, nor would it have been able to contribute to statewide healthcare workforce planning efforts, develop the first statewide nurse residency program, statewide evidence based practice internship for clinical nurses and statewide evidence based practice workshop for nurse faculty. Similarly, the Hawai'i Physician Workforce Assessment program has been critical to assessing the needed of physicians and developing and implementing strategies to support the physician workforce, and ultimately the people of Hawai'i.

The HSCN works closely with the Hawai'i Physician Workforce Assessment program to ensure the health workforce needs of the state are addressed. As the healthcare environment shifts rapidly, resources such as the healthcare workforce assessment and recruitment and retention support is even more of importance.

Your favorable consideration of this measure is greatly appreciated. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Higher Education
Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 2:00 pm

By

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and

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John A. Burns School of Medicine

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

SB 141 SD2 – 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 SB 141 SD2, 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.

SB 141 SD2 differs from its House companion, HB 428, in that the repeal date has been extended another five (5) years rather than being removed. We prefer the language of HB 428 which repeals the sunset date, allowing for nonstop efforts to recruit and retain physicians in our state.

Hawai'i has a shortage of over 500 doctors, which has improved from a shortage of 600 in 2015. The physician shortage is compounded by the fact that we have the fifth oldest physician workforce in the country, and many of our physicians will be retiring in the next several years. Continuation of the physician workforce assessment enables the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) to continue efforts to address the physician shortage through workforce support activities and research on the supply and demand of physicians in the State. The modest license fees help JABSOM implement interventions to recruit physicians and to identify ways to increase career satisfaction among practicing physicians so that they remain in practice.

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

Continuing Medical Education for over 4,000 person-hours per year. Offerings include:

1. An annual Hawai'i Health Workforce Summit for 500 providers to learn about changes in healthcare, avoidance of "practice burn out", new advances in rural health, geriatrics and electronic health records;
2. Project ECHO, weekly remote 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 in collaboration with the 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 the impact of the rural training programs.

Medical malpractice reform education (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, March 14, 2017
2:00 p.m.

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 141, S.D. 2, RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE
ASSESSMENT.**

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

The Hawaii Medical Board ("**Board**") thanks you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill No. 141, S.D. 2, Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment. This measure proposes to continue to allow the John A. Burns School of Medicine ("**JABSOM**") 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 until June 30, 2022.

The Board reviewed this bill at its meeting on March 9, 2017, and prefers the current language in statute repealing the assessment fee on June 30, 2017. However, if this measure should move forward, the Board would prefer that a repeal date be retained rather than an indefinite extension. The Board also 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.

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.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Senate Bill No. 141, S.D. 2,
Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment.



HAWAI'I ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Higher Education
March 14, 2017

SB 141 –RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT

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

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of SB141, 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!

This program has done multiple things for the physician population and HAFP wants it to continue:

Providing Continuing Medical Education.

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.

Kelley Withy, MD, PhD, President HAFP



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Dr. Chris Flanders, Executive Director
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

TO:
HOUSE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Representative Justin Woodson, Chair
Representative Mark Hashem, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, March 14, 2017
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 309
State Capitol

SB 141 SD2
Position: Support

On behalf of the physician and medical student members of the Hawaii Medical Association, we are in support of continuing the Physician Workforce Assessment for five more years.

The Physician Workforce Assessment has been conducted for six years, demonstrating a continued downward trend in the physician workforce. In spite of this, the state has yet to develop a comprehensive, effective strategy to counteract this problem. The results of this study must be used as a springboard for a comprehensive rural medicine design.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elena Cabatu	East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation	Support	No

Comments: Please accept support for SB141 on behalf of the East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation consisting of Hilo Medical Center, Hale Ho`ola Hamakua in Honoka`a, Ka`u Hospital and our 9 specialty clinics.

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Conference Room 309

House Committee on Higher Education

To: Representative Justin Woodson, Chair
Representative Mark Hashem, Vice Chair

From: Michael Robinson
Vice President – Government Relations & Community Affairs

Re: SB 141, SD2 – Testimony in Support

My name is Michael Robinson, Vice President, Government Relations and Community Affairs at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system, and the state's largest health care provider and non-governmental employer. Hawai'i Pacific Health is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four hospitals, more than 50 outpatient clinics and service sites, and over 1,600 affiliated physicians. Hawai'i Pacific Health's hospitals are Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

I am writing in **strong support** of SB 141, SD2 which enables the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) to continue its efforts of reducing the physical shortage through research of supply and demand, as well as continuing its programs to recruit physicians to Hawaii and increase career satisfaction of practicing physicians.

Hawaii has a shortage of over 500 doctors. The shortage is most acute for those on the neighbor islands and in rural, underserved communities. Without the continued commitment to address the physician shortage, the people of Hawaii will not have access to the healthcare they need. Through the physician workforce assessment JABSOM will be able to implement programs and interventions, such as loan repayment to physicians, recruitment, education and training, to help to bring more doctors to Hawaii.

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

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SB 141 –RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT

Chairs Woodson, Vice Chair Hashem and members of the committees:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of SB141, 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! This would be a catastrophe—especially for rural, remote areas such as Lāna'ī!

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

- Providing funds for Continuing Medical Education for Lāna'ī Community Health Center providers
- 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.
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fessions Shortage Areas.

- Support for LCHC and other providers to receive loan repayment for working in underserved areas.
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Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



To: The Honorable Justin H. Woodson, Chair
The Honorable Mark J. Hashem, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Higher Education

From: Gerard Akaka, MD, Vice President of Native Hawaiian Affairs & Clinical Support, The Queen's Health Systems

Date: March 10, 2017

Hrg: House Committee on Higher Education Hearing; Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 2:00pm in Room 309

Re: Support for SB 141, SD2, Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment

My name is Gerard Akaka, MD, and I am the Vice President of Native Hawaiian Affairs & Clinical Support at The Queen's Health Systems (QHS). I would like to express my **support** for SB 141, SD2, Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment. The Hawaii Physician Workforce Assessment Program supports research of the supply and demand of physicians in Hawaii, as well as interventions to recruit physicians and to increase career satisfaction of practicing physicians. Currently the program is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2017. This bill moves the sunset date out to 2022 and allows this important program to continue.

At QHS, we support efforts to develop our current and future physician workforce given the projected shortage of physicians in our state. In FY 2015 we spent \$14.4 million in education and training to support current and future health care professionals in the community. Currently, Hawaii has a shortage, particularly in rural and underserved areas. This Program allows the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) to be able to collect and analyze data on the physician workforce to help with education, recruitment, training, and further support programs to ensure that those physicians who wish to stay and practice in Hawaii have the resources to do so.

I ask you to support the continuation of the Hawaii Physician Workforce Assessment Program. Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: The Honorable Justin H. Woodson, Chair
The Honorable Mark J. Hashem, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Higher Education

From:  Paula Yoshioka, Senior Vice President, The Queen's Health Systems

Date: March 10, 2017

Hrg: House Committee on Higher Education Hearing; Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 2:00pm in
Room 309

Re: Support for SB 141, SD2, Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment

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We ask you to support the continuation of the Hawaii Physician Workforce Assessment Program. 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.

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by

Laura Westphal, RN, MBA, CPHQ

[Organization, if applicable]

SB141, SD2 RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT

Dear Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Hashem, and members of the House Committee on Higher Education.

AONE Hawaii (American Organization of Nurse Executives) thanks you for this opportunity to testify in **support** of SB141, SD2, 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.

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Your favorable consideration of this measure is greatly appreciated. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

The Twenty-Ninth Legislature
Regular Session of 2017

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Committee on Higher Education

Representative Justin H. Woodson, Chair

Representative Mark J. Hashem, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 309

Tuesday, March 14, 2017; 2:00 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 141 SD 2
RELATING TO LOAN REPAYMENT FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

The ILWU Local 142 supports S.B. 141 SD 2, 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 of retention of physicians in the State, particularly those in rural and underserved areas.

The current shortage of doctors is a national problem today, and this shortage has affected essentially all of the states, including Hawaii. In fact we have had recent assessments made of the doctors' and other health care professionals' shortage in Hawaii, which reflects an acute situation approaching a crisis. This is particularly true for the neighbor islands and other rural areas that are currently underserved.

For example, this has affected injured workers, under the workers' compensation system preventing them from accessing any medical treatment. When there is a delay in providing medical treatment, this leads to greater permanent impairment, which does not help any of the parties.

Given the limited number of doctors providing care on Kauai, there is currently no psychiatrist or psychologist who is willing to treat workers who sustain industrial injuries. This prevents injured workers, suffering from injuries involving behavioral health, to access medical care on Kauai.

We need to be able to effectively address the shortage of doctors throughout the State. This will help all residents in Hawaii have access to quality medical care. S.B. 141 SD 2 is an important part of the overall strategy to achieve this critical goal.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 141 SD 2. Thank you for the opportunity to share our views and concerns on this matter.

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SB 141 –RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT

Chairs Woodson, Vice Chair Hashem and members of the committees:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support of SB141**, 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.

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 SB141 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 SB141.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Erik Anderson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support SB141. Such bills have made a personal impact on my ability to provide healthcare to those in underserved areas. Mahalo!

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Comments: Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of SB141, 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. I am a teaching physician with the University of Hawai'i Internal Medicine Residency Program, and work at the Queen Emma Clinics, which treats a primarily underserved population. Currently the Hawai'i Physician Workforce Assessment program is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2017. We wish to continue these activities, which will end without your support. It is clear that my community, as well as several neighbor island communities, have 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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**Written Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Higher Education
March 14, 2017 at 2:00 PM
by
Lynn A. Milligan MSN, RN**

SB141, SD2 RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT

Dear Chair Woodson, Vice Chair Hashem, and members of the House Committee on Higher Education.

Lynn A. Milligan thanks you for this opportunity to testify in **support** of SB141, SD2, 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.

Healthcare workforce supply and demand research and efforts to support the recruitment and retention of healthcare providers is essential to ensuring that there is an adequate supply of highly qualified healthcare providers for the people of Hawai'i.

State-led workforce data and analysis is best positioned to provide the context to inform local policies. For example, national reports use sample data as opposed sampling the entire workforce. In nursing, a reputable national survey only sampled 4 LPNs in Hawai'i, whereas the HSCN's most recent survey gathered responses from nearly 40% of our state's LPNs. Certainly, the information our state-based survey concludes has much more representation from our workforce than the national survey that was aiming for a little feedback across the entire nation. Familiarity of such environmental factors of a state is essential to providing context for accurate policy recommendations and avoiding harmful assumptions.

The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing was established to do to workforce research, promote quality and best practices in nursing, support the recruitment and retention of nurses, and report on these activities. Without the considerable support and wisdom of the Legislature, HSCN would not exist, nor would it have been able to contribute to statewide healthcare workforce planning efforts, develop the first statewide nurse residency program, statewide evidence based practice internship for clinical nurses and statewide evidence based practice workshop for nurse faculty. Similarly, the Hawai'i Physician Workforce Assessment program has been critical to assessing the needed of physicians and developing and implementing strategies to support the physician workforce, and ultimately the people of Hawai'i.

Your favorable consideration of this measure is greatly appreciated. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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To: The Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Chair,
The Honorable Mark J. Hashem, Vice Chair, and
Members of the House Committee on Higher Education

Date: Tuesday, March 14, 2017
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From: Linda Chu Takayama, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

Re: S.B. No. 141 SD2 Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment

I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

SB141 SD2 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 SENATE 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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Comments: Please support, this bill.

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