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The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
The Honorable Senator Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 277 RELATING TO HEALTHCARE COORDINATION

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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.

The UPW supports the intent of this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 277
RELATING TO HEALTH CARE COORDINATION**

The ILWU Local 142 **supports** S.B. 277, which appropriates \$1,500,000 for the public-private partnership established for administrative purposes to implement a model of health care delivery in Maui County that addresses coordination of care in a seamless, efficient, appropriate, and cost-effective manner.

Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC) is the only acute care hospital for the entire island. As such, the hospital accepts all patients needing inpatient care—even if that care is difficult to provide, as in the case of patients with psychiatric issues. Many patients at MMMC are no longer in acute status, but remain in the hospital because appropriate long-term care facilities are unavailable. Appropriateness often means that the long-term care facility lacks resources and/or personnel to address some of the patient's more difficult needs. While MMMC is unable to discharge the patient for lack of a suitable bed elsewhere, resulting in acute beds occupied by sub-acute patients, nursing homes like Hale Makua have unoccupied beds and increasing budgetary shortfalls.

S.B. 277 proposes a public-private partnership to develop a strategy for a model of health care delivery in Maui County that will provide for coordination of care to place patients in appropriate settings and, we presume, offer resources to receiving facilities to be able to provide appropriate care. We believe this partnership is worth trying.

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 on Maui with more than 350 nursing home and care home beds. We are concerned about the continuing viability of Hale Makua for the sake of our members.

Health care is a costly venture, yet everyone needs health care services in one form or another. The diversity of our population as well as the increasing number of aged and disabled individuals requires new strategies to address the needs of as many as possible. Allowing sub-acute patients to take up costly bed space in an acute hospital cannot be a good use of resources.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 277. Thank you for allowing us to offer testimony on this measure.



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Testimony of: Barry Shitamoto, M.D.
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SUPPORT THE INTENT of Senate Bill 277

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara and members of the committee,

Thank you for allowing the opportunity to testify on Senate Bill 277. We support the intent of this measure to improve care coordination within Maui Region.

Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC) is the only acute-care facility on island, requiring the hospital to treat all acute and emergency patients in a safe and timely manner. At present, approximately 20% of MMMC's beds are occupied by waitlist patients who presently may not have another option for the care they need. The loss of those beds results in patient care delays for acute and emergency patients when MMMC is unable to admit them due to a lack of capacity.

If we are able to increase our bed capacity through a model of care coordination that aids waitlisted patients in finding an alternative environment of care - better suited for their individual needs, the hospital can focus on treating acute and emergency patients in accordance with its mission. Therefore, we support the intent of this measure to allow for the development and implementation of a care coordination model for Maui County.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in of Senate Bill 277.