

# SB538

Measure Title: RELATING TO CARE FACILITY INSPECTIONS.

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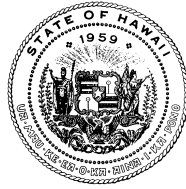
Description: Appropriates funds to the department of health for the posting of care facility inspection reports on the department's website.

Companion: [HB433](#)

Package: Kupuna Caucus

Current Referral: CPH, WAM

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**Testimony COMMENTING on SB0538  
RELATING TO CARE FACILITY INSPECTIONS.**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH  
Hearing Date: Wednesday, February 8, 2017 Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** S.B. 538 appropriates an unspecified amount of general revenues to  
2 enable the Department of Health to post care facility inspection reports on its website, pursuant  
3 to Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013. Included in Governor's biennium budget package is a  
4 request for one (1) permanent, civil service, full time equivalent (FTE) and position funding of  
5 \$13,566 for FY18 and \$27,132 for FY19 and beyond.

6 **Department Testimony:** The Department appreciates the intent of this bill and asks the  
7 members of the committee to support the Governor's budget package which includes a full-time  
8 permanent civil service position and funding to perform the activities identified in this bill.

9 This bill provides unspecified FTEs and unspecified funds but only for the upcoming  
10 fiscal biennium.

11 The Governor's budget package includes one (1) FTE and funding for the Office of  
12 Health Care Assurance and it would establish in the Department's base budget the position and  
13 funding for years beyond the upcoming fiscal biennium.

14 The position would enable the Department to meet the requirements of Act 213, SLH  
15 2013, as codified in Section 321-1.8 HRS to provide online access by the public of useful  
16 information on licensed care homes.

- 1 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.
- 2 **Offered Amendments:** Refer to Governor's budget package.

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara and committee members.

I am a senior citizen and a resident of House District 19 and Senate District 9. I am a member of AARP, Kokua Council, the Hawaii Alliance for Retired Americans and serve on the PABEA Legislative Committee.

I'm testifying in strong support of SB538, an appropriation to the Department of Health to insure the posting of care facility inspection reports on the Department's website.

In 2014, the legislature approved funding for DOH to insure that inspection reports were posted and in timely fashion. Three years later, that hadn't happened and, while the situation has improved, the law has still not been followed.

It is imperative that those making plans for their loved ones have access to complete and accurate information, so they can make informed decisions.

Please fund DOH so that they can post these reports and ultimately protect our most frail citizens.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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