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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2280 HD1
RELATING TO HEALTH**

REPRESENTATIVE GREGG TAKAYAMA, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

Hearing Date and Time: Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 10 a.m. Room Number: 312

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Undetermined at this time.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports this measure.

3 The Department of Health (DOH) places high priority on security at the Hawaii
4 State Hospital (HSH) and appreciates that this bill attempts to provide resources for the
5 various components of HSH Security Action Plan. We support the intent of this bill and
6 defer to the Governor's Supplemental Budget Request regarding appropriations.

7 The purpose of this bill is to appropriate funds to the DOH to implement the
8 outstanding recommendations of the HSH security corrective action plan. Specifically,
9 this bill (1) appropriates funds for the purchase of electronic ankle monitoring bracelets
10 and additional metal detector hand wands; (2) appropriate funds for the purchase and
11 installation of additional lighting and closed circuit television cameras; and (3)
12 authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund capital improvement
13 projects at the HSH campus to improve hospital security.

1 As the bill notes, many security enhancements have been completed over the
2 last couple of years, namely the erection of fences, the installation of security screens
3 on windows, the rewiring of the fire alarms system, retraining staff, modifying census
4 procedures and other enhancements are underway, including more fencing and the
5 introduction of Global Positioning System (GPS) ankle bracelets. Other enhancements
6 are in the planning stages including upgrading the closed circuit television monitoring
7 system.

8 There has been a steady decrease in the number of escapes from 2001, when
9 there were 28 escapes. For the last six years, on average, there have been less than
10 two (2) a year. Our assessment is that the completed security enhancements have
11 been part of the reason for success in reducing the rate of escapes. However, it is
12 agreed that more needs to be done.

13 The HSH is proceeding with security enhancements and anticipate funding these
14 through current fiscal year resources and released restrictions. The DOH is preparing
15 an expenditure plan for the current fiscal year to pay for the hand wands and GPS ankle
16 bracelets, as noted Section 2, for additional lighting and signage mentioned in Section
17 3, for new closed circuit IV cameras which is mentioned in Section 4.

18 Capital funding has been requested for the guard shack and road relocation
19 mentioned in Section 5.1.

1 Cost estimates for rolling gate mentioned in Section 5.1 and the operating gate at
2 the entrance mentioned in Section 5.3 have not yet been developed.

3 The fence surrounding the entire campus is mentioned in Section 6, and
4 estimates for it have been developed by DAGS. The Executive Branch was requested
5 by the City Council of Honolulu to seek funding for this project. Funding was specifically
6 requested of the Legislature through Governor's Message No. 5 on January 22, 2018.
7 This fencing is in addition to what has already been proposed and either installed or in
8 process and may further reduce escapes from HSH.

9 The HSH is currently erecting an extensive fencing system which will encompass
10 all of the lower campus, as well as the entry areas to the Guensberg building at the
11 upper HSH campus. This initiative will also reduce the number of escapes. As
12 mentioned previously, over the past six years, the number of escapes have average
13 less than two (2) a year.

14 In addition to the physical plant enhancements, the HSH continues to identify
15 policies that need to be reassessed. An action plan has been developed and
16 implemented to review relevant policies and procedures and to implement changes as
17 needed.

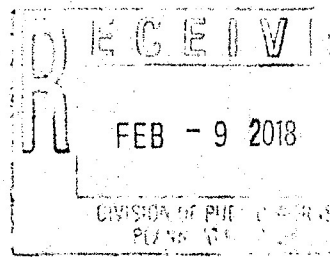
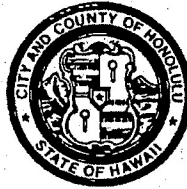
18 We thank the committee for considering our testimony and appreciate the
19 committee's support on this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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February 8, 2018

Mr. Roderick K. Becker, Comptroller
Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS)
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Dear Mr. Becker:

SUBJECT: Funding for the Hawaii State Hospital
Resolution 17-329, CD1, FD1
Plan Review Use Permit No. 2017/PRU-3
45-691 and 45-710 Kealahala Road – Kaneohe
Tax Map Keys 4-5-023: 002, 016, and 017

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Thank you for providing our department with a copy of the letter from DAGS to the Honolulu City Council regarding Condition 14 of the Resolution 17-329, CD1, FD1 (Resolution). Your submittal, received on February 2, 2018, also included a copy of the Governor's transmittal to the State Legislature requesting to amend the Fiscal Year 2019 Supplemental Budget by adding \$17.4 million for a perimeter security fence at the Hawaii State Hospital. The funding request was submitted to the State Legislature on January 22, 2018, prior to the January 31, 2018 deadline imposed by the Resolution. We are pleased to inform you that Condition 14 of the Resolution has been satisfied.

Should you have any questions, please contact Alex Beatty, of our Land Use Approval Branch at 768-8032.

Very truly yours,

Kathy K. Sokugawa
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Acting Director

cc: Mr. Michael S. Nishimura, Brown and Caldwell

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Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: