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Testimony SUPPORTING HB2546 HD1.
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AN OUTPATIENT CENTER.

REPRESNATIVE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Hearing Date: February 27, 2018

Room Number: 309

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Health is the fiscal intermediary for an unspecified
- 2 general fund appropriation amount.

- 3 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports HB2546 HD1, but defers
- 4 to the Governor's Supplemental Budget Request for budget priorities. A family medicine office
- 5 practice and team-based training site centrally located near the Pali Momi outpatient center
- 6 would create greater access and efficiency, and allow for expanding the residency program in the
- 7 future. The clinic would be located adjacent to the Women's Clinic that the medical school's
- 8 practice plan operates at Pali Momi. The project will be a public-private partnership—state
- 9 funding through a legislative appropriation (Grant In Aid and/or bill), funds from the practice
- 10 plan, and funds from Pali Momi.

- 11 **Offered Amendment:** N/A.



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Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
House Committee on Finance
Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

By

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HB 2546 HD1 – MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR AN OUTPATIENT CENTER

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2546 HD1, which makes an appropriation for the financing of construction and relocation of the family medicine outpatient center. Through a public-private partnership, the goal of the project is to build a new accredited Family Medicine Ambulatory Practice and team-based training site at Pali Momi to create a pipeline of primary care physicians for Hawai'i.

At the University of Hawai'i John A. Burns, School Of Medicine (JABSOM) we strive to teach and train high-quality physicians, biomedical scientists, and allied health workers for Hawai'i and the Pacific by providing an opportunity for a medical education previously unavailable to residents of Hawai'i and other Pacific nations. The family medicine outpatient clinic is an integral part of the network of training sites for JABSOM's family medicine residency program. Our mission is to train the next generation of primary care doctors in Hawai'i for Hawai'i. At JABSOM we know that over 80% of students who receive their medical education and complete their residency in Hawai'i stay in Hawai'i. Many of our graduates who have trained in rural communities and on the neighbor islands have remained in those areas to practice.

The family medicine clinic will be developed along the lines of the transformed primary care model including the integration of behavioral health, diabetes education, pharmacy practice, and social work at a single site. This provides patients with enhanced access to healthcare services. Obtaining access to appropriate primary care services has become increasingly difficult in Hawai'i. Situating the clinic near Pali Momi creates a major ambulatory patient care center and training site for future primary care physicians

in a location of need. Being located in the Aiea/Pearl City area, the facility will serve patients from Central and West Oahu. With Pali Momi Medical Center less than one block away, the clinic is in an ideal location for immediate access to acute care as well as clinical care. Additionally, co-locating with the UH OB/GYN department clinical practice site allows for comprehensive care of women, infants and families under one roof. It also creates the foundation for expanding the number of residency training positions available in Hawai'i so that graduating JABSOM students will have the opportunity to train and practice in Hawai'i.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this matter.



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February 27, 2018

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

Re: HB 2546, HD1 – Making an Appropriation for an Outpatient Center

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 2546, HD1, which will appropriate funds to the Department of Health to assist Hawaii Pacific Health with the financing of construction of a family medicine office practice and team-based training site at the Pali Momi outpatient center. HMSA supports the intent of this Bill, to support the John A. Burns School of Medicine family medicine residency program.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 2546, HD1.

Sincerely,

Pono Chong
Vice-President, Government Relations

HB-2546-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

**PRESENTATION OF THE
OAHU COUNTY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAI'I

TO THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

Tuesday, February 27, 2018

12:00 P.M.

Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 308

RE: Testimony in Support of HB **2546 HD1**, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR
AN OUTPATIENT CENTER

To the Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair; the Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice-Chair, and
Members of the Committee on Finance:

Good morning. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") Legislative Priorities Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii ("DPH"). Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill No. **2546 HD1** relating to Pali Momi Outpatient Center; Hawaii Pacific Health; DOH; and an appropriation.

. The OCC Legislative Priorities Committee is in support of House Bill No. **2546**

HD1 and is in favor of its passage.

House Bill No.**2546 HD1** is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it appropriates \$ to the Department of Health to assist Hawaii Pacific Health with the financing of construction of a family medicine office practice and team-based training site at the Pali Momi outpatient center.

Specifically, the DPH Platform provides that "[a]ccess to health care is a basic human need. Our citizens and visitors have an inherent right to high quality, high standard health care. The state legislature and the federal government should take all appropriate steps to create an support health care system of public, for-profit, and nonprofit hospitals and other medical facilities that follow best practiced to enhance and protect and preserve life." (Platform of the DPH, P. 7, Lines 361-364 (2016)).

Given that House Bill No.**2546 HD1** appropriates \$ to the Department of Health to assist Hawaii Pacific Health with the financing of construction of a family medicine office practice and team-based training site at the Pali Momi outpatient center, it is the position of the OCC Legislative Priorities Committee to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

Melodie Aduja, Chair, OCC Legislative Priorities Committee

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HB-2546-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Camlyn Masuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This bill will help expand access to primary medical care to the people of the Leeward area.

HB-2546-HD-1

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Wayne Mathes	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Comments:

February 26, 2018

Committee on Finance
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

DATE: Tuesday, February 27, 2018
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415 South Beretania Street

House Bill 2546 HD1
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Dear Chairs Luke and Cullen,

I am writing in **strong support of HB2546**, a bill to finance the construction of a family medicine outpatient clinic and team based training site for the UH JABSOM Family Medicine Residency. My name is **Nicole Apoliona, M.D.** and I am a graduate of the UH Family Medicine Residency, an assistant clinical professor in the department of Family Medicine at JABSOM and the medical director of Kula Hospital and Clinic. I am submitting testimony as a private citizen and think there are three important benefits to the state of this appropriation:

1. Expanding the pipeline for primary care physicians in Hawaii: The latest physician workforce assessment found that 22% of practicing physicians in Hawaii are over 65 years old of a total of about 2978 practicing full time. We already have a shortage 769 physicians in our state in 2018. If 20% of currently practicing physicians retire in the next few years, the shortage total will be **1,364** physicians. **This is a public health emergency.** The biggest shortages are in primary care on all islands. Expanding the UH JABSOM Family Residency Clinic and Team Based Training Site is the first required step to allow expansion of the program to train more primary care physicians in the state
2. Investing in the UH JABSOM Family Residency Program is a direct investment in providing primary care physicians to Hawaii communities. The UH JABSOM Family Medicine Residency Program has trained more than 120 family physicians since 1994 and over 75% remain in practice in Hawaii. This is a terrific return on investment and needs to be expanded to counter the impending **public health emergency.**
3. The expanded primary care services in this new outpatient clinic will immediately provide improved access for Medicaid patients in central and west Oahu. Access to primary care for Medicaid patients is already near crisis levels in our state and these patients will feel the negative impact of the

primary care shortage even more than those with other forms of health insurance.

I strongly support HB2546 as the next step in the state's strategy for mitigating the impending public health emergency of the Hawaii physician shortage by allowing for expansion of family medicine physician training capacity and improved access to primary care for Hawaii residents.

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Apoliona, MD, FAAFP, CMD

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Dear Chairs Luke and Cullen,

I am writing in **strong support of HB2546**, a bill to finance the construction of a family medicine outpatient clinic and team based training site for the UH JABSOM Family Medicine Residency. My name is **Kelley Withy, MD, PhD.** and I am a professor in the Department of Family Medicine. I am submitting testimony as a private citizen and think there are three important benefits to the state of this appropriation:

1. Expanding the pipeline for primary care physicians in Hawaii: We are short 282.5 primary care physicians in Hawaii. **This is a public health emergency.** Expanding the UH JABSOM Family Residency Clinic and Team Based Training Site is the first required step to allow expansion of the program to train more primary care physicians in the state
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Honorable Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Cullen and members of the committee, I am Robin E. S. Miyamoto, a Clinical Psychologist and a member of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine's Department of Family Medicine and Community Health. I wish to submit this testimony in strong support of HB 2546. This bill would help to build a family medicine office practice and team-based training site on the Pali Momi campus.

I support this bill for numerous reasons:

- There is a 20% shortage in physicians in Hawaii, which will likely worsen. Growing our own physicians can help to ensure a strong physician workforce here and access to quality and culturally competent health care, especially in primary care where physicians are most needed. We know that Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders are more likely to choose primary care and work in underserved areas of Hawaii after completing medical school.
- Completion of both medical school and residency training in a traditional primary care specialty at UH JABSOM significantly increases the likelihood that a physician will stay to practice in Hawai'i. Only 20 percent of those completing residency training elsewhere returning to practice in Hawaii. The primary care workforce supply as currently structured will not meet the ongoing statewide shortage. Long-term policies at the state level should be developed to fully resource the primary care physician pipeline with attention to those programs with the greatest likelihood of contributing to the solution.
- Ninety-seven percent of Family Medicine residents who complete the UH JABSOM Department of Family Medicine and Community Health Residency Program go on to practice in a primary care setting.
- The Department of Family Medicine and Community Health's team based care clinic is currently the only provider in the Central District of Oahu accepting new Medicaid patients.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted by,

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