



**Friday, March 16, 2018 at 2:10 pm
Conference Room 309**

House Committee on Education

To: Representative Justin Woodson, Chair
Representative Sam Satoru Kong, Vice Chair

From: Huidy Shu, MD, PhD
Medical Director of Neurology Services -- Pali Momi Medical Center

Re: HCR 236/HR 204– Testimony in Support

My name is Huidy Shu and I am the Medical Director of Neurology Services for Pali Momi Medical Center. With 118 beds and more than 400 physicians on its medical staff, Pali Momi Medical Center offers a full range of services for the communities of Central and West O'ahu. The hospital has delivered many medical firsts for the community, including Central and West O'ahu's only interventional cardiac catheterization units to detect and treat heart disease, a fully integrated minimally invasive surgical suite, a comprehensive women's center, CT scan and MRI services, and the state's first retina center. The hospital is an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health, one of the state's largest health care providers and a not-for-profit health care system with over 70 locations statewide including medical centers, clinics, physicians and other caregivers serving Hawai'i and the Pacific Region with high quality, compassionate care.

I am writing in support of HCR 236 and HR 204 which request that the Department of Education design and implement a curriculum in our public schools that teaches students to perform CPR and to identify symptoms of a stroke. An important aspect of improving stroke outcomes involves public education about the signs and symptoms of stroke and the urgency of calling 911 immediately. There is only a limited window of time for effective stroke treatments, making the public's response to signs and symptoms of a stroke critical. Thus, an effective strategy of stroke education beginning in the public schools with school-age individuals will have positive long-lasting potential regarding stroke awareness and may improve outcomes for stroke victims.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



To: The Honorable Justin H. Woodson, Chair
The Honorable Sam Satoru Kong, Vice Chair
Members, Committee on Education
Paula Yoshioka

From: Paula Yoshioka, Vice President of Government Relations and External Affairs, The
Queen's Health Systems

Date: March 15, 2018

Hrg: House Committee on Education Hearing; Friday, March 16, 2018 at 2:10AM in Room
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Re: **Support for HCR 236 and HR 204**

My name is Paula Yoshioka and I am a Vice President at The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's). We **support** HCR 236 and HR 204. This resolution requests that the Department of Education design and implement a curriculum in Hawaii public schools that teaches students to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation and to identify symptoms of stroke.

At Queen's we are committed to providing care for all the people of Hawaii. Established in 1996, Queen's Neuroscience Institute's mission is to provide state-of-the-art medical care to patients with neurological and neurosurgical diseases through the integration of clinical excellence, education and research. In 2016, Queen's Neuroscience Institute became Hawaii's first Comprehensive Stroke Center, the highest level of stroke accreditation designated by The Joint Commission.

We concur with the testimony of the Hawaii Stroke Coalition. Improving stroke outcomes in Hawaii involves public education about the signs and symptoms of stroke, the limited time window for effective stroke treatments, and the importance of calling 9-1-1. Research on previous public education campaigns using television, radio, and print ads has shown that the positive effects on 9-1-1 call rates rarely last longer than the duration of the advertising campaigns themselves. We believe that a strategy for stroke education through the schools has great potential for longer-lasting positive effects.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.