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March 19, 2018

Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Committee on Health and Human Services
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 329
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Mizuno and Committee Members:

Re: SB 1235, SD 2 Relating to Funding for Hilo Medical Center
Hearing Date: 03-20-18 – 8:30 am; House Conference Room 329

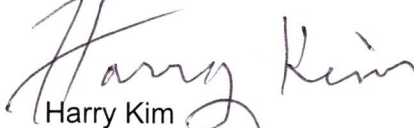
We appreciate the opportunity to endorse the benefits of increasing services at Hilo Medical Center, the largest provider of care on the Big Island.

Cardiac care in Hawai'i County is clearly substandard by 21st century standards. The idea that almost 200,000 residents, plus all our visitors, are served by a system that requires an airlift to another island, was once thought to be the price of living on a neighbor island. Now that we see the potential to provide treatment on-island, if only adequate funding were made available, the lack of local service becomes less tenable.

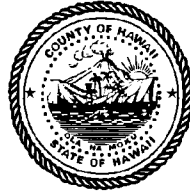
Hawai'i County is a rural area in need of better healthcare. We hope you can find the funds to provide more services to us.

I strongly support SB 1235, SD 2.

Respectfully submitted,


Harry Kim
Mayor, County of Hawai'i

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Mayor



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March 19, 2018

The Honorable Representative John J. Mizuno, Chair
Committee on Health & Human Services
The State Senate
State Capitol, Room 329
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Mizuno:

SUBJECT: SB 1235, SD2 RELATING TO HEALTH
Hearing Date: Thursday, March 20, 2018
Time/Place of Hearing: 8:30 a.m., Conference Room 329

I am Darren J. Rosario, Fire Chief of the Hawai'i Fire Department of the County of Hawai'i (HCFD). The HCFD supports SB 1235, SD2, which proposes to appropriate funds to improve the health care services related to cardiac care at the Hilo Medical Center (HMC).

The HCFD is the Emergency Medical Services provider for the County of Hawai'i. The HCFD works collaboratively with HMC to improve the quality of life and health care services for our residents and visitors.

This funding will provide HMC with the tools to provide interventional cardiac care for East Hawaii admissions and possibly transfers from other area hospitals on Hawaii Island. The interventional procedure stops heart attacks in progress, thereby improving cardiac survivability and reducing mortality rates. HMC is ready to take on this challenge. HMC has already progressed to providing cardiac imaging equipment as well as the conversion of available space into a cardiology unit.

The HCFD urges your committees' passage of SB 1235, SD2 for the welfare of the residents and visitors of Hawai'i Island.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 932-2901 or darren.rosario@hawaiicounty.gov should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Darren".

DARREN J. ROSARIO
Fire Chief



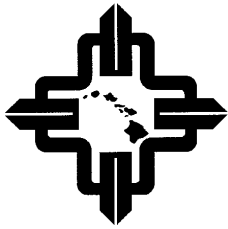
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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 3:10:29 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

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

Comments:



HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS
C O R P O R A T I O N

"Quality Healthcare For All"

House Committee on Health & Human Services

Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair

Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

March 20, 2018
Conference Room 329
8:30 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol

**Testimony Supporting Senate Bill 1235, S. D. 2 Relating to Health.
Appropriates funds to improve the health care services related to cardiac care at
Hilo Medical Center. (Proposed SD2).**

Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.
Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the Hawaii Health System Corporation (HHSC) Corporate Board of Directors, we are in **strong support** for SB 1235, S.D. 2.

This measure seeks assistance with start-up costs for Hilo Medical Center (HMC) to provide interventional cardiology services 24/7. As an emergency physician I can assure you that having this capability at HMC will be life saving for some and prevent disability for many more. That is because the treatment that will be available, intervention by a cardiologist to open a blocked blood vessel that is starving the heart of oxygen, can **stop** a heart attack as it is happening. With a team of trained personnel on-call 24/7 they can respond in minutes, in some cases even before the patient reaches the hospital, because ambulance paramedics can transmit abnormal EKGs to activate them.

Other therapies for heart attacks are available at HMC and transport to Oahu does occur, it's just that the therapy that stops the damage quickest is currently not available. Every minute literally counts in terms of survival or how the heart functions afterwards. Treated soon enough, the patient may return to normal function, treated incompletely or too late, means death or living with the disability of a damaged poorly functioning heart.

Seven different hospitals on Oahu provide this service. The access to life-saving cardiac interventions that Oahu residents enjoy can be cost-effectively delivered at larger neighbor island acute care hospitals. Maui Memorial Medical Center has successfully provided this service to their community and HMC can do so as well. They

have the population size, intensive hospital support services and basic infrastructure to successfully deliver emergency cardiac interventions. The Legislature's assistance with initial funds to build the program will allow HMC to provide this service to their community in a sustainable fashion in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 10:21:53 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Lisa Rantz | Hilo Medical Center Foundation | Support | No |

Comments:

Hilo Medical Center Foundation is in full support of SB1235. This bill will save lives on Hawaii Island! Interventional cardiology and access to cardiology services is critical for our rural community. Time is of the essence in cardiac care and having to fly to Oahu for services increases the chances of irreversible damage to the heart. We can do better and save money in the process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha,

Lisa Rantz

Executive Director

Hilo Medical Center Foundation

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

Rep. Della Au Belatti Rep. Andria P.L. Tupola
Rep. Lei R. Learnmont

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 20, 2018
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 329
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Testimony in Support of SB 1235 SD2

related to health that appropriates funds to improve the health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

(Name/Title) Terry Larson, Executive Assistant, East Hawai'i Regional Board

I would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to **support SB 1235 SD2** that appropriates funds to improve the health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

This funding gives our hospital the opportunity to provide interventional cardiac care for East Hawaii and potentially for all of Hawaii Island. This procedure stops heart attacks in progress and reduces long term cardiac disability. The American College of Cardiology recommends interventional cardiac care as a best practice for treating heart attacks in rural areas like Hawaii Island.

Hilo Medical Center is well positioned to provide interventional cardiac care as it already has available cardiac imaging equipment and software, as well as a cardiology clinic that has space for three cardiologists. The requested funding would provide for recruiting and employing additional interventional cardiologists, training for staff, and the purchase of medical equipment for the Cardiac Catheterization Lab and Intensive Care Unit.

This funding is essential for Hilo Medical Center to provide interventional cardiology for heart attack treatment that saves lives and improves the quality of life for cardiac patients.

Again, Mahalo for the opportunity to express my **support for SB 1235 SD2** to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

SB-1235-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 9:24:38 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Elena Cabatu | Hilo Medical Center | Support | Yes |

Comments:

Hilo Medical Center fully supports SB1235 that funds improvements for cardiac care on Hawaii Island.

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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Tracy S. Aruga, Safety Officer

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 10:41:09 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| YVETTE | Hilo Medical Center | Support | No |

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 12:21:19 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Nelson Nako | Hilo Medical Center | Support | No |

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 12:43:15 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Christine | HMC | Support | No |

Comments:

I support SB 1235 SD2. Many patients are not able to travel or afford going to an outer island for cardiac care, we should be able to provide the service on the Big Island. HMC is capable of providing the service.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 11:13:11 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jessanie Marques | Kau Rural Health Community Association, Inc. | Support | No |

Comments:

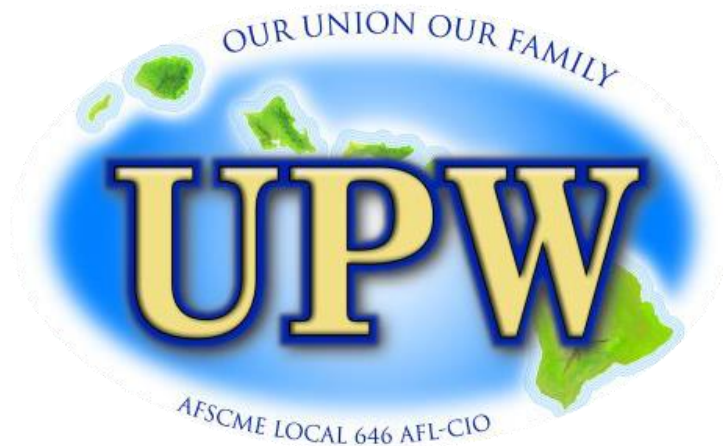
On behalf of Kau Rural Health Community Association, Inc. (KRHCAI) board of directors I'm submitting testimony in support of SB1235 SD2 that appropriates funds to improve the health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center. The district of Kau is located an hour to hour and half to the nearest acute care hospital, and has an approximate population of 5,800 scattered over 921 sq.miles.

Kau is medically underserved population / medically underserved area, and our community would greatly benefit from having a life saving cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center rather than being transported to Oahu. Access to life saving cardiac interventions in Hawaii County would not only be cost effective, it would provide families access to being with loved ones at a critical time. Please note that KRHCAI recognizes the greater impact on Hawaii County and supports SB 1235 SD2 for the entire population of Hawaii County.

Therefore, for the sake of individuals, families and our community KRHCAI strongly urges passage of SB 1235 SD2 to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

Sincerely,

Jessanie Marques, KRHCAI Executive Director



The Hawaii House of Representatives
The Twenty-Ninth Legislature
Regular Session of 2018

Committee on Health and Human Services
Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair
Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee

Date of Hearing: Tuesday March 20, 2018
Time of Hearing: 8:30 AM
Place of Hearing: Conference room 329
State Capitol

Testimony In Support of SB1235 SD2 (proposed) Relating to Health

By Dayton M. Nakanelua,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO. The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 12,000 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 the four counties.

The purpose of SB1235,SD2 is to appropriate funds to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to improve the health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center. Cardiac interventions are complicated procedures; Hilo Medical Center requires reliable and strong support to expand its offering of interventional cardiology for heart attack treatment. We appreciate the consideration of the Legislature.

The UPW **strongly supports** SB1235 SD2.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

SB-1235-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 9:25:29 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ross Wilson Jr. | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Your support and passage of this bill will save lives in East Hawaii.

Mahalo!

SB-1235-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 9:43:09 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Daniel H Belcher | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-1235-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 9:46:29 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jeanne Yagi | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

We count on your understanding and your active interest in and support of SB1235.

Mahalo.

SB-1235-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 10:06:56 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Douglas Rose MD, MBA | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to **support SB 1235 SD2** that would appropriate funds to improve the health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

This funding gives our hospital the opportunity to provide interventional cardiac care for East Hawaii and potentially for all of Hawaii Island. The American College of Cardiology recommends interventional cardiac care as a best practice for treating heart attacks in rural areas (i.e. Hawaii Island) as a means to stop heart attacks in progress and reduce long term cardiac disability.

Hilo Medical Center is well positioned to provide interventional cardiac care as it already has cardiac imaging equipment and software available, as well as a cardiology clinic that has the capacity for three cardiologists. The requested funding would provide for recruiting and employing additional interventional cardiologists, training for staff, and the purchase of medical equipment for the Cardiac Catheterization Lab and Intensive Care Unit.

This funding is essential for Hilo Medical Center to provide interventional cardiology for heart attack treatment that saves lives and improves the quality of life for these patients.

Thank you again for the opportunity to express my **support for SB 1235 SD2** to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

SB-1235-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 10:20:27 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Gordon Takaki | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I fully support SB1235 SD2.

The funding gives the Hilo Medical Center the opportunity to provide cardiac care for Hawaii Island. This medical procedure stops heart attack in progress and reduces long term cardiac disability. This is the best practice for treating heart attacks in rural community such as Hawaii Island.

Hilo Medical Center is well positioned to provide interventional cardiac care as it already has cardiac imaging equipment as well as a cardiology clinic that can accommodate up to 3 cardiologists. The funding would provide for recruiting and employing additional cardiologists, training of staff and the purchase of medical equipment for the Cardiac Catheterization Lab and Intensive Care Unit.

This funding is essential for Hilo Medical Center to provide interventional cardiology for heart attack treatment that saves lives and improves the quality of life for cardiac patients.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for SB1235 SD2 to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 11:04:53 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Edward Johnston | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 11:06:21 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| David S. De Luz, Jr. | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Testimony in Support of SB 1235 SD2 related to health that appropriates funds to improve the health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

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Again, mahalo for the opportunity to express my **support for SB 1235 SD2** to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

SB-1235-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 11:13:49 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| D Dalton | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Rep. John M. Mizuno, Chair

Rep. Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 20, 2018

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

Conference Room 329

PLACE: State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Testimony in Support of SB 1235 SD2

related to health that appropriates funds to improve the health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

I, Denise M. Dalton, CCRN, Charge Nurse, Intensive Care Unit, Hilo Medical Center, am in support of SB 1235 SD2.

I would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to **support SB 1235 SD2** that appropriates funds to improve the health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

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Again, mahalo for the opportunity to express my **support for SB 1235 SD2** to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

SB-1235-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 11:15:24 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jim Kauahikaua | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. The population of the Island of Hawai`i is greater than that of Maui who already has such a cardiac unit. Our island has just as much of a need for this critical level of cardiac care if not more. Make this bill happen.

SB-1235-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 11:16:42 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Richard Robbins | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB-1235-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 11:18:45 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| James McCully | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

SB 1235, SD2

Strong Support

House Committee Health & Human Services

Chair John Mizuno

Aloha Chair,

I write in support of improving vital cardiac care services for the Big Island through this appropriation. The core mission of Hilo Medical Center is to provide necessary services to the citizens of this island and nothing is more important than life saving procedures in response to cardiac and stroke events. These services must be provided on a timely basis and the time it takes to medivac patients from Kona or Hilo is time these patients don't have. Immediate intervention saves lives, please support SB1235, SD2.

Mahalo,

James McCully

SB-1235-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 11:30:26 AM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Judi Steinman | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Testimony in Support of SB 1235 SD2 related to health that appropriates funds to improve the health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

My name is Judi Steinman and I write today as a Hilo resident in support of SB 1235 SD2. This bil will appropriate funds to improve the health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

Our island is in desperate need of specialized healthcare but especially cardiac care.

Hilo Medical Center is well positioned to provide interventional cardiac care as it already has available cardiac imaging equipment and software, as well as a cardiology clinic that has space for three cardiologists. The requested funding would provide for recruiting and employing additional interventional cardiologists, training for staff, and the purchase of medical equipment for the Cardiac Catheterization Lab and Intensive Care Unit.

This funding is essential for Hilo Medical Center to provide interventional cardiology for heart attack treatment that saves lives and improves the quality of life for cardiac patients.

Again, mahalo for the opportunity to express my support for SB 1235 SD2 to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

SB-1235-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 12:03:32 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| James Tyrin | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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This funding is essential for Hilo Medical Center to provide interventional cardiology for heart attack treatment that saves lives and improves the quality of life for cardiac patients.

Someone I know works as a physician in Hilo Medical Center's emergency room. He has worked in many other hospitals throughout his career in other States and he has expressed to me many times how badly East Hawaii (and all of Hawaii Island) needs the ability to provide interventional cardiac care.

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Submitted on: 3/19/2018 12:33:58 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Ronald Smith | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I urge the legislature to respect the people of Hawai'i Island by supporting their health by improving access to quality health care. Thanks, Ron Smith

SB-1235-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 12:36:07 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Carol A. VanCamp | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

IT IS CRITICAL THAT THIS BILL PASSES SO WE CAN HELP SAVE THE LIVES OF CARDIAC PATIENTS IN OUR BIG ISLAND COMMUNITIES!

SB-1235-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 12:47:43 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Victoria Andrews | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I strongly support this bill to help to improve health care on Hawai'i Island!

SB-1235-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 12:48:35 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Joe Garlich | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Testimony in Support of SB 1235 SD2 to appropriate funds to improve the cardiac related health care services at Hilo Medical Center.

Name: Joseph Garlich, PhD

Title: Chief Scientific Officer, SignalRx Pharmaceuticals Inc.

I support this funding as it gives our local hospital the opportunity to provide much needed interventional cardiac care for East Hawaii. This procedure stops heart attacks in progress and reduces long term cardiac disability. Long term cardiac disability creates a huge financial strain on individuals and the health care system. Moreover, interventional cardiac care is the best practice for treating heart attacks in rural areas like Hawaii Island.

This funding appropriated by SB1235-SD2 is essential for Hilo Medical Center to provide interventional cardiology for heart attack treatment which will save lives and will improve the quality of life for cardiac patients. As my wife and I age the presence of such services here proximal to Volcano where I live is required to keep us living here. Without such services we may need to move to the mainland in the near future.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my **support for SB 1235 SD2** to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

Date: March 19, 2018

To: The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
The Honorable Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair
Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services

Re: **Strong Support of SB1235 SD2, Relating to Health**

Hrg: March 20, 2018 at 8:30 AM at Conference Room 329

Respected Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services,

As a member of the East Hawai'i community and a licensed health professional, **I am writing in strong support of SB1235 SD2** that appropriates funds to improve the health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

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I strongly support SB1235 SD2 to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center and respectfully ask you to pass this out of committee.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Forrest Batz, PharmD
Keaau, HI

SB-1235-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/19/2018 1:53:30 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

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| Erick Cremer | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Our rural community needs cardiology services.

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| Lisa Rantz | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Julie Tulang | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

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| Dan Domizio | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Hilo Medical Center is THE referral center for most of Hawaii Island yet it lacks the resources at this time to provide definitive cardiac care. Most seriously compromised cardiac patients must be transferred to O'ahu at a life threatening cost of precious hours not to mention many thousands of dollars. Placing the appropriate equipment at HMC will pay for itself in both saved lives and money in a very short period of time.

Please pass this legislation and begin to realize the benefits to the community and to the state and county budgets.

Thank you for this opportunity to support SB1235 SD2,

Dan Domizio

Pahoa, Hawaii.

SB-1235-SD-2

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Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

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| JULIE CALLAHAN | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Please support heart health for the Hawaii County community. Mahalo.

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Testimony for HHS on 3/20/2018 8:30:00 AM

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| Roberta Messenheimer | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I am a 73 year old woman with husband, a dog, a cat and a home in the Puna District of the Big Island.

In 2015, I awoke during the night with the symptoms of a heart attack. My husband took me to Emergency Department at Hilo Medical Center, where I was immediately attended to and it was confirmed after a short time that I had, indeed, had a heart attack. Hilo Medical Center was not equipped to undertake the care that I needed to survive the attack and I needed to be sent to O'ahu by medevac plane. While my husband could have gone with me, we could not let him do that as we'd left our home and our animals unattended and my husband wasn't prepared to spend the night on another island, let alone get around O'ahu. It was unconscionable that I had to go to another island by myself with a life-threatening event, yet what about my family and my home? I awoke the next morning having had the treatment that I needed to help me survive, but there was no husband, no family, no friends to come to see me, or to help me understand what it was that the doctors and nurses were telling me. I was helpless. It was the worst time of my life, and I should not have had to go through that stress.

Hilo Medical Center should be able to care for people with heart attacks without having to wrench them from their family and friends and drop them in the middle of an island where they know no one and have no personal support. The good news was that, while my husband was on the way to the airport, having arranged for someone to stay with our pets and home, I found out I could be released the next day. Even then, though, I was put into a cab, which drove me to the hospital and dropped me off at the airport. I had to arrange for a wheel chair and getting through the airport by myself - 48 hours after I'd had a heart attack.

Fund Hilo Medical Center's program to provide the appropriate care for heart attack patients.

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| Leslie Hilles | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Please pass this bill, as cardiac care depends on timely action, and having resources so far away makes that difficult. Our population in Puna is growing, and it will be crucial to have full cardiac care close at hand. Thank you.

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| Mary Ann Blanchard | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

The Big Island is in great need of medical facilities. Many people have to fly outer island to get the best care. Let's make this available to all of us.

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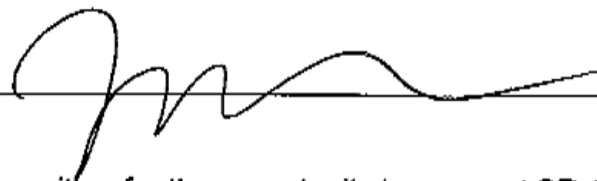
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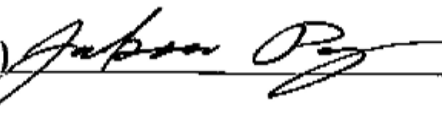
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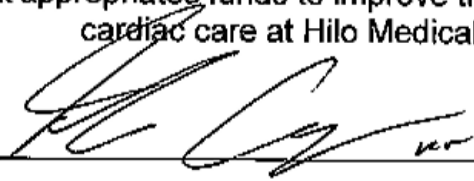
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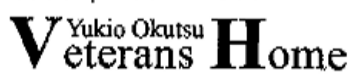
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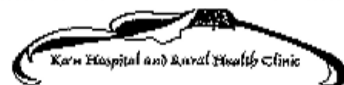
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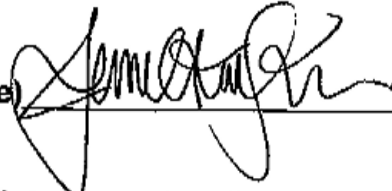

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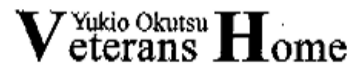
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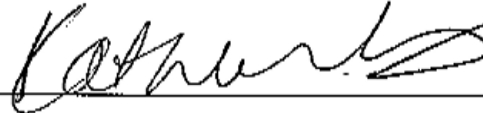
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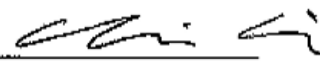
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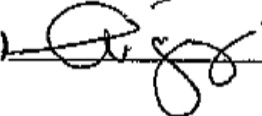
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