

# SB1308

Measure Title: RELATING TO WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Report Title: Wahiawa General Hospital; Operation and Staff; General Obligation Bonds; Audit; Department of Health; Appropriation (\$)

Description: Appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa general hospital. Authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for financing capital improvement projects for Wahiawa general hospital. Appropriates funds to the department of health to perform a financial and performance audit of Wahiawa general hospital.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH, WAM

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION  
AND HEALTH  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 1308

**February 8, 2017**  
**9:00 a.m.**  
**Room 229**

RELATING TO WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL

Senate Bill No. 1308 proposes to provide general funds to subsidize operations and capital improvement projects of the Wahiawa General Hospital, under certain conditions and upon negotiation with the Director of Health.

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) defers to the Department of Health regarding their position on this measure. However, B&F requests the legislature's consideration in providing clear guidelines codified in law about their intent for ongoing subsidies to a private entity. Without clear guidelines, such subsidies could become an ongoing commitment within the state budget that will be competing with equally important state programs funded by general revenues.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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Testimony to the House Committee on Health  
Wednesday, February 7, 2017  
State Capitol, Conf. Room 229

RE: TO WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee:

On behalf of the North Shore Chamber of Commerce, I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

First, I would like to thank each and every legislator and the State of Hawaii for saving Wahiawa General Hospital last year. Without the quick response of the legislature, Wahiawa General Hospital may not be in operation today. Thank you for listening to your community. Thank you for keeping the doors of Wahiawa General Hospital open.

Funding is requested for the next two years as bridge funding to enable the hospital to transition to a sustainable business model. Additionally, this will keep alive opportunities of services and jobs at Koa Ridge. Please consider keeping parts of acute care services available as it will affect patient care outcomes.

Wahiawa General Hospital is an essential medical facility in Central and North Shore Oahu. It is the only facility that provides emergency medical services in a vast geographical area extending from Mililani to Wahiawa, Waialua, Sunset, and Kahuku. This area encompasses nearly one-third of the entire Island of Oahu.

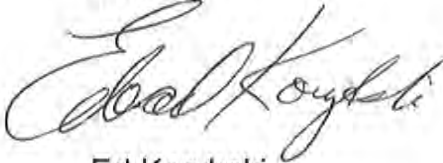
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For a person living in Waialua or Sunset or Kahuku, the distance would be 20 miles instead of the 8 miles it takes to go to Wahiawa General Hospital. In a case of a critical accident or sickness, the extra miles it takes to get a person to an emergency room might be the difference between life and death.

Furthermore, Wahiawa General Hospital is one of the largest employers in Central Oahu, providing 518 jobs with approximately 90% of its workers residing in the surrounding areas. Most of the employees are members of the ILWU, UPW, and HNA unions. These are very good-paying, professional jobs. The closure of Wahiawa General Hospital would be devastating to entire families as heads of households will need to seek reemployment while keeping up payments for their mortgages, putting food on the table, and doing all they can to make life "normal" for their children and families.

It is vital that Wahiawa General Hospital remain operational. For these reasons, I SUPPORT this bill and respectfully urge you to pass it.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ed Korybski".

Ed Korybski  
Executive Director  
NorthShore Chamber of Commerce



Wahiawa General Hospital

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RE: TO WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee:

My name is Doug DeGraaf and I serve as the Chief Executive Officer of Wahiawa General Hospital. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operational and capital needs related to medical services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

First, thank you for listening to your constituents with regards to Wahiawa General Hospital during last year's session. Today, I am here to describe how the bridge funding requested in SB 1308 can sustain essential safety-net health services to our patients and the communities we serve.

Funding is requested for the next two years as bridge funding to enable the hospital to transition to a sustainable business model. Additionally, this will keep alive opportunities of services and jobs at Koa Ridge. Please consider keeping parts of acute care services available as it will affect patient care outcomes.

Wahiawa General has undergone a change in management, leading to the development of a turnaround plan aimed at stabilizing the hospital's financial performance. This plan is key to sustaining services and protecting jobs. The plan has the support of the Board, management team, employees, civic leaders and unions.

Bridge funding will allow operational and capital cost to be addressed promptly. Operationally, the cost of uncompensated care and securing primary care services are challenges. Our capital needs are basic roof, HVAC, and diagnostic equipment upgrades. All these needs represent elements of our mission to provide safe, accessible and affordable care.

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It is vital that Wahiawa General Hospital remain available 24 hours per day/7 days a week to render medical care.

For these reasons, I SUPPORT this bill and respectfully urge you to pass it.

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**SB1308**

Submitted on: 2/6/2017

Testimony for CPH on Feb 8, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 229

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniel Nellis	Dole Food Co. Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: Dole Food Co. Hawaii supports SB1308 and the State of Hawaii's continued efforts to provide financial support to Wahiawa General Hospital. We depend on the emergency room services available at WGH and the alternative hospitals are too far from our work location in Wahiawa and Waiialua. Thank You. Sincerely, Daniel Nellis General Manager Dole Hawaii

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RE: TO WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee:

My name is “Phil” Augustus Acosta and I am the Executive Director of ALEA Bridge, a non-profit organization focused on community outreach and revitalization in the Central Oahu and North Shore communities. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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It is vital that Wahiawa General Hospital remain operational. For these reasons, I SUPPORT this bill and respectfully urge you to pass it.

Mahalo,  
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Signature

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Date



February 7, 2017

Senator Rosalyn Baker  
Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

SB1308: Relating to Wahiawa General Hospital

### LETTER IN SUPPORT

Dear Senator Baker and Committee Members:

I am writing to express the support of Hawaii Emergency Physicians Associated for SB1308. Our physicians have been providing emergency care at Wahiawa for more than 40 years and are proud of our place in the Wahiawa community. The services that our team in the emergency department and our colleagues throughout the hospital provide are essential to Central Oahu, the North Shore, and the health care system in Hawaii.

It cannot be overstated how important the location of Wahiawa General Hospital is in terms of providing emergency care. Over the decades, our emergency department has saved many lives that might have otherwise been lost if transport had been continued to other facilities. I, myself, have delivered babies that otherwise would have been born with much greater risk in an ambulance. I have removed a foreign body from an airway of a child who would have suffocated had our emergency department not been available in Central Oahu.

As important is the inpatient capacity that Wahiawa General Hospital provides to the area and to the health care system as a whole in Hawaii. The WGH ED averages 65 visits daily. The inpatient census average more than 20 patients, including ICU patients. In 2014, the American College of Emergency Physicians reviewed Hawaii's emergency care environment. Of particular note were the relatively low number of emergency departments, low numbers of staffed inpatient beds, high inpatient occupancy rate, the lowest number of ICU beds per capita, and second lowest bed surge capacity. These challenges led to F grades for access to care and disaster preparedness. We cannot afford to lose the facilities we currently have.

We remain committed to Wahiawa General Hospital and the Wahiawa community and ask that the legislature commit to Wahiawa as well. Provide funding so that Wahiawa General Hospital may transition to a sustainable business model for the good of all Hawaii. Support SB1308.

Sincerely,

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Hawaii Emergency Physicians Associated



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The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
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February 8, 2017; 9:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 229

**SB1308 Relating to Wahiawa General Hospital**

Good morning, Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara and members of the Committee on Health.

Lanakila Pacific supports **SB1308**. Lack of funding for Wahiawa General Hospital will create a vacuum of care that would be devastating. It would leave hundreds of people not only in Wahiawa but in surrounding areas from North Shore to Mililani without quick access to emergency services. The time difference between dispatching from Wahiawa General Hospital versus the next closest hospital in Ewa or Aiea could literally become an issue of life and death for patients.

Additionally, Wahiawa General Hospital is the largest private employer in Wahiawa, creating and maintaining a workforce of approximately 518 employees. About 90% of its employees live within Wahiawa, or its surrounding North and West communities. Wahiawa General Hospital is not only vital to the town itself in terms of public health and welfare but absolutely necessary to its residents economically.

Lanakila Pacific is a 78-year old Hawaii-based non-profit organization, whose mission is to build independence for challenged lives. Our Teaching and Learning Centers (TLC) teach over 110 adults with disabilities how to become more independent in both Wahiawa and Honolulu. Our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program serves kupuna by providing Home Delivered Meals, as well as senior lifestyle and wellness activities at our Kupuna Wellness Centers, throughout the island, including Wahiawa. Lanakila Pacific participants, including those in our Wahiawa programs, have a variety of disabilities and health needs that could be compromised should they be required to travel a great distance for emergency medical care.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the intent of this measure.

Respectfully submitted,

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### Testimony to the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Wednesday, February 8 at 9:00 a.m. State Capitol, Conf. Room 229

**RE: SENATE BILL NO. 1308, RELATING TO WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL**

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Marcus Oshiro, and I am the Representative of the 46<sup>th</sup> District of the State of Hawaii (Wahiawa, Whitmore Village, Launani Valley). I am testifying in support of Senate Bill 1308.

I write in favor of an appropriation out of the State of Hawaii's general revenues in order to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital (WGH).

In order to explain why this appropriation is needed, I wish to review the recent history of WGH in the context of developments in the delivery of health care in Hawaii.

#### **I. THE PROBLEM**

Over the past nine years, WGH has experienced severe financial difficulties due to a convergence of circumstances that were beyond its control:

- (1) **The opening of Queen's Medical Center West in May 2014 resulted in declines of \$7.5 million in 2015.** When the Hawaii Medical Center West Campus (St. Francis Ewa) closed in 2012, WGH experienced nearly double the cases for emergency inpatient care. Its tiny emergency room, which was accustomed to approximately 10,000 cases per year, treated over 20,000 that year as patients who would have been transported to St. Francis Ewa were brought to WGH. To meet this increase in demand, WGH hired more staff and expanded its emergency room facilities. However, when Queen's Medical Center reopened the former St. Francis Ewa facility in May 2014, WGH experienced a patient revenue drop of approximately 20% per month for the first six months of Fiscal Year 2015.



Overall, the revenue decline was about \$5.3 million for the six-month period through December 2014, reaching a total of about \$7.5 million for that fiscal year.

- (2) **Declines in Medicare/Medicaid and private insurance reimbursements have precipitated losses of over \$3 million per year for the past three years.** Over 85% of WGH patients are covered under Medicare or Medicaid. With only 14% of admissions being private insurance patients, there are far too few who are available to offset the losses experienced from the Medicare and Medicaid patients.
- (3) **The shortage of private care physicians on Oahu forced WGH to spend \$1.7 million per year to acquire specialized inpatient Hospitalists and On-Call Surgeons to treat patients.** WGH serves a community having a higher shortage of doctors than Hawaii island, Molokai, and most of Maui. In 2012, the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration designated Wahiawa as a Medical Underserved Population. In 2013, the Wahiawa community was granted a Medical Underserved Population Governor's Exceptional Designation (HSPA). Research shows that the Wahiawa census tract has a population-to-provider FTE ratio of 5,900:1. The bottom range, adjusted, for HPSA may be as low as 3,000:1. Because 95% of inpatient admissions are through emergency services, WGH has experienced higher costs in attracting and retaining qualified physicians.
- (4) **New Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) policies have increased WGH costs and cut payments.** Under the Affordable Care Act, HMSA increased WGH's employee health insurance costs by over \$1 million per year. In addition, HMSA has recently begun to aggressively deny reimbursement for inpatient and outpatient services, further reducing patient reimbursements.
- (5) **Indigent care for the homeless and poor have gone up.** By law, WGH is required to admit patients for emergency care regardless of the patient's ability to pay. As the homeless population surrounding Wahiawa grew, the number of indigent care cases have also grown. Without any reimbursement available for these cases, costs for care have been absorbed by WGH.

Despite taking the steps of reducing staff by approximately 75 full-time equivalent positions, eliminating the long-running Family Practice Residency Teaching Program, and ultimately cutting more than \$9 million from the annual budget, WGH is currently facing its worst financial crisis in its long and storied history. The margin is so slim that a sudden influx of one or two more high-cost indigent care cases could impact the payment of receivables, salary, and other commitments for the patients and staff.

## **II. THE IMPACT**

If WGH does not obtain assistance from the State, it will be forced to further eliminate programs and services, reduce hours of operation, and close its doors. This would significantly jeopardize the health, welfare, and safety for people living in Central and North Shore Oahu. Here are some facts:

- (1) WGH is the only facility that provides emergency medical services in a vast geographical area extending from Mililani to Wahiawa, Waialua, Sunset, and Kahuku – an area encompassing nearly one-third of the entire island of Oahu.
- (2) If WGH was to close, the nearest emergency room for a person living in Wahiawa would be either Pali Momi near Pearlridge, or Queen’s Medical Center West – both of which are approximately 13 miles away.
- (3) For a person living in Mokuleia or Sunset or Kahuku, the distance would be 40 miles, or double the distance it currently takes to go to WGH.

WGH is also one of the largest private employers in Central Oahu providing over 500 good-paying jobs. More than 90% of WGH’s employees live in our communities of Mililani, Wahiawa, and the North Shore with most of the full-time employees being members of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, the United Public Workers, and the Hawaii Nurses Association. The closure of WGH would be devastating to entire families as heads of households would need to seek reemployment while keeping up payments for the rent, mortgage, putting food on the table, and doing all they can to make life “normal” for their children and families.

## **III. COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

Community support for WGH is wide and deep. Most impressive has been the strong support over a short period of time. For example, when the word got out that the House Committee on Health would schedule a public hearing on House Concurrent Resolution No. 118 and House Resolution No. 73, REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR AND THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO PROVIDE IMMEDIATE AND EMERGENT FINANCIAL ASSISTNCE TO WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL, the communities of Central and North Shore Oahu rallied and submitted over 7,000 written testimonies in support of these resolutions.

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In addition to individuals, various labor organizations such as the ILWU Local 142, the Hawaii Nurses Association, UPW AFSCME Local 646, the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, the Hawaii Laborers-Employers Corporation and Education Trust, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local Union 1260, OPEIU Local 50, and the Hawaii State AFL-CIO all testified in support of public funding for WGH.

Likewise did the Hawaii State Department of Health, the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, the Office of the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, the Chairman of the Honolulu City Council, the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, the Wahiawa-Whitmore Village Neighborhood Board No. 26, the North Shore Chamber of Commerce, Lanakila Pacific, the Hawaii Academy of Family Physicians, the Hawaii Academy College of Emergency Physicians, the Wahiawa Community and Business Association, the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the Wahiawa Center for Community Health, American Medical Response, Pacific Resource Partnership, Wahiawa Community Based Development Organization, and ALEA Bridge.

Also, noteworthy was supportive testimony from former Senate President Robert Bunda, former Councilmember Rene Mansho, former Representative Marilyn Lee, and Neighborhood Board Members Kathleen M. Pahinui, Lei Learmont, Roberts Leinau, Jake Ng, and Jeannie Ishikawa.

**IV. PLIGHT OF HOSPITALS IN RURAL COMMUNITIES**

The recent financial problems at Wahiawa General Hospital show how vulnerable rural communities are. The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) manages most of the publicly-run hospitals in the State. Most of HHSC's facilities are on the neighbor islands in rural communities.

Since 2000, HHSC requested emergency appropriations totaling over \$70.3 million to cover budget shortfalls caused by declining Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements, increases in indigent care and bad debt, and greater employee costs attributed to the Affordable Care Act and a severe physician shortage. The distribution of these appropriations is as follows:

**Table 1. Emergency Appropriations for Hilo Medical Center**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AMOUNT FUNDED</b>
Act 30, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008	\$7,528,000
Act 67, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009	\$7,000,000
Act 79, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014	\$4,103,000
Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015	\$3,001,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$21,632,000</b>

**Table 2. Emergency Appropriations for Kau Hospital**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT FUNDED</u>
Act 30, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008	\$6,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>

**Table 3. Emergency Appropriations for Kona Community Hospital**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT FUNDED</u>
Act 30, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008	\$5,072,000
Act 67, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009	\$3,700,000
Act 79, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014	\$1,730,000
Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015	\$2,746,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$13,248,000</b>

**Table 4. Emergency Appropriations for Kohala Hospital**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT FUNDED</u>
Act 30, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008	\$81,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$81,000</b>

**Table 5. Emergency Appropriations for Maui Memorial Medical Center**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT FUNDED</u>
Act 79, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014	\$5,000,000
Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015	\$5,801,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,801,000</b>

**Table 6. Emergency Appropriations for Kula Hospital**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT FUNDED</u>
Act 79, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014	\$263,000
Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015	\$774,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,037,000</b>

**Table 7. Emergency Appropriations for Lanai Community Hospital**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNTS FUNDED</u>
Act 30, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008	\$464,000
Act 79, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014	\$220,000
Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015	\$267,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$951,000</b>

**Table 8. Emergency Appropriations for Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNTS FUNDED</u>
Act 67, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009	\$3,300,000
Act 4, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2013	\$6,800,000
Act 79, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014	\$2,338,000
Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015	\$433,440
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$12,871,440</b>

**Table 9. Emergency Appropriations for Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNTS FUNDED</u>
Act 30, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008	\$203,000
Act 4, Special Session Laws of Hawaii 2013	\$500,000
Act 79, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014	\$460,000
Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015	\$168,560
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,331,560</b>

**Table 10. Emergency Appropriations for Leahi Hospital**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNTS FUNDED</u>
Act 30, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008	\$189,000
Act 79, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014	\$600,000
Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015	\$1,300,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$2,089,000</b>

**Table 11. Emergency Appropriations for Maluhia**

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNTS FUNDED</u>
Act 30, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008	\$457,000
Act 79, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014	\$286,000
Act 51, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015	\$509,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$1,252,000</b>

In the cases of Kona Community Hospital and Maui Memorial Medical Center, both hospitals announced that without the immediate infusion of cash, operations would have to cease. Because of public uproar and the realization by lawmakers that large geographic areas would no longer be served, the State took drastic steps to keep these hospitals running.

For Kona Community Hospital, more than \$13 million was provided over a seven-year period to stabilize its finances.

For Maui Memorial Medical Center, not only did the State appropriate more than \$10 million over a two-year period, it also changed laws in 2015 to allow a private entity, Kaiser Permanente, to manage the hospital.

Many of the problems that Kona Community Hospital and Maui Memorial Medical Center experienced are the same that Wahiawa General Hospital faces today. And as was the case for Kona Community Hospital and Maui Memorial Medical Center, if the State does not provide the emergency “bridge” financing for Wahiawa General, the hospital may close within a short period of time.

**V. ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OF HAWAII**

WGH desperately needs assistance from the State to help it adjust to the requirements of the Affordable Care Act, integrate with the centralized services of a larger health care system, and restructure its clinical services as necessary.

“Bridge” financial assistance from the State would provide WGH with positive cash flows and financial stability while it transitions to a new business model. Without such assistance, WGH will run out of cash and not be able to meet its payroll demands. Furthermore, because of its current financial position, WGH cannot access the debt market to meet its needs.

WGH seeks financial assistance from the State in the amount of about \$3 million per year for a two-year period for a total request of around \$6 million. This would give WGH two years to formalize a partnership with an affiliated network, restructure its operations and services, and develop additional revenue streams.

Without this assistance, programs and services will continue to be reduced and hospital hours may have to be cut back. Similarly, employees may have to be laid off and key employees may leave for more secure jobs elsewhere – even to off-island locations. At this point, WGH may quickly enter a “death spiral” and eventually have to seek bankruptcy protection to discharge debt obligations to protect its remaining assets.

Accordingly, on behalf of my constituents of the 46<sup>th</sup> District of the State of Hawaii (Wahiawa, Whitmore Village, Launani Valley), and the more than 100,000 residents of the geographical region – Mililani, Wahiawa, Waialua, Sunset, and Kahuku - serviced by Wahiawa General Hospital, I respectfully ask that you pass this bill making an appropriation to support operations at the Wahiawa General Hospital.

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Wednesday, February 7, 2017  
State Capitol, Conf. Room 229

RE: TO WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee:

My name is Ms. Evan Canio and I reside at 94-469 Alapine Street, Waipahu, HI 96797. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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RE: TO WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee:

My name is Michelle Ogata and I am a resident of Mililani. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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Respectfully,

  
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Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee:

My name is Jack Kampfer and I am a long-time resident of Wahiawa. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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## Car wash to save hospital raises far more than money

The line of cars stretched down Center Street, around the corner to Lehua Street and back into the main parking lot of Wahiawa General Hospital. People were waiting 30 minutes or longer to have their car washed, and they looked happy to do it.

Herman's Car Wash, the wildly optimistic fundraiser organized by Herman Killi to raise money to

save Wahiawa General Hospital, was about as grass-roots, we-the-people, it-takes-a-village as anything ever gets.

One woman showed up first thing Saturday morning and told the volunteers she had driven all the way from Kaneohe to bring her \$10 and have her car washed. A little old lady showed up with a hundred dollars in cash but said her car was already clean. The

pickup trucks and older-model Fords and lots of Toyotas. The people doing the washing were hospital nurses and Lellehua sports teams and just regular neighbors from the community.

The hospital cafeteria had planned to make between 30 and 50 sandwiches to feed volunteers. By midmorning they had cranked out 150 sandwiches for everyone who came to help.

Both Kirk Caldwell and Charles Djou showed up, sensing the critical mass of real people, the kinds of folks who make their way to the polls on Election Day.

"I told them, 'Hey, you go support Herman first,

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**Herman Killi, who organized the car wash and inspired a community to help save the aging Wahiawa General Hospital, poses with hospital facilities manager Leigh Cruz.**

This is me, Herman Killi. I am in strong support of SB1308. I am trying to raise money to save the hospital but need some help. Please support and pass SB1308 we really need a hospital in Wahiawa! Thank you very much for your time.

## CAR WASH

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and then you can shake hands," one volunteer said, chuckling. She watched them. They both donated to the cause.

Hospital CEO Don Olden did the math in his head. He figured they were washing five cars every six minutes. That meant between 36 and 40 cars an hour. At \$10 a car, he expected to collect between \$1,200 and \$1,500 over the three hours, plus an equal amount in donations from people who gave a little extra.

Hospital Facilities Manager Leigh Cruz came to work even though she was on vacation. She put splitters on the hospital's outside spigots so that each could supply two water hoses. Her phone rang in her pocket: It was the hospital reception desk asking whether there were any more car wash presale tickets. "Nope. All 300 sold out



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**Members of Lellehua High School sports teams volunteered to help dry cars Saturday at Herman's Car Wash at Wahiawa General Hospital.**

already," Cruz said. "Tell them they can just get in line and pay when they get up here."

Cruz surveyed the washing and drying operation, decided all was well and headed into the hospital with a huge plastic jar. "I'm gonna go pass this around inside to the employees," Cruz said. "Lots of people said they wanted to be part of this but they had to work."

When the car wash was over, organizers counted

what they had gathered. It totaled more than \$7,000.

Which is quite impressive for a \$10 car wash, but not even a nick in the kind of money the hospital needs.

Of course, \$6 million was never the goal. If you're looking for that kind of money, you lobby government officials, shake down big corporations, tell rich philanthropists you'll put their name on a plaque. No, this was about putting control back into the hands of the people who need and love the hospital, and making the effort more tangible than a GoFundMe account.

Herman looked at all the wet, soapy, smiling people who had believed in his vision. He beamed. "We'll have a meeting next week to plan the next one," he said.

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My name is Susan Stevens. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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RE: WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee:

My name is Dr. Shelly L. McComas and I am a resident of Haleiwa, Hawaii. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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Sincerely,

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RE: TO WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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My name is Andrea Matsunaga and I am a resident of Mililani. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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Comments: Wahiawa General Hospital has been a life saving facility for thousands of residents residing in the Central, North Shore, Waipahu and Kahuku communities. To not have Wahiawa General Hospital stay open, I fear for the thousands of residents in the communities listed above. This hospital has been the GEM of Central Oahu for decades and we are proud to serve residents with the up most quality of care!!! Aloha and thank you

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RE: TO WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee:

My name is Pamela Gallagher and I serve as the Chief Financial Officer of Wahiawa General Hospital. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operational and capital needs related to medical services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

I am part of the team from Community Hospital Corp (CHC) that has contracted with Wahiawa General Hospital (WGH) to provide management services for three years. A comprehensive assessment was completed before the decision was made to engage with WGH to create and execute a plan for financial sustainability. A detailed action plan that illustrates the financial feasibility of at least break even financial operations within three years was approved by the board of WGH.

Operations will be streamlined and modified to ensure economic viability. Funding is requested to address issues outside of the financial sustainability action plan. Capital funds are needed for building and system repairs, primarily roof repairs, HVAC, and equipment upgrades that have not been addressed. Short term operational funds are necessary to support the action plan as improvements are implemented.

WGH provides emergency services to over 20,000 patients per year from surrounding areas. WGH also provides limited acute care services for those patients who do not need to be transferred to a higher level of care from the emergency department, often observation patients. Acute care patients often include transfers from the 107 bed long term care facility, ensuring quality, accessible care for difficult to place patients.

The economic welfare of Wahiawa is firmly rooted in the presence of the over 500 employees and 300 patient visits per day to WGH. Senate Bill 1308 and the resulting funding would be an investment in the long term financial viability of Wahiawa General Hospital and the surrounding communities it serves.

I respectfully ask for your support of Senate Bill 1308.

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My name is Deann N. Nishikawa and I am a resident of Waikele. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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Jari S.K. Sugano	Individual	Support	No

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Lee Lewis	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testimony in the support of the Wahiawa General Hospital by Lee Lewis on behalf of himself and his business Cherry Lee Ona LLC, 1777 Eames Street, Wahiawa, HI 96786, (808) 200-8108 I am a relatively new transplant to Wahiawa Heights. I arrived on the island of Oahu in January, 2016, it took me eight months to find a place to settle. I searched for a place with the following criteria... I desired to live on the outskirts of a small town that was an easy drive from Honolulu so I could enjoy the benefits of a small town while still being able to access the convinces of a large city when I chose... Wahiawa was it, The criteria for the small town was that it had adequate grocery store(s), parks and places for recreation, places to worship, restaurants, banks and sufficient health care facilities. The Wahiawa General Hospital was up front and center in every visit to the community because of its location and continually full parking lots, I didn't suspect the hospital's life was in peril. It would be an unfortunate occurrence should the hospital close. Hospitals in small towns are part of the intricate social fabric of its inhabitants. They along side small businesses locally owned and operated are the cornerstones of such communities as Wahiawa. It is of my opinion that persons living in Wahiawa would rather support a hometown hospital than be transported elsewhere for their medical requirements. It is also of my opinion to remain a growing, vibrant community a local hospital is a necessity. Persons searching for places to live or start a business would view a hometown hospital as a plus in favor of settling in that community. Conversely, a small town with a big vacant parking lot and empty building that obviously was once a hospital is a detriment when recruiting new residents and businesses. Bottom line, it would be very unfortunate if Wahiawa was to see Wahiawa General Hospital close its doors. Sincerely, Lee Lewis

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thomas Forney	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I live in waialua and I support this bill to help support Wahiawa Hospital

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SUSAN KARR	Individual	Support	No

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Gerilyn Higa	Individual	Support	No

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JAIME S MALASIG JR	Individual	Support	No

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MELISSA	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Tracy Kealaula	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have been working at WGH for over 15 yrs and also live in the community. WE NEED TO KEEP WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL ALIVE FOR THE PEOPLE.

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Tammy Kohrer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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clifford wong	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It would be cheaper for keep it private than absorbing it into the public health system or routing the patient's into town. WGH support a very poor population and doesn't have the support of private insurance patient's to keep it afloat as the town hospitals do.

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Martha Peterson  
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RE: Wahiawa General Hospital

I am submitting testimony in support of Senate Bill 1308 which appropriates funds for the operation of Wahiawa General Hospital.

We need Wahiawa General Hospital in Wahiawa. It serves Central Oahu and the North Shore from Mokuleia to Kahuku. In getting petition signers, many of our residents said it would be difficult taking and visiting patients in other hospitals. Our hospital provides all the basic services and, to cut costs, have had to eliminate OB and Home Health, and probably others.

Medicare and Medicaid does not fully reimburse and many of our patients are of this category. I would hate to have Medical/Surgery units cut back.

Wahiawa General Hospital should receive the same consideration as neighbor island hospitals. We are a small, non-profit functioning hospital proudly serving our residents.

Thank you for the appropriation last year, it was much appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Martha Peterson

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RE: TO WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL.

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee:

My name is Simon Carabec and I am a resident of Kapolei. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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My name is Cely Acosta and I am a resident of Waipahu am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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My name is Mila Madrid and I am a resident of Waipahu am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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My name is Rosemarie R. Guerrero and I am a resident of 99-060 Kauhale St 1006 Aiea 96701. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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RE: TO WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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My name is Renee Shim and I am a resident of Waipahu. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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My name is Jud Stearns and I am a resident of Aiea. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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My name is Susan Cain de Rambor and I am a resident of Kapolei. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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RE: TO WAHIAWA GENERAL HOSPITAL.

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My name is Tina Rapozo and I am a resident of Wahiawa. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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My name is Sean McQuinn and I am a resident of Kaneohe. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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My name is Elijah Rasco and I am a resident of Ewa Beach. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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My name is Dale Reyes and I am a resident of Wahiawa. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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Chair Baker, Vice Chair Nishihara, and members of Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee:

My name is TERRI LEONE and I am a resident of Honolulu. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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My name is Michael Komeya and I am a resident of Liliha. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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My name is Shinita Moore and I am a resident of Pearl City, HI. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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My name is Alyssa Kana and I am a resident of Mililani. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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My name is Regina Kanolo and I am a resident of #155-2. I am submitting written testimony in SUPPORT of Senate Bill 1308, which appropriates funds to support basic operations, staff salaries and benefits, and continued hospitalist physician services at Wahiawa General Hospital.

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