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March 1, 2017

To: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair,  
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair, and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Date: Wednesday, March 1, 2017  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Place: Conference Room 211, State Capitol

From: Linda Chu Takayama, Director  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: S.B. No. 141 SD1 Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment**

**I. OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

SB141 SD1 proposes to continue to allow the John A. Burns School of Medicine to receive a portion of the physician workforce assessment fee to support physician workforce assessment and planning for the strategic recruitment and retention of physicians for rural and medically underserved areas of the state.

The Department supports this bill provided its passage does not replace or adversely affect priorities identified in the Governor's Executive Budget request.

**II. CURRENT LAW**

Act 166 (SLH, 2015) established the Hawaii Healthcare Workforce Advisory Board (codified as §371-19.2) to advise the DLIR on strategies for developing the healthcare industry workforce. The Advisory Board was an outgrowth of Healthcare Skill Panels\* convened in 2010 among 150 healthcare professionals and educators to identify skill shortages and recommend strategies to reduce or avoid the shortages.

Advisory Board members include DLIR as Chair and representatives from the Department of Health, University of Hawaii, Community College, Center on Nursing, and health professionals

### **III. COMMENTS ON THE SENATE BILL**

The Department supports this bill provided its passage does not replace or adversely affect priorities identified in the Governor's Executive Budget request. Having accurate and up-to-date data is essential for determining specific areas of physician shortages and for developing effective workforce strategies that protect the well-being of Hawaii's communities.

\*<http://labor.hawaii.gov/wdc/files/2013/01/Healthcare2020Report.pdf>



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
March 1, 2017 at 9:30 a.m.

By

Jerris Hedges, MD, Dean

and

Kelley Withy, MD, Professor, Department of Complementary and Integrative Medicine  
Hawai'i/Pacific Basin Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Director

John A. Burns School of Medicine

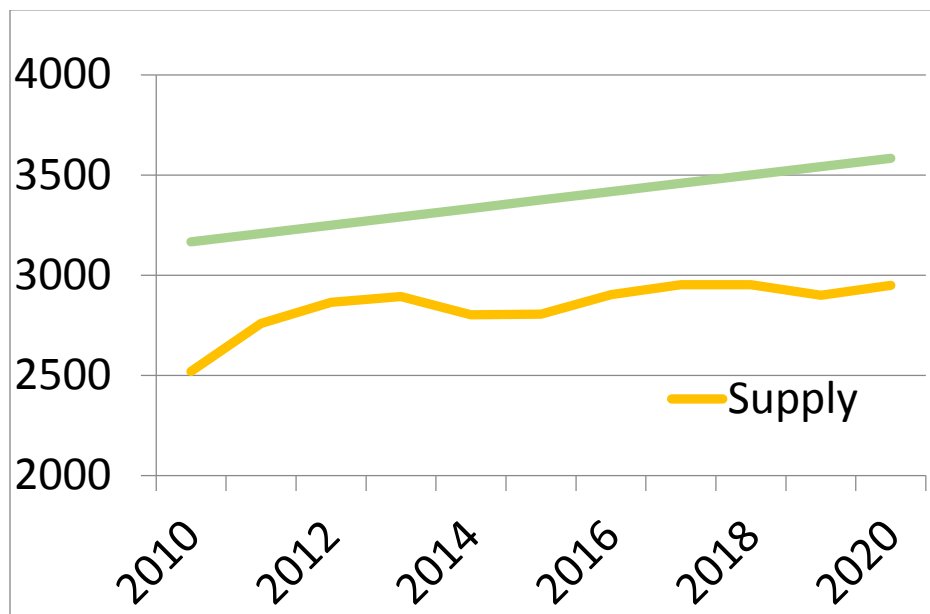
University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

### SB 141 SD1 – RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of SB 141 SD1, which permits continuation of the Hawai'i Physician Workforce Assessment program that supports research of the supply and demand of physicians in Hawai'i, as well as interventions to recruit physicians and increase career satisfaction of practicing physicians. Currently the program is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2017.

Hawai'i has a shortage of over 500 doctors, which has improved from a shortage of 600 in 2015. The pattern of physician supply and demand is outlined in the graph below.



Activities that have been undertaken with the funds paid by the physicians upon relicensure include:

Continuing Medical Education for over 4,000 person-hours a year in the form of an

1. An annual Hawai'i Health Workforce Summit for 500 providers to learn about changes in healthcare, avoidance of burn out, new advances in rural health, geriatrics and electronic health records;
2. Project ECHO, weekly telehealth sessions addressing endocrinology/diabetes, behavioral health, and geriatrics (monthly).

Recruitment of new physicians to Hawai'i: physicians have found employment in Hawai'i based on job advertisements at [www.ahec.hawaii.edu](http://www.ahec.hawaii.edu) where all open positions in the state are advertised and collaboration with Hawai'i Physician Recruiters group.

Support for activities to recruit students into health careers such as those at [www.ahec.hawaii.edu](http://www.ahec.hawaii.edu).

Support for state efforts to get expanded federal designations of Health Professions Shortage Areas.

Support for 13 physicians to receive loan repayment for working in underserved areas.

Support for the Hawai'i Ho'okipa Program, a welcoming program for newly arriving providers to get them integrated into the community where they work.

Support training for medical students in rural areas.

Creation of a Rural Health Coordinator at University of Hawai'i that will work with all health students working in rural areas to increase opportunities and track impact of the rural training programs.

Medical malpractice reform (2013).

Although JABSOM has increased its class size over the past several years to the current 70 students per class, we must undertake other means of addressing the healthcare shortage. The activities listed above have been effective in bringing more physicians to Hawai'i as well as situating them in underserved areas.

Continuation of the Physician Workforce Assessment program will cost the physicians of Hawai'i \$60 every other year and will allow for continuation of the above activities as well as capacity to act rapidly when new ideas for solving the physician shortage are identified. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

**PRESENTATION OF THE  
HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON  
WAYS AND MEANS

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2017

Wednesday, March 1, 2017  
9:30 a.m.

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

**TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 141, S.D. 1, RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE  
ASSESSMENT.**

TO THE HONORABLE JILL N. TOKUDA, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

The Hawaii Medical Board (“**Board**”) thanks you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on Senate Bill No. 141, S.D. 1, Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment. Senate Bill No. 141, S.D. 1 proposes to continue to allow the John A. Burns School of Medicine (“**JABSOM**”) to continue to receive a portion of the physician workforce assessment fee to support physician workforce assessment and planning to effect the strategic recruitment and retention of physicians for rural and medically underserved areas of the State until June 30, 2022. The Board respectfully requests that the assessment fee be repealed by June 30, 2017.

While the Board understands the importance of the physician workforce assessment and planning to effect the strategic recruitment and retention of physicians for rural and medically underserved areas of the State, the Board provided the following comments regarding the data presented:

- **Quality of data:** JABSOM uses a distinct methodology which is currently being used by very few states. JABSOM collects data through a survey based process, therefore deeply limiting any comparisons. For example, The Dartmouth Atlas of Health Care and the Association of American Medical Colleges used methodologies to examine all states, and have concluded

findings contrary to JABSOM's study. Based on information presented by both organizations, Hawaii patients' access to care is at the national average, and in some cases better than the national average. The Board did recognize that there is a mal-distribution of specialists throughout the State; however, Hawaii has more physicians per 100,000 residents than many other states.

- **Access to care:** The primary issue should be access to care and the breakdown of access to care. Access to care is the focus of national health policy, and should be determined by how quickly a patient is able to see a physician and the distance which the patient must travel to see that physician. The Board noted that this has not been used as an outcome measure in any of the data presented by JABSOM.

Lastly, if it is the intent of the Committee to move this measure forward, the Board recommends that any monies collected through the physician workforce assessment be used towards increasing medical class sizes at JABSOM and increasing graduate medical education class sizes in the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on Senate Bill No. 141, S.D. 1, Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment.

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**SB141**

Submitted on: 2/27/2017

Testimony for WAM on Mar 1, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 211

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elena Cabatu	East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation	Support	No

Comments: Please accept our testimony in support of SB141 on behalf of the East Hawaii Region, consisting of Hilo Medical Center, Hale Ho'ola Hamakua in Honoka`a, Kau Hospital and our 9 specialty clinics.

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It is clear that my community has a shortage of physicians, as well as nurse practitioners, physician assistants, physical therapists and many other healthcare providers. Continuing the physician workforce assessment will help in these ways:

- Providing Continuing Medical Education for me.
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*E Ola nō Lāna‘i*

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- Support for the Hawai`i Ho`okipa Program, a welcoming program for newly arriving providers to get them integrated into the community where they work.
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Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Sincerely,

Erica Davis  
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**March 1, 2017; 9:30 am**  
Conference Room 211

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

To: Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair  
Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

From: Michael Robinson  
Vice President – Government Relations & Community Affairs

**Re: SB 141, SD1 – Testimony in Support**

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My name is Michael Robinson, Vice President, Government Relations and Community Affairs at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system, and the state's largest health care provider and non-governmental employer. Hawai'i Pacific Health is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four hospitals, more than 50 outpatient clinics and service sites, and over 1,600 affiliated physicians. Hawai'i Pacific Health's hospitals are Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

I am writing in **strong support** of SB 141, HD1 which repeals the sunset date of June 30, 2017 and enables the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) to continue its efforts of reducing the physical shortage through research of supply and demand, as well as continuing its programs to recruit physicians to Hawaii and increase career satisfaction of practicing physicians.

Hawaii has a shortage of over 500 doctors. The shortage is most acute for those on the neighbor islands and in rural, underserved communities. Without the continued commitment to address the physician shortage, the people of Hawaii will not have access to the healthcare they need. Through the physician workforce assessment JABSOM will be able to implement programs and interventions, such as loan repayment to physicians, recruitment, education and training, to help to bring more doctors to Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this bill.

Testimony of  
Jonathan Ching  
Government Relations Specialist

Before:  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

March 1, 2017  
9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 211

**Re: SB141 SD1 Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment**

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz, and committee members, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on SB141 SD1, which will allow the John A. Burns School of Medicine to continue to receive a portion of the physician workforce assessment fee to support the physician workforce assessment and planning to effect the strategic recruitment and retention of physicians for rural and medically underserved areas of the State.

**Kaiser Permanente Hawaii SUPPORTS SB141 SD1.**

We support efforts to recruit and retain physicians in rural, remote, and underserved areas of our State. Prior to the Hawai'i Physician Workforce Assessment's inception in 2009, there was a lack of accurate baseline data on Hawai'i's physician workforce and their distribution throughout the state. The Hawai'i Physician Workforce Assessment Project has provided the Legislature and members of the public with the most accurate data and analysis on the status of Hawai'i's physician workforce, as well as development of interventions to improve distribution of the physician workforce in Hawai'i.

Kaiser Permanente Hawaii recognizes the importance of the work by the Hawai'i Physician Workforce Assessment Project in finding tangible solutions to the physician workforce shortage to address the ongoing need for a strong physician workforce.

Therefore, we urge the committee to pass SB141 SD1. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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## THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

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To: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Ways and Means

From:  Paula Yoshioka, Senior Vice President, The Queen's Health Systems

Date: February 27, 2017

Hrg: Senate Committee on Ways and Means Decision Making; Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 9:30am in Room 211

**Re: Support for SB 141, SD1, Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment**

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My name is Paula Yoshioka and I am a Senior Vice President at The Queen's Health Systems (QHS). We would like to express our **support** for SB 141, SD1, Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment. The Hawaii Physician Workforce Assessment Program supports research of the supply and demand of physicians in Hawaii, as well as interventions to recruit physicians and to increase career satisfaction of practicing physicians. Currently the program is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2017. This bill moves the sunset date out to 2022 and allows this important program to continue.

At QHS, we support efforts to develop our current and future physician workforce given the projected shortage of physicians in our state. In FY 2015 we spent \$14.4 million in education and training to support current and future health care professionals in the community. Currently, Hawaii has a shortage of over 500 physicians, particularly in rural and underserved areas. This Program allows the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) to be able to collect and analyze data on the physician workforce to help with education, recruitment, training, and further support programs to ensure that those physicians who wish to stay and practice in Hawaii have the resources to do so.

We ask you to support the continuation of the Hawaii Physician Workforce Assessment Program. Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

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To: The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Ways and Means

From: Gerard Akaka, MD, Vice President, The Queen's Health Systems

Date: February 27, 2017

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**Re: Support for SB 141, SD1, Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment**

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My name is Gerard Akaka, MD, and I am the Vice President of Native Hawaiian Affairs & Clinical Support at The Queen's Health Systems (QHS). I would like to express my **support** for SB 141, SD1, Relating to Physician Workforce Assessment. The Hawaii Physician Workforce Assessment Program supports research of the supply and demand of physicians in Hawaii, as well as interventions to recruit physicians and to increase career satisfaction of practicing physicians. Currently the program is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2017. This bill moves the sunset date out to 2022 and allows this important program to continue.

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**FROM:**

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Dr. Chris Flanders, Executive Director

Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

**TO:**

**SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

**DATE:** Wednesday, March 1, 2017

**TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Conference Room 211  
State Capitol

**SB 141 SD1**

Position: Support

On behalf of the physician and medical student members of the Hawaii Medical Association, we are in support of continuing the Physician Workforce Assessment for five more years. The Physician Workforce Assessment has been conducted for six years, demonstrating a continued downward trend in the physician workforce. In spite of this, the state has yet to develop a comprehensive, effective strategy to counteract this problem. The results of this study must be used as a springboard for a comprehensive rural medicine design.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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# HAWAI'I ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

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This program has done multiple things for the physician population and HAFP wants it to continue:

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Kelley Withy, MD, PhD, President HAFP

The Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017

THE SENATE

Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Chair

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 211

Wednesday, March 1, 2017; 9:30 a.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 141 SD 1  
RELATING TO LOAN REPAYMENT FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS**

The ILWU Local 142 supports S.B. 141 SD 1, which allows the John A. Burns School of Medicine to continue to receive a portion of the physician workforce assessment fee for ongoing physician workforce assessment and planning to support the recruitment of retention of physicians in the State, particularly those in rural and underserved areas.

The current shortage of doctors is a national problem today, and this shortage has affected essentially all of the states, including Hawaii. In fact we have had recent assessments made of the doctors' and other health care professionals' shortage in Hawaii, which reflects an acute situation approaching a crisis. This is particularly true for the neighbor islands and other rural areas that are currently underserved.

For example, this has affected injured workers, under the workers' compensation system preventing them from accessing any medical treatment. When there is a delay in providing medical treatment usually this leads to greater permanent impairment, which does not help any of the parties.

Given the limited number of doctors providing care on Kauai, there is currently no psychiatrist or psychologist who is willing to treat workers who sustain industrial injuries. This prevents injured workers, suffering from injuries involving behavioral health, to access medical care on Kauai.

We need to be able to effectively address the shortage of doctors throughout the State. This will help all residents in Hawaii have access to quality medical care. S.B. 141 SD 1 is an important tool to achieve this critical long term goal.

The ILWU urges passage of S.B. 141 SD 1. Thank you for the opportunity to share our views and concerns on this matter.

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Lisa Rantz	Hilo Medical Center Foundation	Support	No

Comments:

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By

Carolyn Ma, PharmD.

SB 141 - Relating to Physicians Workforce Assessment

Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the committee:

I am writing to offer **support** of SB 141.

With the shortage of healthcare providers in Hawaii, this is one of the best methods of encouraging providers to work in the areas in need of healthcare providers.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

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James McCully	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Chair Tokuda and Vice Chair DelaCruz I write in strong support for this program to continue. It serves a vital need, ensuring that the recruitment and retention of physicians for our rural areas remains a priority. Mahalo Jim McCully

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Wednesday March 1, 2017  
Room 211

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Re: SB 141 SD1 - RELATING TO PHYSICIAN WORKFORCE ASSESSMENT

From: Forrest Batz, PharmD  
Kea'au, HI

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify, mahalo for your consideration.

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*Robert DeCito*



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There are a number of reasons to maintain this program, but the most compelling is this: The organization that publishes the most widely used physician workforce data at the national and state level is the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC), a fine organization. But the primary data source for its biennial physician supply report is The American Medical Association (AMA) Physician Masterfile. This data has been carefully scrutinized by impartial researchers, who published their findings in peer reviewed journals. In short, they found AMA Masterfile data inaccurate and misleading.

Planning our healthcare delivery system has far-reaching implications for virtually everyone in the state. And starting with proven inaccurate data is nonsensical, particularly when SB141 maintains a source of good provider workforce data at no cost to the taxpayer.

I urge you to maintain the flow of accurate physician and other provider workforce data by passing SB141.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Quinn Ng, PhD

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## Testimony in Support of HB141

Hawaii has a shortage of over 500 doctors, as well as all other primary care and behavioral health providers. Without these providers, the people of Hawaii will not have ready access to the healthcare they need. The need is most acute on the neighbor islands and in remote regions.

The fastest and most cost effective way of recruiting providers to areas of need is by paying back their loans in return for continuous service to that area. SB141 would supply funding to recruit, train and retain physicians. . As a medical provider taking care of patients in a rural environment, this bill is near and dear to my heart.

My name is (Heather) Hokulani Porter and I am a FNP working out in Wai'anāe Coast Comprehensive Health Center. I am part-Hawaiian and born and raised on the West Coast.

My FNP back ground trained me well enough to support our physicians and help take the burden off their load. My position as a FNP in our Nanakuli satellite health center paired me up with a FP doctor. I was able to take care of the majority of his health promotion visits (PAPS, EPSDTs) as well as same day acute visits (sick visits, maintenance of HTN and DMII meds and follow up labs). Which gave him time on his schedule to see patients in dire need of his care (ie f/u hospital discharge patients post-stroke, patients with valve disorders needing Coumadin therapy and monitoring of labs, seizure patients, kidney and heart failure patients, the list goes on.) However, with the shortage of doctors we have, NPs have been expected to see and care for sicker and sicker patients with multiple co-morbidities and provide care that we were not trained to provide. We do our best to take care of our patients, however, we are often left feeling as if the patient did not get the comprehensive care a physician's training would provide.

Not only will this bill support the physician shortage, but also the amazing training I have had the opportunity to receive through ECHO. This fantastic community of providers meet on a weekly basis to discuss a variety of condition and offer their expert help and advice. This has been extremely helpful for me especially and has allowed me a few resources to help those complicated patients that I mentioned I must provide care for because of our physician shortage. The training also offers FREE CME hours, which if very hard to come by. Obtaining CME is vital for all care providers to maintain their medical licensure.

Recently, my work schedule as changed and I can no longer partake in ECHO. I certainly miss the teaching community that helped me be a better provider. I am also very thankful for the AHEC website that put me in contact with many resources – most important how to apply and qualify for the SLRP for which I am a recipient.

Please support SB141 and help rural patients to get the quality care they deserve. Help us to be able to safely provide evidenced based care through the use of ECHO learning community. Finally, help us recruit needed health care providers to our rural areas and entice them to stay by providing them with a variety of resources that this bill would help to fund.

Mahalo for your time and attention to this matter. Please pass **SB41!!**

Hokulani Porter RN, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, CNSBH

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Christina K.K. Adams, MD



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As a current medical student from Hawaii Island, I have experienced the shortage of many healthcare providers firsthand. Continuing the physician workforce assessment will help in these ways:

Providing Continuing Medical Education for physicians.

Recruiting new providers on the website [www.ahec.hawaii.edu](http://www.ahec.hawaii.edu).

Creating the Health Career Navigator and supporting activities to recruit students into health careers such as those at [www.ahec.hawaii.edu](http://www.ahec.hawaii.edu).

Support for state efforts to get expanded federal designations of Health Professions Shortage Areas.

Support for 13 physicians to receive loan repayment for working in underserved areas.

Support for the Hawai`i Ho`okipa Program, a welcoming program for newly arriving providers to get them integrated into the community where they work.

Support training for medical students in rural areas. As a student in the Rural Health program at JABSOM, I am very fortunate to have the opportunity to see rural health in Waimea, Hawaii. What better way to learn about rural health than to experience it firsthand?

Creation of a Rural Health Coordinator at University of Hawai`i that will work with all health students working in rural areas to increase opportunities and track impact of the rural training programs.

Continuation of the Physician Workforce Assessment program will cost the physicians of Hawai`i \$60 every other year and will allow for continuation of the above activities as well as capacity to act rapidly when new ideas for solving the physician shortage are identified.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify,  
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