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Elena Cabatu	Testifying for East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation	Support	No

Comments:

Please accept this late testimony in support of SB1410 SD1 on behalf of the East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, consisting of Ka`u Hospital, Hilo Medical Center, and Hale Ho`ola Hamakua in Honoka`a.

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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Dear Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee members:

Re: SB 1410, SD1 RELATING TO EMERGENCY SERVICES (Ka'u Hospital)

Ka'u Hospital is a small rural facility serving a very large geographic area. Although the traditional population centers of Pahala and Naalehu are fairly stable, the number of residents in Ocean View has grown enormously, and so has traffic (and the potential for traffic-related injuries). While Ocean View can be serviced by either Ka'u Hospital or Kona Community Hospital, the need for emergency care in Ka'u is clear.

I know you have limited resources and unlimited priorities. I must defer to you as to whether SB 1410 can "make the cut," but hopefully it will be seen as a small investment of funds with life-saving rewards.

Respectfully submitted,