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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 813 SD2
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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Room Number: 329

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Sufficient appropriations are required to assure optimal public health, and
2 in particular, for addressing community mental health issues and environmental management.
3 The Executive Biennium Budget (FB 19-21) for the Department of Health (DOH) provides for
4 38.2 new general funded FTE and \$13.6 M in additional general funded resources in FY20; and
5 168.2 general funded FTE and \$20M in additional general funded resources in FY21. As part of
6 our special fund request, the department is requesting 14 new special funded FTE and an
7 increase in special fund ceiling of \$1.5M in FY20 and FY21 for improved food
8 safety. Departmental requests and prioritization are based on the Department’s core public
9 health strategies.

10 **Department Testimony:**

11 The Department of Health supports the Governor’s Executive Budget Request, as follows:

Fiscal Year 2020				
Act 53/18 Appropriation	Reductions	Additions	Total FY20	MOF
\$ 490,367,659.00	\$ (7,207,300.00)	\$24,251,995.00	\$ 507,412,354.00	A
\$ 203,699,060.00		\$ 1,484,483.00	\$ 205,183,543.00	B
\$ 87,478,064.00		\$41,949,009.00	\$ 129,427,073.00	N
\$ 53,891,894.00	\$ (4,045,915.00)	\$19,012,081.00	\$ 68,858,060.00	P
\$ 4,417,031.00		\$ 608,395.00	\$ 5,025,426.00	U
\$ 211,594,712.00		\$ 370,533.00	\$ 211,965,245.00	W

\$ 1,051,448,420.00	\$ (11,253,215.00)	\$87,676,496.00	\$ 1,127,871,701.00	Total
Fiscal Year 2021				
Act 53/18 Appropriation	Reductions	Additions	Total FY21	MOF
\$ 490,367,659.00	\$ (7,207,300.00)	\$31,070,088.00	\$ 514,230,447.00	A
\$ 203,699,060.00		\$ 2,765,344.00	\$ 206,464,404.00	B
\$ 87,478,064.00	\$ (5,552,632.00)		\$ 81,925,432.00	N
\$ 53,891,894.00	\$ (4,993,161.00)		\$ 48,898,733.00	P
\$ 4,417,031.00		\$ 612,173.00	\$ 5,029,204.00	U
\$ 211,594,712.00		\$ 370,533.00	\$ 211,965,245.00	W
\$ 1,051,448,420.00	\$ (17,753,093.00)	\$34,818,138.00	\$ 1,068,513,465.00	Total

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2 Please see Attachment A which is a copy of Tables 3 and 15 of the briefing materials as a
 3 summary of the Department of Health’s requested budget appropriations broken down by
 4 Program ID. The Department recognizes that SB813 SD2 includes certain budget request
 5 priorities above base budget, but wanted to include the entire Governor’s Executive Budget
 6 Request in testimony to ensure that all Programs’ base budget plus additional budget adjustments
 7 were not missed.

8 The department requests the Legislature’s attention for the following priorities.

9 **New Appropriations Requests**

10 Health Resources Administration

11 Emergency Medical Services – Collective Bargaining Request (included in GM #6)

- 12 • The EMSIPSB FY 2020 and FY 2021 budget request included \$11,872,596 (FY 20) and
 13 \$15,040,191 (FY 21) for a mandatory union collective bargaining increase.

14 Emergency Medical Services – Recurring Other Expenses for services providers contracted to
 15 provide pre-hospital emergency medical service

- 1 • The EMSIPSB FY 2020 and FY 2021 budget request included \$2,381,815 (FY 20) and
2 \$3,642,807 (FY 21) for other current expenses cost increases. (included in GM#6)
- 3 • The request includes, but is not limited to, costs for subcontracts, drugs/medication,
4 insurance, rental of space, meals, uniforms, fuel, repair and maintenance, staff training,
5 telecommunications service and equipment, utilities, indirect/administrative overhead,
6 equipment, and motor vehicles.

7 Medical Cannabis

- 8 • As required by Act 159, SLH 2018, the Department is currently engaged in a re-
9 organization process to integrate the Medical Cannabis Registry and the Medical
10 Cannabis Dispensary Programs into the new Office of Medical Cannabis Control and
11 Regulation to be managed directly under HTH595 Deputy Director of Health Resources
12 Administration.

13 Family Health Services – Replace Funding for Family Planning Program (Title X)

- 14 • Proposed changes at the federal level restricts Hawaii’s comprehensive approach by
15 limiting family planning services offered to women. This request will institutionalize the
16 Hawaii Family Planning Program and solidify comprehensive family planning options for
17 Hawaii’s men and women regardless of changes in the political environment.

18 Environmental Health Administration

- 19 • Environmental Management Division - Positions and funding for enforcement of non-
20 point source water pollution regulations
 - 21 ○ The six positions will begin implementing Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §342E,
22 Nonpoint Source Pollution Management and Control. HRS §342E was passed in
23 1993 and DOH has not implemented the law to date.
 - 24 ○ DOH has not implemented HRS §180C-4, Erosion and Sediment Control, which
25 was passed in 1974.

- 1 ○ Under article XI, §1 of the Hawaii state constitution, DOH has a constitutional
2 mandate under the public trust doctrine to regulate nonpoint source pollution.
- 3 ○ The federal Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA) §6217
4 require DOH and the Department of Business, Economic Development &
5 Tourism (DBEDT) to develop and implement a Coastal Nonpoint Pollution
6 Control Program.
- 7 • Sanitation Branch - Positions and funding for sanitarians and funds for improved food
8 safety
 - 9 ○ To enable the Sanitation Branch to maintain the current inspection frequency and
10 workload to keep up with National Standards.
 - 11 ○ Hawaii is a tourist destination and those visiting, as well as residents, expect that
12 food being served in restaurants and other food service establishments is safe and
13 wholesome.
 - 14 ○ The promulgation and implementation of Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter
15 11-50 and placarding in July 2014 has dramatically reduced the risk of food-
16 related illness.
 - 17 ○ With the positions requested, we will be moving towards staffing levels that will
18 reduce the occurrence of food illness risk by nearly 50%.

19 General Administration

20 Office of Health Status Monitoring (OHSM) - Re-engineer the Vital Statistics System

- 21 • The Office of Health Status Monitoring (OHSM) is responsible for registering all vital
22 events occurring in the State of Hawaii, which includes the registering and licensing of
23 over 50,000 vital events and approximately 80,000 requests resulting in over 300,000
24 certified copies annually.
- 25 • The Vital Statistics System (VSS) was developed over 20 years ago and is not
26 supportable with today's technology and security features. The replacement of the VSS

1 is to address security aspects of the system, improve customer service and efficiency to
2 register and issue certified copies of Birth, Marriage and Death.

3 Office of Policy, Planning, and Program Development (OPPPD) - Add Funds for Telehealth
4 Pilot Project

- 5 • Telehealth is one of three strategic priorities documented in DOH's strategic plan.
- 6 • This request is the third and last for the current DOH strategic planning cycle. The first
7 pilot is in southwest Hawaii, was requested through the Governor's budget. The second
8 is split between Wahiawa and (most likely) east Hawaii, and was a stand-alone bill
9 offered by the WAM Chair. The third is to be statewide in part to fill pilot gaps in Maui
10 and Kauai. DOH believes it is important to seed pilots in all counties in the interest of
11 fairness and to learn from the unique circumstances of each county.

12 Behavioral Health Administration

13 Hawaii State Hospital Forensic Building – Positions and Funding

- 14 • A new forensic building is being constructed at Hawaii State Hospital and slated to open
15 spring 2021.
- 16 • The opening of two additional units is projected to occur during Fiscal Year 2023. To
17 ensure quality patient care, additional direct care staff are needed to run these additional
18 units.

19 Developmental Disabilities Division – Increase State match for Medicaid Intellectual and
20 Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) Home and Community Based Services Waiver

- 21 • DDD requests an increase of \$7,702,000 in state funding (which will be used to match
22 \$8,902,000 in federal funds) in fiscal year 2020 and an increase of \$5,814,000 in state
23 funding (which will be used to match \$6,582,000 in federal funds) in fiscal year 2021.
- 24 • This funding will allow DDD to complete implementation of provider rate changes and
25 other improvements to the I/DD Waiver program. Changes to provider payment rates and

1 other waiver policies ensures that the State will be in continued compliance with federal
2 requirements (with the federal government paying for more than half of the cost) and that
3 State residents with I/DD have access to quality services.

4 Capital Improvement Projects

5 Hawaii State Hospital – Maintenance and Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment (FFE) for new
6 forensic facility

- 7 • In FY20, \$1,920,000 is needed to replace chillers in Bldg Q. Assessment by consultant to
8 determine the air handlers that must be replaced immediately throughout the rest of the
9 campus.
- 10 • In FY20, \$6,525,000 is needed to purchase of furniture, fixtures and equipment for the
11 new facility. FF&E must be provided prior to the opening of the new facility.
- 12 • In FY21, \$8,997,000 is needed for Hawaii State Hospital Anti-Ligature and Other
13 Improvements.

14 **Offered Amendments:** N/A

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Department of Health
Program ID Totals

Table 3

Prog ID	Program Title	MOF	As budgeted in Act 53/18 (FY19)			Governor's Submittal (FY20)				Governor's Submittal (FY21)			
			Pos (P)	Pos (T)	\$\$\$	Pos (P)	Pos (T)	\$\$\$	Percent Change of \$\$\$\$	Pos (P)	Pos (T)	\$\$\$	Percent Change of \$\$\$\$
HTH100	Communicable Disease & Public Hth	A	242.87	2.30	\$ 27,625,184	239.87	3.00	\$ 29,194,357	5.7%	239.87	3.00	\$ 29,292,576	6.0%
	Nursing	B	1.00	6.00	\$ 726,850	-	-	\$ 13,343	-98.2%	-	-	\$ 13,343	-98.2%
		N	-	15.00	\$ 8,648,246	-	21.00	\$ 8,723,375	0.9%	-	21.00	\$ 8,723,375	0.9%
		P	14.00	25.50	\$ 5,373,696	14.00	25.50	\$ 9,607,365	78.8%	14.00	25.50	\$ 5,607,365	4.3%
		U	-	1.00	\$ 178,291	3.00	1.00	\$ 759,649	326.1%	3.00	1.00	\$ 759,649	326.1%
HTH131	Disease Outbreak Control	A	22.60	-	\$ 1,922,731	22.60	-	\$ 1,947,434	1.3%	22.60	-	\$ 1,947,434	1.3%
		N	31.40	38.00	\$ 11,215,072	23.40	10.00	\$ 18,887,619	68.4%	23.40	10.00	\$ 3,778,582	-66.3%
		P	-	32.50	\$ 4,895,488	-	31.50	\$ 15,587,403	218.4%	-	31.50	\$ 5,141,093	5.0%
HTH420	Adult Mental Hth - Outpatient	A	195.00	150.50	\$ 61,703,356	230.00	115.50	\$ 62,719,100	1.6%	230.00	115.50	\$ 62,726,126	1.7%
		B	-	-	\$ 11,610,000	-	-	\$ 11,610,000	0.0%	-	-	\$ 11,610,000	0.0%
		N	-	5.00	\$ 1,467,581	-	1.00	\$ 2,333,370	59.0%	-	1.00	\$ 2,333,370	59.0%
HTH430	Adult Mental Hth - Inpatient	A	638.00	27.00	\$ 74,630,197	650.50	27.00	\$ 77,946,272	4.4%	777.50	27.00	\$ 87,140,174	16.8%
HTH440	Alcohol & Drug Abuse Division	A	28.00	1.00	\$ 20,149,764	29.00	-	\$ 20,246,936	0.5%	29.00	-	\$ 20,246,936	0.5%
		B	-	-	\$ 750,000	-	-	\$ 750,000	0.0%	-	-	\$ 750,000	0.0%
		N	-	-	\$ 8,535,892	-	-	\$ 8,857,980	3.8%	-	-	\$ 8,857,980	3.8%
		P	-	8.50	\$ 5,806,914	-	7.50	\$ 5,019,276	-13.6%	-	7.50	\$ 6,570,543	13.2%
HTH460	Child & Adolescent Mental Hth	A	158.00	25.00	\$ 43,364,539	170.00	13.00	\$ 44,020,134	1.5%	170.00	13.00	\$ 44,020,134	1.5%
		B	17.00	6.00	\$ 15,093,233	17.00	6.00	\$ 15,133,262	0.3%	17.00	6.00	\$ 15,133,262	0.3%
		N	-	5.00	\$ 1,039,108	-	5.00	\$ 2,329,630	124.2%	-	5.00	\$ 2,339,630	125.2%
		P	-	8.50	\$ 2,318,223	-	8.50	\$ 2,318,223	0.0%	-	-	\$ -	-100.0%
		U	-	2.00	\$ 2,281,992	-	2.00	\$ 2,281,992	0.0%	-	2.00	\$ 2,281,992	0.0%
HTH495	Behavioral Hth Admin	A	45.50	50.50	\$ 6,730,409	45.50	50.50	\$ 6,997,306	4.0%	45.50	50.50	\$ 6,997,306	4.0%
		P	-	1.00	\$ 137,363	-	1.00	\$ 137,363	0.0%	-	1.00	\$ 137,363	0.0%
HTH501	Developmental Disabilities	A	213.75	5.00	\$ 83,368,937	215.75	3.00	\$ 91,875,295	10.2%	215.75	3.00	\$ 89,989,491	7.9%
		B	3.00	-	\$ 1,053,448	3.00	-	\$ 1,063,165	0.9%	3.00	-	\$ 1,063,165	0.9%
HTH520	Disability & Comm Access Board	A	11.00	-	\$ 1,020,915	11.50	-	\$ 1,048,420	2.7%	11.50	-	\$ 1,048,420	2.7%
		B	8.00	-	\$ 966,656	8.00	-	\$ 1,043,264	7.9%	8.00	-	\$ 1,043,264	7.9%
		U	2.00	-	\$ 286,003	2.00	-	\$ 292,599	2.3%	2.00	-	\$ 292,600	2.3%
HTH560	Family Health Services	A	107.00	2.50	\$ 31,362,698	115.00	2.50	\$ 34,800,648	11.0%	115.00	2.50	\$ 34,784,520	10.9%
		B	13.00	3.00	\$ 18,310,272	15.00	2.00	\$ 18,439,145	0.7%	15.00	2.00	\$ 18,439,145	0.7%
		N	119.50	14.30	\$ 38,992,602	111.50	11.30	\$ 37,058,582	-5.0%	111.50	11.30	\$ 36,458,582	-6.5%
		P	8.00	19.20	\$ 14,856,705	12.00	11.70	\$ 13,117,887	-11.7%	12.00	11.70	\$ 12,417,887	-16.4%
		U	-	-	\$ 203,441	-	-	\$ 203,441	0.0%	-	-	\$ 203,441	0.0%
HTH590	Chronic Disease Prevention & Hth	A	39.50	6.00	\$ 7,344,766	41.50	4.00	\$ 7,200,372	-2.0%	41.50	4.00	\$ 7,207,848	-1.9%
	Promotion	B	-	-	\$ 48,656,356	-	-	\$ 48,656,356	0.0%	-	-	\$ 48,656,356	0.0%
		P	10.50	24.50	\$ 7,846,023	10.50	24.50	\$ 7,387,677	-5.8%	10.50	24.50	\$ 7,164,769	-8.7%
		U	-	-	\$ 1,000,000	-	-	\$ 1,000,000	0.0%	-	-	\$ 1,000,000	0.0%
HTH595	Health Resources Admin	A	2.00	-	\$ 203,309	6.00	1.00	\$ 522,505	157.0%	6.00	1.00	\$ 522,505	157.0%
		B	-	-	\$ -	7.00	4.00	\$ 1,562,034	100.0%	7.00	4.00	\$ 1,562,034	100.0%

Department of Health
Program ID Totals

Table 3

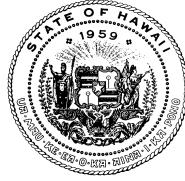
HTH610	Environmental Health Services	A	129.00	-	\$ 8,630,451	129.00	-	\$ 8,928,221	3.5%	129.00	-	\$ 8,940,534	3.6%
		B	23.00	-	\$ 2,753,804	37.00	-	\$ 3,715,775	34.9%	37.00	-	\$ 4,434,680	61.0%
		N	2.00	-	\$ 158,000	2.00	-	\$ 158,000	0.0%	2.00	-	\$ 158,000	0.0%
		P	2.00	-	\$ 364,150	2.00	-	\$ 364,150	0.0%	2.00	-	\$ 364,150	0.0%
		U	3.00	-	\$ 231,850	3.00	-	\$ 245,963	6.1%	3.00	-	\$ 249,740	7.7%
HTH710	State Laboratory Services	A	72.00	1.00	\$ 7,703,038	74.00	1.00	\$ 9,019,144	17.1%	74.00	1.00	\$ 8,213,396	6.6%
		N	-	-	\$ -	-	9.00	\$ 5,146,110	100.0%	-	9.00	\$ 1,029,222	100.0%
		P	-	3.00	\$ 390,000	-	2.00	\$ 176,112	-54.8%	-	2.00	\$ 176,112	-54.8%
HTH720	Health Care Assurance	A	25.00	2.00	\$ 2,610,719	27.00	2.00	\$ 3,666,363	40.4%	27.00	2.00	\$ 3,666,363	40.4%
		B	-	5.00	\$ 1,311,000	-	-	\$ 421,000	-67.9%	-	-	\$ 421,000	-67.9%
		P	16.00	-	\$ 2,502,450	16.00	-	\$ 4,388,679	75.4%	16.00	-	\$ 4,388,679	75.4%
HTH730	Emergency Medical Services & Injury Prevention System	A	12.00	1.40	\$ 73,810,954	12.00	1.40	\$ 69,366,593	-6.0%	12.00	1.40	\$ 69,366,593	-6.0%
		B	-	6.00	\$ 22,230,234	-	6.00	\$ 22,275,925	0.2%	-	6.00	\$ 22,275,925	0.2%
		P	-	3.00	\$ 630,000	-	3.00	\$ 630,000	0.0%	-	2.00	\$ 340,000	-46.0%
HTH760	Health Status Monitoring	A	33.50	-	\$ 1,626,893	33.50	-	\$ 1,965,390	20.8%	33.50	-	\$ 1,965,390	20.8%
		B	-	2.00	\$ 484,641	-	2.00	\$ 504,643	4.1%	-	2.00	\$ 504,643	4.1%
		P	4.00	-	\$ 342,300	4.00	-	\$ 342,300	0.0%	4.00	-	\$ 342,300	0.0%
HTH840	Environmental Management	A	70.00	-	\$ 5,151,159	73.00	-	\$ 5,559,860	7.9%	76.00	-	\$ 5,764,090	11.9%
		B	63.00	7.00	\$ 79,561,332	64.00	7.00	\$ 79,802,051	0.3%	64.00	7.00	\$ 80,364,007	1.0%
		N	31.60	2.00	\$ 9,538,948	32.10	2.00	\$ 13,444,878	40.9%	32.10	2.00	\$ 5,002,918	-47.6%
		P	9.40	4.00	\$ 1,864,920	8.90	4.00	\$ 5,003,083	168.3%	8.90	4.00	\$ 1,415,181	-24.1%
		U	2.00	-	\$ 235,454	2.00	-	\$ 241,782	2.7%	2.00	-	\$ 241,782	2.7%
		W	31.00	-	\$ 208,801,050	39.00	-	\$ 209,120,978	0.2%	39.00	-	\$ 209,120,978	0.2%
HTH849	Environmental Health Admin	A	24.00	1.25	\$ 3,776,299	24.00	1.25	\$ 3,870,454	2.5%	24.00	1.25	\$ 3,870,454	2.5%
		B	0.50	-	\$ 77,234	0.50	-	\$ 79,580	3.0%	0.50	-	\$ 79,580	3.0%
		N	3.40	0.60	\$ 296,103	3.40	0.60	\$ 238,834	-19.3%	3.40	0.60	\$ 238,834	-19.3%
		P	12.10	3.15	\$ 4,426,797	12.10	3.15	\$ 2,754,751	-37.8%	12.10	3.15	\$ 2,809,500	-36.5%
		W	14.00	-	\$ 2,793,662	14.00	-	\$ 2,844,267	1.8%	14.00	-	\$ 2,844,267	1.8%
HTH850	Office of Environmental Quality Control	A	5.00	-	\$ 392,774	5.00	-	\$ 410,149	4.4%	5.00	-	\$ 410,149	4.4%
HTH904	Executive Office on Aging	A	8.54	2.35	\$ 15,024,319	9.54	2.35	\$ 14,470,219	-3.7%	9.54	2.35	\$ 14,496,697	-3.5%
		N	6.46	2.00	\$ 7,087,531	6.46	2.00	\$ 7,680,000	8.4%	6.46	2.00	\$ 7,680,000	8.4%
		P	-	8.00	\$ 1,223,791	-	8.00	\$ 1,223,791	0.0%	-	8.00	\$ 1,223,791	0.0%
HTH905	Developmental Disabilities Council	A	2.50	-	\$ 230,932	2.50	-	\$ 238,005	3.1%	2.50	-	\$ 238,005	3.1%
		N	5.00	-	\$ 498,981	5.00	-	\$ 514,000	3.0%	5.00	-	\$ 514,000	3.0%
HTH906	State Hth Planning & Dev Agency	A	6.00	-	\$ 560,711	6.00	-	\$ 590,549	5.3%	6.00	-	\$ 590,549	5.3%
		B	-	-	\$ 114,000	-	-	\$ 114,000	0.0%	-	-	\$ 114,000	0.0%
HTH907	General Administration	A	124.50	5.00	\$ 11,023,468	127.00	5.00	\$ 10,339,367	-6.2%	127.00	5.00	\$ 10,315,495	-6.4%
		B	-	-	\$ -	-	-	\$ -	0.0%	-	-	\$ -	0.0%
		N	-	-	\$ -	8.00	20.00	\$ 24,054,695	100.0%	8.00	20.00	\$ 4,810,939	100.0%
		P	-	5.00	\$ 913,074	-	5.00	\$ 800,000	-12.4%	-	5.00	\$ 800,000	-12.4%
HTH908	Office of Language Access	A	5.00	-	\$ 399,137	5.00	-	\$ 469,261	17.6%	5.00	-	\$ 469,262	17.6%

Department of Health
Capital Improvements Program (CIP) Requests

Table 15

<u>Prog ID</u>	<u>Prog ID</u> <u>Priority</u>	<u>Dept- Wide Priority</u>	<u>Senate District</u>	<u>Rep. District</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>MOF</u>	<u>FY20 \$\$\$</u>	<u>FY21 \$\$\$</u>
HTH100	1	1	7	13	KALAUPAPA SETTLEMENT IMPROVEMENTS, MOLOKAI	C	2,100,000	
HTH907	1	2	0	0	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, HEALTH AND SAFETY, STATEWIDE	C	1,945,000	14,414,000
HTH710	1	3	17	35	HAWAII STATE LABORATORIES IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	C	4,683,000	8,172,000
HTH430	1	4	24	49	HAWAII STATE HOSPITAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY, OAHU	C	8,445,000	8,997,000
HTH840	1	5	0	0	WASTEWATER TREATMENT REVOLVING FUND FOR POLLUTION CONTROL, STATEWIDE	C	2,487,000	2,487,000
HTH840	1	6	0	0	WASTEWATER TREATMENT REVOLVING FUND FOR POLLUTION CONTROL, STATEWIDE	N	12,431,000	12,431,000
HTH840	1	7	0	0	SAFE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND, STATEWIDE	C	2,221,000	2,221,000
HTH840	1	8	0	0	SAFE DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND, STATEWIDE	N	11,107,000	11,107,000
HTH907	2	9	0	0	ENERGY SAVINGS IMPROVEMENTS, STATEWIDE	C	1,696,000	2,406,000
HTH907	3	10	0	0	REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE, STATEWIDE	C	1,647,000	6,873,000
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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB0813 SD2
Relating to the Department of Health

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
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Testimony of Caroline Cadirao
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Attached Agency to the Department of Health

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- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department
2 of Health supports this measure as it relates to the Program ID HTH904, provided that its
3 enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within the Administration's base budget request.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** This measure is the Department of Health's budget bill. EOA supports
5 HTH904 page 5, lines 8 - 15 appropriating funds to EOA in the amount of \$26,478 for SFY20
6 and \$52,956 for SFY21.
- 7 **Purpose and Justification:** This measure is for the DOH budget bill. EOA supports the
8 Department's position of the overall budget with a specific focus on page 5, lines 8-15 HTH
9 904/AJ, which adds a program specialist IV position and funds for Alzheimer's disease and
10 related dementia services coordinator. EOA's budget request to the Governor included \$26,478
11 in SFY20 and \$52,956 for SFY21. Our justification stated that EOA would need 6 months to

1 establish the position therefore only 6 months of funding or \$26,478 would be needed in the first
2 year of the biennium and full funding for the position (\$52,956) in year two of the biennium.

3 In 2018, Governor Ige signed Act 146 Relating to Health. This Act added a new section to the
4 EOA statute, HRS Chapter 349, to “prepare an update of the state plan on Alzheimer’s Disease
5 and Related Dementias no less frequently than once per fiscal biennium”. Additionally, Act 146
6 required EOA to implement the five goals developed in the state plan, make recommendations
7 for social policy and coordinate services among public and private agencies to meet the needs of
8 person’s with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias and their families. The plan was
9 published in December 2013 and has not been updated since. To fulfill the mandates in Act 146
10 EOA needs to establish 1.0 FTE at \$52,956.

11 **Recommendation:** EOA supports this section of the measure related to HTH904/AJ, provided
12 that its enactment does not reduce or replace priorities within the Administration’s base budget
13 request.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair
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House Committee on Health
House of Representatives
State Capitol, Conference Room 329
415 South Beretania Street
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RE: SB 813, SD2 Relating to the Department of Health

Dear Chair Mizuno, Vice-Chair Kobayashi and Members:

The Honolulu Emergency Services Department is in strong support of SB 813, SD2 and appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony regarding this proposed legislation.

The Department, via its EMS Division, is the state contracted provider for EMS services for Oahu. Demand for EMS services continues to increase annually and is projected to continue to increase annually for the next decade due to Oahu's population demographics.

SB 813, SD2 provides for the funding required to continue the EMS Ambulance service in the State Department of Health Budget which came operational January 1, 2019 in the Urban Honolulu response area. To date, this EMS Unit has responded to 1050 calls for service. This translates to 6,300 annual call responses. This has exceeded our projected call volume of 4,418 for this new unit by 1,882 calls annually. To date, the addition of this unit has reduced the call demand on the other 5 units assigned to the urban Honolulu area by 13%.

The Legislature added funding for this service in the last Legislative session. However, the funding was for one year only and only provided for personnel costs. The cost of an ambulance vehicle, the support equipment, supplies, and operating costs are being absorbed by the Division at this time.

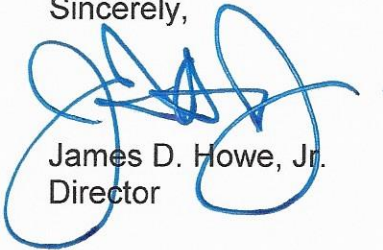
The addition of funds to ensure the continuation of this service is critical to ensuring the ability of our service to address the need for additional EMS capacity in the

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City and County of Honolulu and to assist in the system's ability to meet the projected increase in capacity requirements over the next 10 years due to Oahu's population demographics.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure and your continued support for the pre-hospital medical needs of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several loops and a final flourish, positioned above the printed name and title.

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Thursday, March 21, 2019, 10AM, Room 329
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Testimony Offering Comments and **Proposed Amendment** to SB813 SD2

Hawai'i Psychological Association (HPA) appreciates this opportunity to propose an amendment to SB813 SD2 to add two badly-needed forensic examiner positions to the Department of Health's Adult Mental Health Division's Court Evaluation Branch in order to reduce delays in court-ordered examinations of fitness to proceed, penal responsibility, and dangerousness. It is our understanding that the Branch's current seven full-time equivalent psychologists are unable to keep up with the workload of approximately 1400 examinations a year which results in unnecessary court delays with increased lengths of stays in Community Correctional Centers, the Hawai'i State Hospital, and at Kahi Mohala Behavioral Health.

Specifically, we request that an item be added to Part III Behavioral Health Administration Section 3 (page 7, proposed lines 31-36):

5. LHA1 – CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

ADD TWO (2) FULL-TIME FORENSIC EXAMINER POSITIONS.

OPERATING HTH \$176,496 \$176,496

It is our understanding that over the past ten years or so the number of court-ordered forensic mental health evaluations has more than doubled while staffing at the Court Evaluation Branch has not met the increased demand. Even with workload contracted out to private psychological examiners, there continues to be a backlog of court-ordered examinations. Prior to the addition of two examiner positions in 2015-2016 the backlog averaged two to three months and we have heard that judges issued orders requiring DOH to show cause regarding late reports, threatening the department with Contempt of Court. Furthermore, four full-time psychologists at the Court Evaluation Branch are in

their sixties and are expected to retire. Until replacements are hired, their positions could be vacant for many months.

Given the overcrowding of our jails and the State Hospital, this proposed amendment will help to alleviate overcrowding of jails and mental hospitals, better meet the needs of our courts, and increase justice for citizens with mental illness and other individuals with legal charges.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chair, HPA Legislative Action Committee