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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
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Date of Hearing: Friday, March 1, 2019
Time of Hearing: 10:15 a.m.
Place of Hearing: Conference Room 211

**TESTIMONY ON PROPOSED SB 816, SD2 RELATING TO THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and four counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

SB816, SD2 appropriates funds to resolve the compensation differential for BU-01 and BU-10 Maui Region UPW members who were affected by the transfer of the use and exclusive management and operations of Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital, and Lanai Community Hospital from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to Maui Health System, A Kaiser Foundation Hospital LLC. Each affected member who was employed for the period from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2017, shall each receive a compensation differential in the form of a one-time lump sum payment of \$3250. **The UPW strongly supports this measure.**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

SB-816-SD-1

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Testimony for WAM on 3/1/2019 10:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Davlantes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

What happened to this bill between the time it was introduced as authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriating funds for improvements to facilities within the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to a bill to appropriate funds to resolve compensation differentials for certain Maui region union members affected by the transfer of the operations to Kaiser Foundation Hospital LLC? It's no wonder that we are discouraged by these practices of the legislature by which bills tat start out as one thing morph into something quite another.



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SB 816 PROPOSED SD2 RELATING TO THE STATE BUDGET

TESTIMONY

Janet Mason, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Delacruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members:

The League of Women Voters of Hawaii opposes SB 816, Proposed SD2, because of its process problems. The League takes no position on the content of this bill (or any version of it).

SB 816 SD2 appropriates funds to make up differences in compensation for union members whose compensation was adversely affected by the transfer of facilities and operations of Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital, and Lanai Community Hospital from the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to the Maui Health System-Kaiser Permanente.

True, this bill has always been an appropriations bill for the Department of Health. True it's always been related to the Maui Health Systems. The original SB 816 and the SD1 version of SB 816 were about capital improvements, but the SD2 version had nothing in the bill about capital improvements; it was only about operating costs, specifically \$2.7 million in compensation cost. As such, you would think the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health (CPH) would have ***added value if they had a chance to review the SD2 measure and accept testimony; It doesn't appear this happened.***

What of the capital improvement costs as laid out in the SD1 version? We presume (as requested in their Committee report), that CPH's request that the appropriation of \$55 million for capital improvements at Maui Health Systems were "incorporated into the General Appropriations Act of 2019 or other appropriate legislative vehicle or to be adopted separately."

In its last Committee stop before a Senate floor vote, SB 816 grew into a "Frankenbill," and the public doesn't understand why. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elena Cabatu	Testifying for East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation	Support	No

Comments: