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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB660  
RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.**

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REP. JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS

Hearing Date: February 13, 2019

Room Number: 329

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** Unspecified General Fund appropriation and FTE.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) takes advantage of mandatory and
- 3 discretionary grants to help fulfill the mission of protecting and improving the public's health.
- 4 Dedicated capture managers, as proposed by SB529, would likely increase federal funds and
- 5 private funds into the State of Hawaii and improve the department's overall effectiveness. A
- 6 pilot is an appropriate means to test the hypothesis and report findings.
- 7 The department recommends amendments that authorize flexibility in retaining capture managers
- 8 to maximize the two-year pilot period:
  - 9 • As exempt from chapter 103D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, as contractors, or
  - 10 • As temporary employees exempt from chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes.
- 11 If enacted, DOH requests that any appropriations not supplant or replace requests in the
- 12 Executive Budget.
- 13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TO: The Honorable Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair  
House Committee on Health

The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
House Committee on Human Services & Homelessness

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **HB 660 – RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES**

Hearing: February 13, 2019, 9:15 a.m.  
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

**DEPARTMENT'S POSITION:** The Department of Human Services (DHS) appreciates the intent of the bill and offers comments.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of the bill authorizes the Department of Humans Services and the Department of Health to contract the services of dedicated capture managers responsible for securing grant and other funding opportunities for each department. Appropriates funds.

DHS actively pursues grant or technical assistance opportunities that support the department's transformation to become an integrated multi-generational human services delivery system. Having a person dedicated to designing, applying, and coordinating applications would be a benefit for the department, the workforce, and ultimately our recipient population.

However, in addition to contracting services, DHS requests flexibility to hire a three-year full-time temporary exempt position for the duration of the pilot plus one year to develop internal capacity, provide support to the grant successfully obtained, and to

develop a sustainability plan to support a robust development program. Also, we respectfully request that any appropriation not supplant appropriation requests identified in the Executive budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this measure.

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Comments:



**Testimony to the House Joint Committee on Health, and Human Services and  
Housing  
Wednesday, February 13, 2019; 9:15 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

**RE: SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL NO. 0660, RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.**

Chair Mizuno, Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established to advocate for, expand access to, and sustain high quality care through the statewide network of Community Health Centers throughout the State of Hawaii. The HPCA **SUPPORTS** House Bill No. 0660, RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES.

The bill, as received by your Committee, would:

- (1) Authorizes the Department of Human Services (DHS) and the Department of Health (DOH) to each contract a grant writer to serve as a capture manager for their respective Departments;
- (2) Require DHS and DOH to report to the 2020 and 2021 Legislatures lists of grant or funding opportunities sought or applied for, grants awarded and funding received, and recommendations and proposed legislation;
- (3) Appropriate an unspecified amount of general funds for fiscal year 2018-2019 to contract the services of a dedicated capture manager for DHS and DOH; and
- (4) Take effect on July 1, 2019, and sunset on June 30, 2021.

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) provide desperately needed medical services at the frontlines in rural communities. Long considered champions for creating a more sustainable, integrated, and wellness-oriented system of health, FQHCs provide a more efficient, more effective and more comprehensive system of health.

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Because the majority of our patients are Medicaid recipients, reimbursement for services provided at FQHCs is extremely complex given the multiple streams of funding received from the federal and State governments. The availability of funding is often volatile due to changes in federal and State laws as well as the manner in which these laws are implemented and enforced. In this environment, it is not only prudent but necessary for the State to seek new sources of funding and devise creative ways of capturing and securing resources.

Accordingly, we **SUPPORT** this measure and urge your favorable consideration.

From a technical perspective, we note that this bill is substantively similar to a measure that the HPCA supported last year -- Senate Bill No. 2526, RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES. It should be noted, however, that Senate Bill No. 2526 did not include language that would have established a grant writer position within the DOH.

The HPCA agrees that the establishment of such a position within the DOH services the public good. We therefore fully support the Senate Bill No. 529, as it is presently drafted.

Should concerns be raised as to whether the inclusion of the DOH language goes beyond the scope of the bill's title, RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES., we urge this Committee to seek guidance from House attorneys to ensure that such a measure will pass muster.

In advance, thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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