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February 10, 2020

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Committee Members:

RE: **SB 2535 Relating to Health**  
**SB 2814 Relating to the Hilo Medical Center**

Thank you for this opportunity to support two measures to improve cardiac care services at Hilo Medical Center, the only hospital serving the residents of, and visitors to, Hilo, Puna, Volcano, and much of the Hamakua Coast.

SB 2535 would fund an expansion of the interventional cardiology treatment that we are so grateful was previously funded by this Legislature. SB 2814 would focus on the construction and equipping of a second cardiac lab (again, we are grateful for the funding that made the first lab possible).

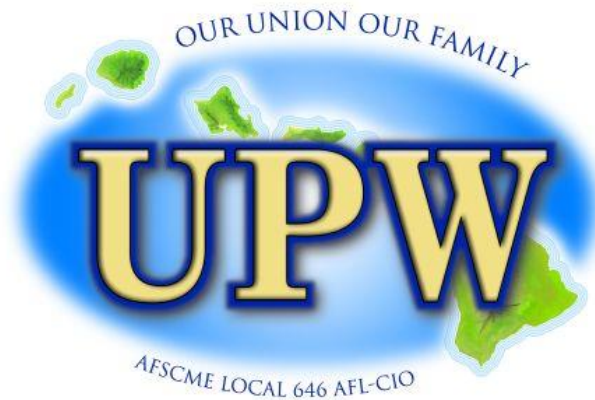
SB 2814 also gives the Legislature an excellent summary of the importance, value and success that are associated with the previous appropriations that HMC received from you.

For better or worse, over the past few years, I have developed an ongoing and personal relationship with Hilo Medical Center (HMC) and a number of other medical institutions. HMC has given me excellent service, and Hawai'i should be very pleased with the quality of care it provides. However, HMC could do so much more if more resources were available, and better cardiac care has been identified as a priority.

Please act favorably on SB 2535 and SB 2814, and please provide sufficient funding to make meaningful improvements in Big Island cardiac care. Such investments will result in saving lives and saving money, as SB 2814 effectively explains.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Kim  
MAYOR



THE HAWAII STATE SENATE  
The Thirtieth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, February 12, 2020  
TIME OF HEARING: 9:00 AM  
PLACE OF HEARING: State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Conference Room 229

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2535**  
**Relating to Health**

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

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO. The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 13,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

SB 2535 appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center

The UPW supports this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

**SB-2535**

Submitted on: 2/10/2020 1:43:29 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elena Cabatu	Testifying for Hilo Medical Center	Support	Yes

Comments:

**SB-2535**

Submitted on: 2/11/2020 9:57:54 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Julie Tulang	Testifying for Hilo Medical Center Foundation	Support	No

Comments:



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## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., Rm 229

By  
Bonnie Irwin  
Chancellor  
And  
Carolyn Ma, PharmD, BCOP  
Dean  
Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy  
University of Hawai'i at Hilo

### SB 2535 – RELATING TO HEALTH

Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Chang, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB 2535. The University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo) and the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy fully **supports** this bill to appropriate funds to the Hilo Medical Center (HMC) to help improve cardiac care services.

The HMC is the flagship hospital and a key partner for the pharmacy school's experiential training program in both introductory and advanced experiential practice rotations. Other health professions such as the School of Nursing at UH Hilo and Hawai'i Community College also place students in this facility.

The college places a full time Pharmacy Practice faculty in residence in HMC to teach and mentor our students. Our faculty practice in the intensive care unit and the family medicine patient care floors in multi-disciplinary care teams that include medical students, family medicine residents, nurses and psychologists. In order to provide excellent patient care, hospitals need both excellent care from interdisciplinary medical teams, but also state of the art technology and facilities such as the cardiac catheterization labs. In order to continue HMC's ability to provide these types of "best practice" interventions for our community, we support this bill to provide additional funds.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony and fully support this bill.

**SB-2535**

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Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Clarysse Kami Nunokawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-2535**

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Testimony for CPH on 2/12/2020 9:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Nicole Vergara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The east Hawai'i region community needs these funds for appropriate cardiac care.