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Testimony of Linda Chu Takayama  
Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor of Hawaii

Before the  
**Senate Committee on Ways and Means**  
February 27, 2020  
2:15 p.m., Room 211

In consideration of  
**SB75 SD1**

**REALTING TO APPROPRIATIONS.**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and committee members:

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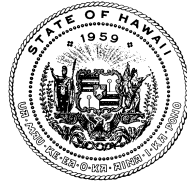
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Department of Health requests an additional \$600,000 in sanitation items.

Thank you for your consideration and commitment to the safety of our citizens.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of SB75 SD1  
RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS.**

SENATOR DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Hearing Date: February 27, 2020

Room Number: 211

1 **Fiscal Implications:** The Department of Health requests an appropriation of \$6,600,000.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health appreciates the support of the Legislature  
3 to secure needed resources for the containment, mitigation, and response to the novel  
4 coronavirus or COVID-19. A robust COVID-19 response will involve several state agencies  
5 whose emergency supplemental funding requests are supported by DOH.

6 At this early stage in the global epidemic – COVID-19 has confirmed cases on every continent  
7 except Antarctica – it is difficult to predict or project what the State’s needs will be or how long  
8 and intensive the coordinated public response will be since each disease outbreak response is  
9 different, and as a result making cost projections beyond a time frame of six months problematic.

10 However, the department’s estimate of \$6,600,000 is based on past experience with outbreaks  
11 such as SARS and H1N1, and is thus a helpful starting point for the initial response, plus  
12 anticipating the need for distributing vaccines which may be up to a year or more into the future.  
13 The State of Hawaii will be competing with many other jurisdictions for supplies, so exemption  
14 from chapters 103D and 103F and authorization to carry over unused funds across the fiscal  
15 biennium are essential to assure administrative barriers are diminished. The department will  
16 maintain a careful accounting of how public funds are invested.

17 The department’s request includes specific appropriations to the District Health Offices on  
18 Kauai, Maui, and the Big Island which are to be expended at the discretion of the District Health

1 Officers. The Neighbor Islands will require resources and flexibility to address the unique issues  
2 in the respective jurisdictions which planners in Honolulu will be unable or unlikely to address  
3 such as the availability of internet service, languages other than English, and health care access  
4 issues.

5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

6 **Offered Amendments:** N/A.

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STATE OF HAWAII  
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**Date:** 02/27/2020  
**Time:** 02:15 PM  
**Location:** 211  
**Committee:** Senate Ways and Means

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Dr. Christina M. Kishimoto, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Bill:** SB 0075, SD1 RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS.

**Purpose of Bill:** Appropriates funds to the Department of Health for the public health response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019, or COVID-19, outbreak. (SD1)

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education (Department) supports SB 0075, SD1, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities as indicated in our BOE-approved budget.

The Department of Health (DOH) continues to be a vital partner of the Department in implementing practices and procedures that promote the optimal health and well-being for all students. At this critical time, the Department stands with DOH in preparing our state for a potential outbreak of COVID-19. Although there are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Hawaii, the threat is imminent and we are committed to doing our part to mitigate the likelihood of an outbreak at any of the Department's schools.

The Department supports the appropriation to DOH in support of activities to detect, contain, mitigate, and respond to COVID-19.

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

The Hawai'i State Department of Education is committed to delivering on our promises to students, providing an equitable, excellent, and innovative learning environment in every school to engage and elevate our communities. This is achieved through targeted work around three impact strategies: school design, student voice, and teacher collaboration. Detailed information is available at [www.hawaiipublicschools.org](http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org).

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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 75 SD1,  
RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS

PRESENTATION TO THE  
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

BY

MAJOR GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA  
ADJUTANT GENERAL  
DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
AND DIRECTOR OF HOMELAND SECURITY

FEBRUARY 27, 2020

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Committee:

I am Major General Kenneth S. Hara, Adjutant General, Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Advisor. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in SUPPORT of SB75 SD1.

The Department of Defense **Supports** Senate Bill 75 SD1.

Senate Bill 75 SD1 allocates resources for the Department of Health and the Department of Defense to support activities to detect, contain, mitigate and respond to likely effects of COVID-19.

Funding specifically requested for the Department of Defense is needed to protect employees, increase planning capabilities, improve continuity of operation plans, and to significantly improve the department's response posture.

The department requires \$1,180,000 for emergency management and response which include, but is not limited to, thermometers, personal protective equipment for responders, operating and office supplies for field work and contract labor for special service planners.

Without the requested funding the department will not have the necessary resources to respond to or mitigate the effects of the COVID-19.

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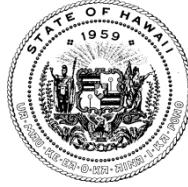
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**S.B. 75, S.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS**

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** appropriating funds to the Department of Health (DOH) for the public health response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Our Airports and Harbors systems are the lifeblood of our economy, the foundation for economic development and job growth, and the ties that bind us. They have a significant impact on the quality of life and livelihood of our state – from the ability to travel within our islands to the transport of people, food, and supplies between Hawai'i and the rest of the world. They touch the life of virtually everyone in the state, playing a vital role in the continued and future success of our economy and our state.

The airports and harbors are on the frontline and potential vectors of COVID-19 and an outbreak puts the state at risk. The DOT recognizes this and works closely with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the State Department of Health to prevent the spread of the virus. We follow their guidance and direction.

The DOT estimated request for the Airport system statewide is \$2.4 million for three months.

In addition, it would be prudent to plan for precautionary measures at Hawaii's nine commercial harbors which regularly receive cargo directly and indirectly from Asia and cruise ships that may have exposed passengers from COVID-19 infected areas.

DOT, Harbors Division estimates \$400 thousand for three months.

These estimated figures accounts for additional emergency medical resources, security, personal protective equipment, sanitation supplies, patient care and personnel overtime.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. We are available to answer inquiries and itemization of this request.



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Statement of  
**CHRIS TATUM**

Hawai'i Tourism Authority  
before the  
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

Thursday, February 27, 2020  
2:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room #211

In consideration of  
**SENATE BILL NO. 75 SD1**  
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Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the Committee on Ways and Means: the Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) **supports** Senate Bill 75 SD1, which appropriates funds to the Department of Health (DOH) for the public health response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

This is public health emergency of global concern as the number of cases outside of China continues to grow. Hawai'i currently does not have any confirmed cases of COVID-19, so preparing for the possibility of it spreading to our state is of utmost concern.

We feel the DOH is doing an excellent job in providing updates and messaging about the situation and doing what they can to keep us all safe. The money being requested through this measure will help as the DOH transitions from its focus on containment to mitigation. Tourism is Hawai'i's number one industry, and we want our visitors to continue to see our state as a safe place to visit.

It is for these reasons that HTA **supports** SB75 SD1. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony.



Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 2:15 PM  
Conference Room 211

**Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair  
Senator Gil Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

From: Michael Robinson  
Vice President, Government Relations & Community Affairs

**Re: Testimony in Support of SB 75, SD1  
Relating to Appropriations**

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My name is Michael Robinson, Vice President, Government Relations & Community Affairs at Hawai'i Pacific Health. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system comprised of its four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox and over 70 locations statewide with a mission of creating a healthier Hawai'i.

**I write in support of SB 75, SD1** which provides an appropriation to the Department of Health (DOH) for the public health response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 or COVID-19 outbreak. COVID-19 was first detected in Hubei Province, China in January 2020, but has spread to other countries and in a short period of time has become an international concern. The virus has also been detected in the United States. On January 30, 2020, the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern". COVID-19 is of great concern due to its fast-moving and unpredictable spread.

In February 2020, the DOH was notified of a Japanese tourist who developed severe symptoms and was diagnosed with COVID-19 upon returning to Japan. This individual traveled to Oahu and Maui, potentially spreading the virus among people he or she may have had contact with.

HPH is very concerned about the health and welfare of its patients, health care workers and the community in light of the virulent nature of COVID-19. We believe appropriate resources should be appropriated to the DOH in order to immediately support activities to detect, contain, mitigate and respond to COVID-19. As Hawai'i is a hub for tourists traveling from Asia and the mainland United States, our population is vulnerable to being exposed to tourists who may have COVID-19 but may not yet exhibit symptoms of the disease. Therefore, arming DOH with the tools needed to address this public health emergency is crucial. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



## THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

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To: The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair  
Members, Committee on Ways and Means

From: Rowena Buffett Timms, Executive Vice President & Chief Administrative Officer, The Queen's Health Systems  
Colette Masunaga, Manager, Government Relations & External Affairs, The Queen's Health Systems

Date: February 27, 2020

Hrg: Senate Committee on Ways and Means Hearing; Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 2:15 PM in Room 211

Re: **Support for SB75 SD1, Relating to Appropriations**

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The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's) is a nonprofit corporation that provides expanded health care capabilities to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Basin. Since the founding of the first Queen's hospital in 1859 by Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV, it has been our mission to provide quality health care services in perpetuity for Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i. Over the years, the organization has grown to four hospitals, 66 health care centers and labs, and more than 1,600 physicians statewide. As the preeminent health care system in Hawai'i, Queen's strives to provide superior patient care that is constantly advancing through education and research.

Queen's appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB75 SD1, relating to appropriations to allocate resources to the Department of Health in support of activities to detect, contain, mitigate, and respond to COVID-19.

Queen's has in place evidence-based practices, and infection prevention and control policies and procedures to ensure prevention of hospital-acquired infections throughout our facilities. Although there are currently no reported cases in Hawai'i, Queen's follows the recommendations from the Department of Health (DOH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on screening for COVID-19, ensuring our facilities have the proper equipment, supplies and personnel to care for patients with COVID-19, and continuously preparing our staff to identify, isolate, and inform.

We appreciate the legislature for introducing this measure that provides resources for effective detection, containment, mitigation, and response to COVID-19. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

*The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.*



# Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

*The Voice of Business*

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 2:15 P.M.  
Conference Room 211, State Capitol**

**RE: SB 75 SD1, RELATING TO APPROPRIATIONS**

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** SB 75 SD1, which would appropriate funds to the Department of Health for the public health response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 2,000+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

The Chamber stands committed to working with our members and state agencies regarding the collective effort to educate our community and prevent the spread of COVID-19 here in Hawaii. While there are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 here in Hawaii, we recognize that the threat is very real for our state and this bill will help to provide necessary funding for preventative measures to address the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 75 SD1.



February 26, 2020

To: The Senate Committee Members on Ways and Means  
The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair  
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Re: Strong Support of SB75, SD1, Relating to Appropriations

Hrg: February 27, 2020 at 2:15 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 211

The Hawai'i Public Health Association (HPHA) is a group of over 600 community members, public health professionals and organizations statewide dedicated to improving public health. HPHA also serves as a voice for public health professionals and as a repository for information about public health in the Pacific.

HPHA strongly **supports** SB75 SD1, which would appropriate funds to the Department of Health for the public health response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019, or COVID-19 outbreak. It is difficult to forecast the exact impact this virus will have in Hawai'i and the totality of resources that will be needed. However, appropriating funds now, prior to an outbreak in Hawai'i will best enable the Department of Health and the public health workforce to respond expeditiously and effectively when needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on important health issues affecting people in Hawai'i.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Claire Townsend Ing', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Claire Townsend Ing, DrPH  
Legislative Committee Chair  
Hawaii Public Health Association



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**Senate Committee on Ways and Means**

To: Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz  
Vice Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran

From: Hilton Raethel  
President & CEO  
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**  
**SB 75 SD 1, Relating to Appropriations**

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 170 member organizations who represent almost every aspect of the health care continuum in Hawaii. Members include acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, assisted living facilities and durable medical equipment suppliers. In addition to providing access to appropriate, affordable, high quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 20,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide **support** for this measure. We appreciate the legislature's continued focus and diligent response to this evolving public health issue. Ensuring the health and safety of the people of Hawaii is of paramount importance— for HAH and its member organizations. As this situation continues to develop around the nation and around the globe, HAH will continue its close collaboration with legislature, the administration and its departments, and our national partners, to provide information and resources to our members who are committed to caring for Hawaii's residents and visitors alike.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

**SB-75-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/27/2020 2:23:11 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2020 2:15:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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Comments: