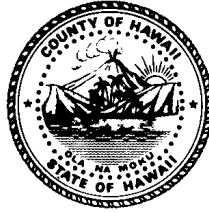


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March 27, 2019

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
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Committee on Finance

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Committee Members:

**RE: SB 911, SD1 Relating to Health (Hilo Medical Center Cardiac Care)**

Thank you for this opportunity to support the improvement of cardiac care services at Hilo Medical Center (HMC).

For better or worse, over the past few years, I have developed an ongoing and personal relationship with 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 additional resources were available, and better cardiac care has been identified as a priority.

Please act favorably on SB 911, SD1, and please provide sufficient funding to make meaningful improvements in Big Island cardiac care.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Kim  
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## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committee on Finance  
Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 2:00 p.m., Room 308

by

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and

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### SB 911 SD1 – RELATING TO HEALTH

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the committee:

My name is Carolyn Ma, and I am the Dean for the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). The DKICP fully supports this bill to appropriate funds to the Hilo Medical Center (HMC) to help improve cardiac care services.

The Hilo Medical Center is the flagship hospital and is a key partner in training our students in both introductory and advanced experiential practice rotations. We place two full time Pharmacy Practice faculty in residence in HMC to not only 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 and residents, nurses and psychologists. In order to provide excellent patient care, hospitals need both excellent patient care from these types of medical teams, but also state of the art technology and facilities. In order to provide “best practice” patient care standards, HMC needs a state of the art cardiac facility to address emergency cardiac events and to provide prompt follow up.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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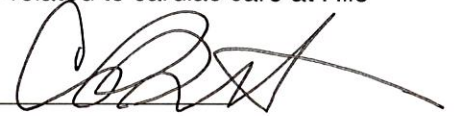
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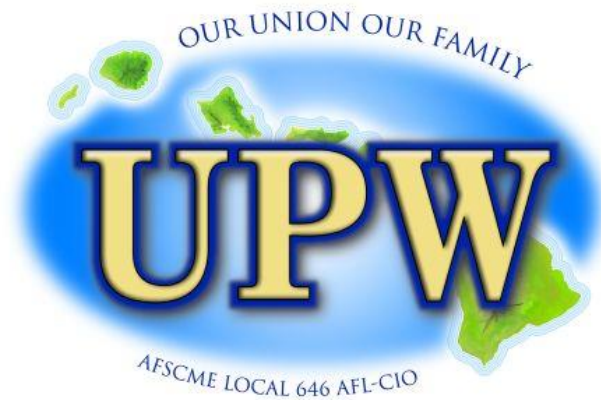
I am in full support of this bill in an effort to save lives on our island of Hawaii. Hilo Medical Center is now in a great position to recruit and keep specialists that are capable of offering this valuable service to a vulnerable patient population.

I realize that there is a large cost associated with this measure, but I think that the benefits outweigh those costs. It is the best way to prevent long term complications and death related to heart attacks. Progress has been made and it would be ideal to keep up the positive momentum.

Thank you for your time as a I express my support for **SB 911 SD1**.

Respectfully,

Dr. Miki Cain



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State Director of the United Public Workers,  
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 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 four counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members in the private sector.

SB911, SD1 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.



March 27, 2019

**Testimony in Support of SB 911 SD1  
RELATING TO HEALTH**

**Appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center**

The Hawaii State Rural Health Association (HSRHA) respectfully submits written testimony in support of SB 911 SD1.

Hawaii's island geography results in an inequitable distribution of the healthcare across the state. The majority of providers, facilities, services and programs continue to be located on the island of Oahu due to the fact that this is where the majority of the state population resides.

This leads to rural communities having decreased access to quality health services. It is important for the Hawaii State Rural Health Association (HSRHA) to advocate for increases in capacity and infrastructure that meets ongoing needs and ensures the widest array of health care services remains available and accessible to all rural communities in Hawaii.

The Board of Directors at the HSRHA strongly supports efforts for Hilo Medical Center to receive the needed resources to expand its offering of interventional cardiology for heart attack treatment, and thereby continue to save lives and improve the quality of life for cardiac patients. All residents in Hawaii should be able to receive culturally appropriate and timely healthcare where they reside.

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Established in 1994, the Hawaii State Rural Health Association (HSRHA) is a 501(C) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to addressing rural health needs across our island state.

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To:  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE  
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair  
Rep. Ty Cullen, Vice Chair

Date: March 28, 2019  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Place: Conf. room 308  
From: Hawaii Medical Association  
Jerry Van Meter, MD, President  
Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director

**Re: SB 911 SD1 – Relating to Health**  
**Position: SUPPORT**

On behalf of Hawaii's physician and student members, the HMA supports SB 911 which would aid in developing standard of care cardiology on Hawaii Island.

Passage of SB911 would help improve patient outcomes in the Hilo area and to reduce the costs of treating cardiac disease on Hawaii Island by allowing Hilo Medical Center to comply with standards of care set for interventional opening of blocked coronary arteries and cardiac diagnostics.

Thank you for allowing testimony on this issue.

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## American Heart Association testimony in support of SB 911, SD1 "Relating to Health"

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Of the 865,000 heart attacks that occur annually in the United States, approximately 400,000 of them are STEMI heart attacks. A STEMI heart attack carries a substantial risk of death and disability and calls for a quick response on many fronts.

For STEMI patients, each passing minute equals more heart-muscle damage. Rapid diagnosis and Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) dramatically increase a patient's chance for survival.

According to the American Heart Association (AHA), approximately 400,000 people suffer STEMI annually. But in hospitals with cath labs, only 40 percent of these patients receive appropriate treatment within the 90-minute door-to-balloon (D2B) time recommended by the AHA and the American College of Cardiology (ACC).

Delays in treating this most lethal type of heart attack can cause catastrophic heart damage and death.

Reperfusion therapy is used to open the blocked artery for STEMI patients. Reperfusion therapy is either a clot-busting drug therapy or the artery-opening procedure known as angioplasty. Among patients who receive either therapy in the United States, less than half are treated within the recommended time frames.

- 30 minutes for clot-busting drugs
- 90 minutes for angioplasty

For many living on Hawaii's neighbor islands, the treatment time for angioplasty has not been accessible because of the lack of catheter labs in neighbor island hospitals, and the time needed to transport a patient by air to Oahu where most larger hospitals have catheter labs.

SB 911 would potentially change that for many Big Island STEMI patients by providing funds to establish a full-time catheterization laboratory, including the specialized staffing needs, at the Hilo Medical Center.

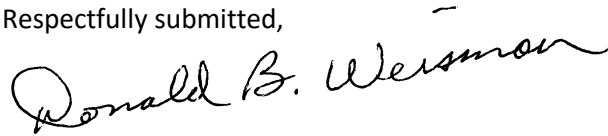
Half of all STEMI patients drive themselves (or are driven by a family member) to the closest hospital. As a result, 30% of STEMI patients do not receive any reperfusion therapy, and of the patients who do receive reperfusion therapy, half of them do not receive it within the recommended time frame.

With an effective STEMI system in place, a patient (or person witnessing the STEMI) would call 9-1-1, Emergency Medical Services using 12-lead ECG machines can transmit

the patient's ECG to the closest hospital capable of providing the best care possible. The AHA recommends that the State also invest in community awareness education of the need to use 9-1-1 for medical emergencies. EMS staff can begin treatment when they arrive — up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. Patients with chest pain who arrive by ambulance usually receive faster treatment at the hospital, too. Community education may need to focus on overcoming public norms that result in a reluctance to use ambulance services, and education on why calling 9-1-1 improves a patient's chance of having a better health outcome.

Establishing a 24/7 catheterization lab at Hilo Medical Center would be a first step to giving Big Island STEMI patients hope for a better health outcome. Please support SB 911, SD1.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donald B. Weisman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the name.

Don Weisman

Hawaii Government Relations/Communications Director





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**House Committee on Finance**  
**Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair**  
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March 28, 2019  
Conference Room 308  
2:00 p.m.  
Hawaii State Capitol

**Testimony Supporting Senate Bill 911, SD 1  
Relating to Health.**

**Appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at the Hilo Medical Center in the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii region.**

Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.  
Chief Executive Officer  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the Hawaii Health System Corporation (HHSC) Corporate Board of Directors, we are in **strong support** of SB911, SD 1.

This measure seeks assistance with costs for Hilo Medical Center (HMC) to provide interventional cardiology services 24/7. As an emergency physician, I can assure you that having this capability at HMC will be life saving for some and prevent disability for many more. That is because the treatment that will be available, intervention by a cardiologist to open a blocked blood vessel that is starving the heart of oxygen, can **stop** a heart attack as it is happening. With a team of trained personnel on-call 24/7 they can respond in minutes, in some cases even before the patient reaches the hospital, because ambulance paramedics can transmit abnormal EKGs to activate them.

Other therapies for heart attacks are available at HMC and transport to Oahu does occur, it's just that the therapy that stops the damage quickest is currently not available. Every minute literally counts in terms of survival or how the heart functions afterwards. Treated soon enough, the patient may return to normal function, treated incompletely or too late, means death or living with the disability of a damaged poorly functioning heart.



Seven different hospitals on Oahu provide this service. The access to life-saving cardiac interventions that Oahu residents enjoy can be cost-effectively delivered at larger neighbor island acute care hospitals. Maui Memorial Medical Center has successfully provided this service to their community and HMC can do so as well. Hawai'i Island has the population size, and Hilo Medical Center has the intensive hospital support services and basic infrastructure to successfully deliver emergency cardiac interventions safely and cost effectively. We respectfully request the committee's consideration to insert \$1,500,000 for fiscal year 2019-2020 and \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2020-2021 in this measure to build the program in HMC, providing this needed service to their community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elena Cabatu	East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation	Support	Yes

Comments:

Aloha,

On behalf of the East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Dan Brinkman, CEO of the East Hawaii Region, will be in attendance to provide testimony in support of SB911 SD1.



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**Testimony in Support of SB 911 SD1**

Relating to health. Appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

**Jay Kreuzer, Regional CEO, West Hawaii Region, HHSC**

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Again, mahalo for the opportunity to express my **support for SB 911 SD1** to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

Aloha,

Jay Kreuzer, CEO  
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carol R. Ignacio	Blue Zones Project	Support	No

Comments:

The passage of this bill is critical to the lives of folks on Hawaii Island. Please pass SB911 SD1. Mahalo.

Carol R. Ignacio  
Blue Zones Project

Government and Community Affairs Manager- Hawaii Island

**SB-911-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
David S. De Luz, Jr.	David S. De Luz, Sr. Enterprises, Inc.	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha!

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Respectfully,

David S. De Luz, Jr

VP David S. De Luz, Sr. Enterprises, Inc.





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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Sayama, PhD	Community First	Support	No

Comments:

Community First which represents healthcare stakeholders, business leaders, and community advocates in East Hawaii strongly supports **support of SB 911 SD 1** that appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

This funding will enable Hilo Medical Center's efforts to provide interventional cardiac care for East Hawaii and potentially for all of Hawaii Island. The procedure involved in this advanced level of cardiac care stops heart attacks in progress and reduces long term cardiac disability. The American College of Cardiology recommends interventional cardiac care as a best practice for treating heart attacks in rural areas like Hawaii Island.

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Having this capacity in Hilo can save lives in our community.

Thank you for the opportunity to express Community First's **support for SB 911 SD1** to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

**SB-911-SD-1**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Cherese Shelton	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony for SB911 SD1

To: K. KAHELE, S. CHANG, KANUHA, RUDERMAN, KIM, NISHIHARA, SHIMABUKURO, WAKAI

Date: March 28, 2019

Time: 2:00 PM

Place: Conference Room 308

Re: Support of SB911 relating to Health

Aloha Legislators,

My name is Cherese Shelton and I am a resident of Hawaii from Keaau. I am currently a Ph.D. student of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am here to show my personal support for SB911.

I am in support of SB911 because I believe that adding cardiologist specialists to the Hilo Medical Center team will contribute to its growth and its transformational effects of providing local healthcare for this community. I believe that specialized providers should not be exclusive to Oahu and should be available to Hilo and other outer island communities. The high costs and challenges transporting patients not only place them at more risk, but may discourage others to seek healthcare and untreated conditions. On 3/17/2019, I visited Hilo Medical Center on a tour with my group of future healthcare providers and experienced the importance of available specialists in any medical center. When visiting the center we overheard the speaker call for cardiologists and staff to respond to an incoming patient on an ambulance. This served as a reminder to everyone how sudden tragedy can happen to those in life and emphasizes the importance of available health specialists accessible to everyone, especially those in complex rural geographical environments.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cherese Shelton. [chereses@hawaii.edu](mailto:chereses@hawaii.edu)



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Relating to health. Appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

**(Name/Title)** Jamie Brinkman, RN

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matthew magnuson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**Matthew Magnuson**

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Mie Fowler	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jackie De Luz Watanabe	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a citizen and part of the Big Island community my entire life, I know that the level of care at Hilo Medical Center has improved greatly over the past several decades. But due to geographical constraints and precious time that is needed for cardiac intervention and care at the soonest moment possible it is so important to support this bill that is literally the difference between life and death for many who live, work and contribute to this community. Please support this bill on behalf of everyone on the Big Island.

**SB-911-SD-1**

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Candace Walker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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The start of interventional cardiac care through the initial funding has already had an impact on the lives of patients and their families in our community as recently reported in the Hawaii Tribune Herald. Funding to continue this kind of care will really make a positive difference in our community going forward.

Again, mahalo for the opportunity to express my **support for SB 911 SD1** to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicole Vergara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony in Support of SB 911 SD1

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Nicole Vergara RN, BSN

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Sam Nelson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**Sam Nelson**

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## Support Testimony For Hilo Medical Center's Cardiac Intervention Capacity

My name is Charlene Iboshi from Hawaii Island. I support the expansion of the Cardiac Cath Lab for East Hawaii. Unfortunately, as a "baby boomer" at high risk of a heart-attack or stroke, I understand the real problem of living on Hawaii Island. Personally, my mom and I were caregivers for my dad, who had several heart attacks, and eventually, a debilitating stroke.

Three factors support the expansion of the Cardiac Cath Lab and expansion of services on our island: 1) Fastest growing state population is in the Puna District, despite the Lava disaster in 2018; 2) Hilo district has the largest elder population proportionally in the state, almost 30 % over 60; 3) the distance for emergency response time in our super-rural environment –impacts any emergency intervention of "the golden hour."

I am involved with a community collaboration that is involved with Recruitment and Retention of Physicians through a non-profit, Community First, the EH Independent Physicians Association and the Hilo Medical Center, and HMC Foundation. There are many improvements with the expansion of the HMC's Cardiac Care Imaging. We are thankful for the past legislative support for cardiac imaging process. Now, to save more lives, the final step of interventional cardiologists and the required supports are requested to complete the continuum of care.

Our community is working on prevention of cardiac disease through the Blue Zones Project and "Hui Pono" Ornish Program at the Hilo Medical Center. Post-cardiac, rehabilitation services always have been good in the community.

Please support funding of the needed cardiac services for Hawaii Island. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**SB-911-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ross Wilson Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Your support will save lives on Hawaii Island! Mahalo for your kokua!

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Sharon Bowling

(Name/Title) \_\_\_\_\_

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Again, mahalo for the opportunity to express my **support for SB 911 SD1** to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.



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

Comments:

**SB-911-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rae A Yamanaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Testimony in Support of SB911 SD1

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of SB911 SD1: Appropriations of funds for cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

I am testifying as an individual and member of the Hilo community. Hilo Medical Center has been greatly improving the medical support and care for all Big Island citizens and visitors. We need your help in supporting and appropriating funds for the cardiac care unit at Hilo Medical Center. The unit has already proven its worth in saving lives and providing advanced cardiac care for all patients. The staff is excellent and is constantly seeking to be better. You can help by providing the necessary appropriations to help make this cardiac care unit reach its goal to provide interventional cardiology that will save lives and improve the quality of life for cardiac patients.

Again, mahalo for giving me this opportunity to testify on behalf of myself and my fellow community members. Please support SB911 SD1.

thank you,

Rae Yamanaka

**SB-911-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carol Q Galper, EdD	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hilo is in desperate need of having cardiac cath facilities. People literally die because this care is lacking and in terms of cardiac events, time is of the essence. They have started the program but need to assure more cardiologists are hired and that the facility is up to date. PLEASE help us in the neighbor islands. People move away because of the lack of these kind of services--they leave the state! Rural Hawaii has people dying because of the lack of services. Pass this legislation, fund this, save lives and make all of Hawaii a safer place for residents and visitors.

**SB-911-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Wayne Kanemoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB 911 SD 1. It provides funds to improve accessibility to cardiac services for the people on Hawaii Island. The ability to treat people on island benefits them and their families by reducing expenses while being in a supportive setting.



**SB-911-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2019 10:04:41 AM

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Laura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Laura

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James McCully	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

House Committee on Finance

Chair Sylvia Luke Vice-Chair Ty Cullen

Aloha Chair Luke

Please support funding for SB 911, SD1, the Cardiac Care Cath Lab for Hilo Medical Center. The "Golden Hour" for lifesaving intervention is frequently consumed in deploying to, and then processing the patient by the response team. That doesn't leave much time for the actual care, and to then medivac the patient to Oahu or Maui further diminishes any chances for success. In this instance "sucess" is the life of the patient and the patients family and community. This investment in Hilo Medical Center is critical to meet those needs.

Mahalo for your continued support,

Jim McCully

**SB-911-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jeanne Yagi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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**NOTICE OF HEARING**

DATE: Thursday, March 28, 2019

TIME: 2:00 P.M.

Conference Room 308

PLACE: State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

**Testimony in Support of SB 911 SD1**

Relating to health. Appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

## **Jimmy and Jeanne Yagi, Hilo**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Douglass Adams	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Gordon Takaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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(Name/Title) \_\_\_\_\_ Gordon  
Takaki \_\_\_\_\_

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David G. Carvalho Sr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Daniel H Belcher	Individual	Support	No

Comments:



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**Testimony in Support of SB 911 SD1**

Relating to health. Appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

**(Name/Title)** \_\_\_\_\_ Terry Larson, Executive Assistant to the East Hawai'i Regional Board \_\_\_\_\_

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**SB-911-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rhea R. Lee-Moku	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha! I support SB 912 SD1 and ask that you vote for this bill. Funding interventional cardiac care at the Hilo Hospital will improve health care treatment and access for east Hawli Island residents. This is sorely needed to save lives. Thank you for this opportunity to express my position on this bill.

Mahalo,

Rhea Lee-Moku

**SB-911-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lauren Wooten	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-911-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Steve Ueda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SB-911-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Victor V. Vierra	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I respectfully request you support and pass SB911 relating to a cardiac care unit at rthe Hilo Medical Center. This unit would save lives and save countless time and money for Big Islanders who must now fly to Honolulu for treatment. The Hilo Medical Center is fully staffed to carry out this procedure all they need is the funding.



**SB-911-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Chad Shibuya	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a lifelong resident of the Big Island and a Registered Nurse who has worked both at an acute care hospital on Oahu and now at Hilo Medical Center, I have seen the disparities of here versus there. I am in support of SB911 SD1 because it will help to lessen the gap in rural healthcare that currently exists. Thank you.

**SB-911-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
ADRIANNE LAMSON	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Robert Hanley	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please vote in favor of SB 911 SD1 to appropriate funds for the continuation of the cardiology program that you got off to a good start with your funding in the 2018 legislative session. By doing so, you are going to save many lives and relieve the hardship experienced by family members of heart attack victims on the Big Island.

The alternative is to go back to the costly, time consuming process of transporting heart attack victims to Honolulu where they will likely suffer greater heart damage that will result in poor long term outcomes.

As a member of the Big Island community since 1968, I witnessed a transition of Hilo Hospital going from a sad reputation of "the place you go to die" to its current reputation as a top level Medical Center with national recognition for "advanced, life saving, quality care". I hope that you will keep this momentum going by passing SB911 SD1.

Mahalo,

Bob Hanley

**SB-911-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kathleen Katt MD, FACEP	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please refer to my testimony last week in person.

Please refer to testimony by Dr Juneau, HMC and recent Newspaper articles.

House Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair  
House Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair  
House Committee on Finance (FIN)

Jessica Cabusog  
University of Hawaii at Manoa, Office of Public Health Studies

Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Support for S.B. No. 911, S.D. 1, Relating to Health

Aloha Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the House Committee on Finance (FIN),

My name is Jessica Cabusog and I am a first year Master of Public Health student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am here to kindly ask for your support in passing S.B. No. 911, which allocates funding to the Hawaii health systems corporation for the improvement of cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center in Hawaii county.

For my spring break, I traveled with UH Manoa's Health Career Opportunities Program (HCOP) to gain exposure to rural health on the Big Island. During this trip, my peers and I visited Hilo Medical Center and were able to learn about what health care services are available and unavailable. It was brought to my attention that the cardiac care Hilo Medical Center is able to provide is very limited, often times only being able to provide images using their imaging equipment and software.

According to the Hawaii's Department of Health, cardiovascular disease, which can give rise to stroke and heart attack, is the leading cause of death in Hawaii with over 4,000 deaths and 18,000 hospitalizations per year. Therefore, providing the best cardiac care throughout the islands should be top priority.

My ultimate goal is to become a physician and health inequities is an important aspect to be aware of and consider. I feel that the lack of cardiac care Hawaii county is able to provide is just one example of the health inequities that exists throughout the islands and that the legislature has the power to help by supporting this bill. As the bill states, the funds would be used for the following:

- Costs associated with **recruiting and employing two additional cardiologists** while they establish their invasive cardiology practice;
- Costs of **support staff required to support the cardiology practice**;



- **Initial training of catheterization lab, intensive care unit, and radiology staff;**
- Purchasing of **inventory of medical devices and medications used for interventional cardiology procedures;**
- Purchasing of **medical equipment for the cardiac catheterization lab and intensive care unit;**
- Purchasing of **diagnostic laboratory equipment;** and **Initial costs of a certified lab technician.**

It boggles my mind that our state is still at a point where patients need to be airlifted to Oahu or Maui to receive critical medical care. Living on Oahu, I feel as though these types of services are taken for granted as they are readily available to us. Having to fly out is such an extreme and costly form of accessing care. Evaluation and airlifting from Hawaii county to Oahu or Maui can also be very timely, potentially taking much more than two hours. This escalates the risk that patients may not survive or fully recover. I believe if we can minimize having to travel such great distances by providing local expertise and resources, we must do it!

Hawaii county not only has a considerable amount of people, being the second most populous county in the state, but experiences the poorest health outcomes according to the 2017 County Health Ratings. It is imperative that Hawaii county has access to critical cardiac care that will save lives and improve the quality of life for many people. Therefore, I urge the committee to pass S.B. No. 911.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. You may reach me at [jcabusog@hawaii.edu](mailto:jcabusog@hawaii.edu) for any additional questions.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jessica Cabusog". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jessica" being more prominent than the last name "Cabusog".

Jessica Cabusog

**SB-911-SD-1**

Submitted on: 3/27/2019 3:56:27 PM

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

Comments:

From: mak221@aol.com  
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 3:30 PM  
To: FINtestimony  
Subject: STRONG SUPPORT FOR SB911 SD1

Aloha Esteemed Committee Members:

My name is Mark Koppel. I live at 31-392 Lepolua Rd, Umauma.

I am writing in STRONG SUPPORT OF SB911 SD1.

The bill's number is so apt. When we call 911 and get taken to Hilo Medical, they do not yet have the means to save all of us. In other words, some of us Die.

You can prevent these deaths very simply, by passing SB911.

Mahalo

Mark Koppel

**LATE**

**SB-911-SD-1**

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

Comments:

**LATE**

**SB-911-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Torrey Lynch	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Again, mahalo for the opportunity to express my **support for SB 911 SD1** to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

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**SB-911-SD-1**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shaydee	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

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**LATE**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jennifer Zelko	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please support SB 911 which will help improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center. My father Dr John Zelko passed away on July 14 1999 in Hilo of a massive heart attack. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't miss him and wish he were here to have been able to meet his grandchildren.

Our hospital's ability to intervene in cardiac events early enough will help keep our community and visitors safe, and improve their chance for a better quality of life after an event.

Thank you for supporting SB911, Hilo Medical Center and community.

Committee on Finance  
Wednesday, March 28, 2019, 2:00 pm

**LATE**

**Testimony in Support of SB 911 SD1**  
Stephanie Nagata

SB911 SD1 – Relating to Health

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support** of SB 911 SD1 that would appropriate funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

Hilo Medical Center (HMC) is the primary health care facility in East Hawaii but it lacks needed equipment and personnel that would help expand its existing cardiac program to provide interventional cardiac care. Interventional cardiac care is considered by medical experts including the American College of Cardiology as the best way to treat heart attacks in rural areas such as East Hawaii. Funding is required to provide adequate cardiac care to the citizens of East Hawaii.

The only option people of East Hawaii has is to fly to Honolulu, but because the need to fly and the extended time required to get a patient to a Honolulu medical facility, the person could suffer irreversible heart damage or cardiac arrest. Having an interventional cardiac program on island would help to reduce these types of incidents.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to submit my support for this bill, and I recommend moving this bill forward.

Respectfully submitted  
Stephanie Nagata