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Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health  
Conference Room 225 & Via Videoconference

Honorable Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Committee on Human Services  
Conference Room 225 Videoconference

Re: S.C.R. No. 42 – Urging the Department of Health's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division to Conduct a Feasibility study on the Establishment of a Community Mental Health Center Office, Also known as a Family Guidance Center Office, in Ka'ū in the County of Hawai'i.

Honorable Chairs Keohokalole and San Buenaventura and Vice Chairs Baker and Ihara:

On behalf of myself and as Councilmember representing the rural districts of South Kona, Ka'ū and Volcano Village (Council District 6), I express my strong support of S.C.R. 42 relating to expansion of the Ka'ū Rural Health Clinic.

As you may know, many of the Ka'ū residents face cultural, financial, and geographical barriers that prevent them from accessing health services in rural areas such as my Council District of Ka'ū. Expansion of the Ka'ū Rural Health Clinic to include access to urgent care and outpatient behavioral health issues is much needed.

Mahalo a nui loa for your favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

*Maile David*

Maile David, Council Member  
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