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TESTIMONY BY LUIS P. SALAVERIA
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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
ON
HOUSE BILL NO. 660, H.D. 1

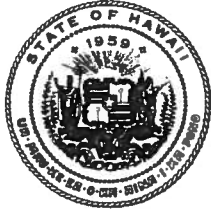
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Room 225 and Videoconference

RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATIONS THAT PROVIDE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC.

The Department of Budget and Finance offers the following comments on House Bill No. 660, H.D. 1, which authorizes the issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds (SPRB) to assist Hawaii Pacific Health, a Hawaii nonprofit corporation, to finance the costs of construction of, improvements to, and equipping of health care facilities including the following: 1) design, construction, furniture, fixtures, equipment, and information technology of Phase 1 of a multi-phase redevelopment project to existing health care facilities at Straub Medical Center (Straub); 2) construction of a new parking facility, conference and meeting center, and employee wellness center and the acquisition of equipment, including solar panels; 3) planning and design related to Phase 2 (new sixteen-story hospital tower and low-rise structure); and 4) other related projects for Straub pursuant to Part II, Chapter 39A, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The Department would like to inform the Legislature and prospective SPRB parties that should the legislation be approved, approval of the SPRB issuance and conduit loan will require further review of the financing proposal to ensure compliance with all federal, state and credit underwriting requirements. For additional information, please consult our FAQ located at the following link: <http://budget.hawaii.gov/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/SPRB-FAQ.pdf>.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

House Bill 660 HD1 – Relating to the Issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds for Not-For-Profit Corporations that Provide Health Care Facilities to the General Public

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) offers comments on House Bill 660 HD1 – Relating to the Issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds for Not-For-Profit Corporations that Provide Health Care Facilities to the General Public. This bill would authorize the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist Hawaii Pacific Health with the construction of, improvement to, and equipping its facilities. Phase 1 involves construction of a new parking facility to triple the number of parking stalls.

DCAB) administers the statewide program on parking for persons with disabilities in Hawaii. There are more than 100,000 Hawaii residents who have a valid disability parking permit (placard or special license plate). Our Parking Committee hears consistent complaints from permittees about certain challenges they encounter when trying to patronize Hawaii places of public accommodation. These include:

- Not enough accessible parking spaces.
- Not enough van accessible parking spaces that have a wider access aisle to allow for deployment of a wheelchair lift or ramp. These spaces are often occupied by a vehicle displaying a disability parking permit, but the vehicle does not have a side mounted lift or ramp.
- Van accessible spaces that are not located in the most effective configuration in relation to the location of other accessible spaces.
- Accessible parking spaces that are located next to an obstruction that impedes ingress/ egress to/from those spaces, such as a wall, pillar, side curb, or compact parking space.
- Accessible routes from reserved accessible parking spaces to the accessible entrance are not direct or have barriers in the way that make it difficult to navigate. Examples include curb ramps that are located far away from the accessible parking spaces, accessible routes that cross vehicular routes, and temporary barriers such as garbage bins placed in access aisles and accessible routes.

Places of public accommodation, including health care facilities, may have the minimum number of accessible parking spaces and van accessible parking spaces as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). However, when people with disabilities, including kupuna with disabilities, are unable to find available accessible or van accessible parking spaces, or encounter barriers to access, they may be forced to find other ways to obtain health care services or forgo health care services altogether.

Therefore, DCAB requests that this bill be amended to require additional reserved accessible parking spaces and van accessible spaces beyond the ADA's minimum requirements. Currently, the ADA requires ten percent of patient and visitor parking spaces provided to serve hospital outpatient facilities to be accessible to people with disabilities. DCAB recommends the following:

"Twenty percent of patient and visitor parking spaces provided to serve hospital and hospital outpatient facilities shall be accessible to and usable by people with disabilities."

This recommendation is consistent with the ADA parking requirement for rehabilitation facilities and outpatient physical therapy facilities, which requires twenty percent of patient and visitor parking spaces to be accessible to people with disabilities. This would be a powerful commitment to ensuring that patients and visitors with disabilities are able to access health care services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully submitted,



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Friday, March 17, 2023 at 1:00 PM
Via Video Conference; Conference Room 225

Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

To: Senator Joy San Buenaventura, Chair
Senator Henry Aquino, Vice Chair

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

**Re: Testimony in Support of HB 660, HD1
Relating to The Issuance Of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds For Not-For-
Profit Corporations That Provide Health Care Facilities To The General
Public**

My name is Michael Robinson, and I am the Vice President of 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.

HPH writes in SUPPORT of HB 660, HD1 which authorizes the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds in a total amount not to exceed \$240,000,000 to assist Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH) in financing the costs related to construction of, improvements to and equipping of existing health care facilities at Straub Medical Center (Straub) to create a future-forward medical facility to serve the people of Hawai'i in the years ahead.

As HPH embarks on this multiphase, multiyear modernization and redevelopment of Straub, the special purpose revenue bonds requested at this time will be applied to execution of Phase 1 and planning and design related to Phase 2. Phase 1 involves construction of a new parking facility to triple the number of parking stalls which will ease congestion and improve accessibility to Straub and additional renovations, including solar panels to create a more environmentally-friendly medical facility.

Planning and design of Phase 2 will focus on a new 16-story hospital tower and low-rise structure. The new tower will include an expanded emergency department, larger patient rooms and more space to provide exceptional quality care.

HPH is committed to reducing inpatient admissions; no additional beds will be added to the existing number. Our goal is to facilitate outpatient use by creating flexible space which may be adapted as circumstances and the needs of the community arise. This

strategy results in a reduction of inpatient costs and greater emphasis on preventive intervention and care.

Between 2019 to the present, in preparation for the Straub redevelopment project, HPH met on multiple occasions with community and neighborhood stakeholders. Those stakeholders include but are not limited to the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA); Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP); Board of Directors of King Manor, President and Board of Directors of One Archer Lane (neighboring properties); Ala Moana/Kakaako Neighborhood Board; Makiki/Lower Punchbowl/Tantalus Neighborhood Board; O'ahu Island Burial Council; and members of the Honolulu City Council.

SHPDA approval of a Certificate of Need for the Straub modernization and redevelopment project has been obtained. On April 14, 2020, SHPDA approved and issued a Certificate of Need, finding that:

- There is a public need for the proposal; and
- The cost of the proposal will not be unreasonable in light of the benefits it will provide and its impact on health care costs.

On December 16, 2020, HPH made an application to the DPP for a Plan Review Use (PRU) Permit to implement the multiphase 15-year Master Plan for the redevelopment of Straub. By Resolution No. 21-219, CD1 dated November 10, 2021, the Honolulu City Council approved the issuance of the PRU permit.

The redevelopment of Straub is crucial to providing high quality health care to the community considering the evolution and changes in the way care is provided.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.