



HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS
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Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair

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Testimony with Comments
S.B. 1016

Relating to Public-Private Partnerships for the Delivery of Health Care Services

Expands the definition of "private entity" to include business organizations that are authorized to transact business in the State, including nonprofit management entities that have a certificate of need or license to operate one or more community hospitals or hospitals serving a rural population licensed under the laws of any state. Beginning January 1, 2024, requires the Chief Executive Officer of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation or the Chief Executive Officer's designee, before entering into any new agreement or modifying or terminating any existing agreement, to provide written comments to the Governor.

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The Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation ("HHSC") offers the following **comments** on S.B. 1016, Relating to Public-Private Partnerships for the Delivery of Health Care Services.

In part, this measure will require HHSC's Chief Executive Officer to provide notification to the Governor on any new, modified, or terminated agreements related to the Maui regional system. Should this law pass, HHSC is certainly amenable to complying with the notification requirements to the Governor.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Comments:

thank you for this opportunity to testify. i have been involved with Maui Memorial Hospital for the last 30 years on various iterations of the board. when the law was changed in 2014 to allow for privatization of the hospital there were some last second changes to the bill. it limited who could apply to operate the hospital and how the contract was to be worked on. basically we were limited to the companies operating hospitals in Hawaii at the time which were Queens, Kaiser and HPH. Queens had just made a significant investment on the west side. so it was between Kaiser and HPH. kaiser made an impressive application and was selected by the Maui Regional Board. the contract to take over was negotiated by the Governors office. the promises made to the board was not incorporated into the contract. it has been an uproad trek since. hopefully these changes to the bill will allow for some potential correction within the contract. mahalo for the opportunity to share my thoughts.