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TESTIMONY BY LUIS P. SALAVERIA  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 303

**February 27, 2023**  
**10:35 a.m.**  
**Room 211 and Videoconference**

RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII  
REVISED STATUTES

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

Senate Bill No. 303 is a vehicle to appropriate funds for operating and capital  
improvement grants pursuant to Chapter 42F, HRS.

Article VII, Section 4, of the Hawai'i State Constitution prohibits appropriations  
made for private purposes. Therefore, B&F respectfully suggests that the Committee  
add a new Section 1 to this bill to read as follows:

“SECTION 1. The legislature finds and declares that the grants made pursuant  
to chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, under this Act are in the public interest and for  
the public health, safety, and general welfare.”

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.



# HAWAI`I YOUTH SERVICES NETWORK

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*Big Brothers Big Sisters Hawai`i*  
*Big Island Substance Abuse*  
*Council*  
*Bobby Benson Center*  
*Child and Family Service*  
*Coalition for a Drug-Free Hawai`i*  
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*Network*  
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*Ho`okele Coalition of Kaua`i*  
*Ka Hale Pomaika`i*  
*Kahi Mohala*  
*Kokua Kalihii Valley*  
*Kaua`i Planning and Action*  
*Alliance*  
*Maui Youth and Family Services*  
*Na Pu`uwai Molokai Native*  
*Hawaiian Health Care*  
*Systems*  
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*Parents and Children Together*  
*PHOCUSED*  
*PFLAG – Kona, Big Island*  
*Planned Parenthood of the*  
*Great Northwest, Hawaii*  
*Alaska, Kentucky, Indiana*  
*Residential Youth Services*  
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*Intervention Services*  
*Sex Abuse Treatment Center*  
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February 24, 2023

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz  
And members of the Committee on Ways and Means

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 303 RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Hawaii Youth Services Network (HYSN) , a statewide coalition of youth-serving organizations, supports SB 303 Relating to the Funding of Grants Pursuant to Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Grants-in-aid provide critically needed funding for a wide arrays of programs to support our children, youth, families, and kupuna. HYSN has submitted a GIA application to support the annual Hawaii Children and Youth Summit.

Children and youth are part of our communities and need to be part of the decisions that affect their lives. The annual Hawaii Children and Youth Summit gives young people the opportunity to inform our legislators about what Hawaii needs in order to be a better place to live, learn and work.

Youth serve in leadership roles as planning committee members, speakers, video producers, moderators, breakout group facilitators and tech crew.

Multiple bills currently working their way through this legislative session were informed by or initiated by Hawaii's youth. These include bills on flavored tobacco products, and sexual abuse and sex trafficking training for school personnel.

The Summit can be a life changing experience for youth. Here is what they have to say:

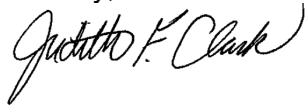
*This was my first experience in attending a meeting with other youths where our voices matter. . . . I want to make a difference and attending the Summit gave me the courage to step out and share everything I've learned with my fellow students. I know I will never stop speaking up for what is right."*

--Alisha Estoy, Junior at Konawaena High School

*I have always been passionate about the environment . . . but I never thought I could make a difference now. . . . Thank you for providing that chance to speak out and give me someone to listen. . . . This has been one of the few times that I felt like people listened to me.*

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Judith F. Clark". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Judith F. Clark, MPH  
Executive Director



**RE:** Testimony for Senate Committee on Ways and Means SB No. 0303

**From:** Richard Taaffe, COE

**Organization:** West Hawaii Community Health Center Inc. (dba) Hawaii Island Community Health Center

**Org Address:** 75-5751 Kuakini HWY., STE 203, Kailua Kona, HI 96740

**Phone:** 808-326-3878

On January 19, 2023, at 11:04 am, West Hawaii Community Health Center submitted a Nonprofit Grant in Aid request, for a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) funding. Confirmation of receipt of our application is attached to this testimony.

Pursuant to Section 42F-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes, this Grant in Aid/CIP proposal will be used for the public purpose of expanding access to primary health care services for low income, and high-risk populations in the rural district of Puna, on Hawaii Island. West Hawaii Community Health Center (WHCHC), doing business as Hawaii Island Community Health Center (HICHC), is a Federally Qualified Community Health Center (FQHC), with 501(c)3 nonprofit status. HICHC provides preventive care, including primary medical, oral health, and mental health/substance use disorder treatment. HICHC provides essential health care services to medically underserved and vulnerable populations, including the uninsured and those living below the poverty level. As an FQHC we provide primary care services to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. With this FY 2024 GIA proposal, HICHC is requesting public funds (\$5,000,000) for the purpose of building a new primary health center in the medically underserved rural district of Puna, on Hawaii Island. The new health care facility will be built in Kea`au and will be a hub serving four communities including Kea`au, Kurtistown, Mountain View, and Pahoia (zip codes 96749, 96760, 96771, and 96778). The target population to be served by this proposal includes the entire population of these communities, with special focus on providing a medical safety net for low income and high-risk populations.

Healthcare is a basic need and access should be considered a right not a privilege. To maintain a healthy community and work force, it is vital to have access to health care. This is not currently the case in the rural district of Puna (Kea`au, Kurtistown, Mt View, and Pahoia). Federal HRSA data shows that there are **6,747** low-income people living in Puna not currently receiving health care services (*UDS MAPPER; Data Report ZCAT 96749, 96760, 96771, 96778*). Without access to primary care, the in-patient cost of treating these individuals rises significantly—a cost that gets transferred to the general public through higher premiums and fees and ultimately an increased tax burden. In addition, children without health care typically have poor health status, poor school attendance, and poor academic performance. The new health clinic will expand health services and improve access to health care, improve health status, and enhance the quality of life for people in these communities.

HICHC currently operates a small medical and dental clinic in Kea`au serving 4,150 medical patients. This new Kea`au Family Health Center will increase our service capacity to 11,000 patients. The new facility will allow us to continue serving our current 4,150 patients, along with a projected additional 6,850 new patients. The new 15,000 sf Kea`au Family Health Center facility, built with GIA funds, will include 20 exam rooms with enough space to accommodate 5 primary care physicians, and 3 behavioral health providers.

We kindly request your support for expansion of health care services in rural, medically underserved district of Puna, on Hawaii Island. We ask for your favorable consideration of our GIA/CIP proposal of (\$5,000,000) to support the construction of the new Kea`au Family Health Center.

**From:** [GIAtestimony](#)  
**To:** [Ala, Natasha](#); [Taaffe, Richard J.](#)  
**Subject:** RE: HICHC FY24 GIA CIP Request  
**Date:** Thursday, January 19, 2023 4:48:13 PM  
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Mahalo,  
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**From:** Ala, Natasha <NAla@hicomcommunityhealthcenter.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2023 11:04 AM  
**To:** GIAtestimony <giatestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>; Taaffe, Richard J. <RTaaffe@hicomcommunityhealthcenter.org>  
**Subject:** HICHC FY24 GIA CIP Request  
**Importance:** High

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Aloha,

Please find attached Hawaii Island Community Health Centers FY2024 GIA request for **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT** funding. Pursuant to Section 42F-102, Hawaii Revised Statutes, this proposal will be used for the public purpose of expanding access to primary health care services for low income, and high-risk populations in the rural district of Puna, on Hawaii Island. West Hawaii Community Health Center (WHCHC), doing business as Hawaii Island Community Health Center (HICHC), is a Federally Qualified Community Health Center (FQHC), with 501(c)3 nonprofit status. HICHC provides preventive care, including primary medical, oral health, and mental health/substance use disorder treatment. HICHC provides essential health care services to medically underserved and vulnerable populations, including the uninsured and those living below the poverty level. As an FQHC we provide primary care services to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. With this FY 2024 GIA proposal, HICHC is requesting public funds **(\$5,000,000)** for the purpose of building a new primary health center in the medically underserved rural district of Puna, on Hawaii Island. The new health care facility will be built in Kea`au and will be a hub serving four communities including Kea`au, Kurtistown, Mountain View, and Pahoia (zip codes 96749, 96760, 96771, and 96778). The target population to be served by this proposal includes the entire population of these communities, with special focus on providing a medical safety net for low income and high-risk populations.

Mahalo,

**Natasha Ala**  
**Director of Programs & Resource Development**  
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**West Hawaii Community Health Center**  
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**SB-303**

Submitted on: 2/24/2023 1:11:06 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Malia Bohlin	Testifying for Aloha House, Inc.	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha House, Inc. provides a Residential Substance Use Treatment program for Maui County residents that offers substance use treatment, counseling, crisis support, and sober support activities.

At this time, the organization is seeking funding for the completion of a 12 bed dormitory on its campus in Makawao, on Maui. Currently 325 people participate in residential treatment each year. The new dorm will increase the total capacity for the program by 25%, helping the organization address the growing need for substance use treatment in Maui County.

Funding for planning and design is secured, and these activities are currently underway. Aloha House is now seeking funds to support construction costs, estimated at \$1,295,000. We hope that the Legislature will support these efforts by funding our Grant in Aid request for \$500,000.

Thank you for your consideration.



# Parents And Children Together

BUILDING THE RELATIONSHIPS  
THAT MATTER MOST

ParentsAndChildrenTogether.org

## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 303

**TO:** Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran, & Members – Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
**FROM:** Ryan Kusumoto, President & CEO  
**DATE:** February 27, 2023 at 10:35 AM

**Parents and Children Together (PACT) supports SB 303, Relating to the Funding of Grants Pursuant to Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes,** which appropriates operating and capital improvement grants for fiscal year 2023-2024.

Founded in 1968, PACT is a statewide community-based organization providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to families in need. Assisting more than 15,000 people across the state annually, we help identify, address, and successfully resolve challenges through our 20 programs. Among our services are early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, childhood sexual abuse supportive group services, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, sex trafficking intervention, poverty prevention and community building programs.

This year, PACT is requesting operating Grant-in-Aid (GIA) funds to support the services and staffing of our three domestic violence shelters. These homes provide safe and confidential shelter, case management, and other supportive services to survivors and their children fleeing domestic abuse. The need for free domestic violence shelter services in Hawai'i outpaces other available government grant funding sources. Without this grant, we will have less capacity to provide the length of stays needed by survivors and children to stabilize their situations and safely move to independent living.

PACT diligently conducts fund development, seeking government contracts, foundation grants and charitable donations in support of our mission to work with Hawaii's children, individuals and families to create safe and promising futures. We are active in efforts to secure sustainable funding for the true costs of our programs. We request assistance with operating funds through the Legislature's GIA program to support essential services for which no other funding is available.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or [rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org](mailto:rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org) if you have any questions.



# *La'i'Opua Community Development Corp.*

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February 24, 2023

To: Senator Donovan Dela Cruz  
And members of the Committee on Ways and Means

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF**  
**SB 303 RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO**  
**CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

Laiopua Community Development Corporation, a community economic nonprofit corporation on Hawaii Island in the ahupua'a of Kealakehe supports Senate Bill 303 Relating to the Funding of Grants Pursuant to Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Laiopua Community Develop Corporation (CDC) is a federal designated 501C3 nonprofit Corporation established for the purpose of which promote the betterment of the community in the Laiopua homestead region by *establishing, implementing and managing charitable, religious, educational, and scientific programs which promote education, economic development, renewable energy, energy self-sufficiency, health and human services, and housing.*

State of Hawaii Grants-in-aid provide critically needed funding for a wide arrays of programs and services to support our children, youth, families, and kupuna. Laiopua CDC has submitted 2 GIA applications to support the planning of a "Preschool and a community Park". Both Laiopua CDC GIAs Capital Improvement Project requests comply with the "public purpose " pursuant to Hawaii Revised Chapter 42F.

The future of our communities are our children and youth and our proposals addressing the important need for early education and access to community facilities like a park can make a difference in their early developmental lives as our youth explore themselves and their identity through the preschool and community park programs.

In closing Laiopua CDC supports Senate Bill 303 relating to the Funding of grants pursuant to Chapter 42F, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Respectfully,  
Craig Bo Kahui, ED  
Laiopua Community Development Corp.

CC: LCDC Board  
Sen, Kanuha  
Sen. Shimabukuro  
Rep Nicole Lowen



**COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

DATE: Monday, February 27, 2023  
TIME: 10:35 AM  
PLACE: Conference Room 211  
State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 303**

RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII  
REVISED STATUTES

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

Waimānalo Health Center (WHC) supports Senate Bill 303 appropriating operating and capital improvement grants for fiscal year 2023. Waimānalo Health Center's (WHC) mission is rooted in Native Hawaiian values and devoted to improving the health and wellness of all people, regardless of ability to pay, by providing comprehensive primary and preventive health care services of the highest quality. WHC is grateful for being a past recipient of State GIA funding and the impact it had on improving access to healthcare and service to the community.

Understanding the need to address appropriate and accessible healthcare in this State, WHC supports the GIA request of other FQHCs and their proposed projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Mary Frances Oneha, Chief Executive Officer



## KŌKUA KALIHI VALLEY COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY SERVICES

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February 24, 2023

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz  
Ways and Means Committee

Dear Senator Dela Cruz,

I am writing to you regarding in support of Senate Bill No. 0303 to appropriate funds for the Grants-in-Aid. Kōkua Kalihi Valley (KKV) submitted a CIP and a Program grant request. These are critical to meeting KKV's financial needs in support of care services for Kalihi residents. Our grant requests are as follows:

**CIP: Feasibility Study to Renovate the Judd Medical Clinic to create an urgent care facility and mental health care facilities.**

**Request: \$150,000**

KKV will conduct a feasibility study to renovate the Judd Medical clinic at 2239 N. School Street for the purpose of creating an urgent care facility and increased space for mental health services. In 2020, we built a temporary/ emergency COVID clinic in the parking garage under the building. This structure must be removed as per orders by the City & County. KKV desperately needs more space but needs to understand the engineering, traffic, fire, and architectural issues impacting a build out of the garage, especially as it effects structural integrity and functionality of the whole building. The CIP funding will enable us to identify challenges and opportunities before launching a large-scale building campaign.

**Program: Elder Care Emergency Food Pantry and Farm Support Program**

**Request: \$168,800**

KKV's program request prevents malnutrition among low-income Kalihi seniors and improves health outcomes for KKV's cancer and diabetes patients. The program ensures that medical providers can refer patients for rapid delivery of food supplements, adult diapers, food staples, and cleaning supplies, items that many patients go without to pay rent and other expenses. The emergency support can make a significant difference for patients and their families as they wait to be connected to long-term food and other financial resources. Patients often come to KKV at a crisis state when it is essential to provide food and other necessities to ensure that health conditions do not rapidly decline as they wait for longer-term support.

Attached, please see copies of the email confirmations that the grants were submitted and received for both requests.

Dr. David Derauf, CEO

## RE: Kokua Kalihi Valley GIA CIP Application 2023

GIAtestimony <giatestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>

Fri 1/20/2023 10:40 AM

To: Diane Evans <devans@kkv.net>

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**From:** Diane Evans <devans@kkv.net>

**Sent:** Friday, January 20, 2023 9:23 AM

**To:** GIAtestimony <giatestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov>; mizuno2 - Charles <mizuno2@capitol.hawaii.gov>

**Subject:** Kokua Kalihi Valley GIA CIP Application 2023

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Attached please find our application for a capital grant. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Diane

Diane Evans  
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## RE: KKV GIA Program Grant Application

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**Subject:** KKV GIA Program Grant Application

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Attached please find our second application for Program. Please let me know if you need anything more.  
Diane

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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Monday, February 27, 2023; 10:35 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211  
Via Videoconference**

**RE: SENATE BILL NO. 0303, RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.**

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

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA) is a 501(c)(3) organization established to advocate for, expand access to, and sustain high quality care through the statewide network of Community Health Centers throughout the State of Hawaii. The HPCA **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill No. 0303, RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

By way of background, the HPCA represents Hawaii's Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs). FQHCs provide desperately needed medical services at the frontlines to over 150,000 patients each year who live in rural and underserved communities. Long considered champions for creating a more sustainable, integrated, and wellness-oriented system of health, FQHCs provide a more efficient, more effective and more comprehensive system of healthcare.

The bill, as received by your Committee, would appropriate funds for fiscal year 2023-2024 for grant-in-aid program operations and capital improvements. It would take effect on July 1, 2023.

The COVID-19 pandemic placed an unprecedented strain on Hawaii's social safety net. It effectively shut down the economy and forced many businesses to close. For those fortunate to remain open, many needed to lay off workers and fundamentally change the way they conducted business.

Social service nonprofit organizations saw enormous increases in demand for services caused by increased unemployment. They also needed to provide these services at a time when their revenues declined significantly. Private donations, the life blood for many of Hawaii's nonprofits, dried up. The State of Hawaii did not authorize any grant in aid during the Regular Sessions of 2020 and 2021. And while the federal government provided various loans and stimulus payments to ease immediate program demands, most nonprofits have had to set aside capital and development needs to focus solely on getting the most essential services out to the greatest number of clients in the shortest period of time.

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Because of the changes made to the State Budget and as the economy slowly recovered, Hawaii's ability to generate revenue began to improve. Visitors returned to the State and construction picked up even more. During the 2022 Regular Session, general fund revenues returned to pre-pandemic levels allowing lawmakers to appropriate \$50 million in grant in aid to address the needs of nonprofits. While this is more than what was provided in 2019, it will take much more to replenish and rejuvenate the social safety net.

Many of our nonprofits continue to operate at deficits or have not replaced the staff that were laid off. The markets for professionals have become much tighter requiring employers to offer more to just retain existing staff let alone recruit replacements. The "new normal" demands that much more will be needed to just keep the status quo.

In light of this, given the huge surpluses the State is currently experiencing and anticipating for the out years, now is the time for the State to commit to rehabilitating Hawaii's social safety net. Furthermore, as the Council on Revenues and economists predict a recession in the near future, it is even more imperative that our nonprofits are strengthened to meet the demands that the next calamity will pose.

To do this, there needs to be sufficient political commitment. Senate Bill No. 0303 is a start, but the Legislature and the Administration must be willing and able to sustain these efforts over time. As an example, perhaps the commitment of \$50 million in general funds for grant in aid annually for a five-year period would infuse \$250 million to nonprofits. Also, approval of even more funding to assist nonprofits expand their footprints so that they will be able to do even more in the future is greatly warranted.

**To that end, the HPCA urges your favorable consideration of this measure.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Public Affairs and Policy Director Erik K. Abe at 536-8442, or [eabe@hawaiiipca.net](mailto:eabe@hawaiiipca.net).



HAWAIIAN HOMESTEADERS ASSOCIATION INC.

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February 24, 2023

TO: Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran and  
Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

MEASURE: SB 303  
Monday, February 27, 2023  
10:35 am  
Conference Room 211

SUBJ: Testimony in Strong Support of SB 303

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair Keith-Agaran and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means. My name is Perry Artates, President of the Waiohuli Hawaiian Homestead Association, Inc (WHHA), and I submit the following testimony in strong support of SB 303.

Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association, Inc. is a past recipient of Legislative Grant in Aid. The technical provisions of SB303 pertaining to Capital Improvements Projects provides clear understanding for the use and intent of GIA awards. WHHA considers the GIA grant award program as an enabling resource for our community to "learn how to fish" as opposed to just "receiving fish". GIA funding has allowed WHHA to leverage resources, both financial and in-kind, to develop community facilities that generate net revenues for student scholarship and community benefits.

Through partnerships with procured contractors and professionals, WHHA has development a template for community-based economic development opportunities and is currently expanding its vision to do larger scale initiatives in support of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands overall mission.

WHHA was honored to have several members of your Committee on Ways and Means visit our community facilities to get a firsthand look of the Legislature's investment. WHHA's community successes to date would not have been possible without the Legislative Grant in Aid Program.

In closing, WHHA stands in strong support of this measure that can provide WHHA and other organizations a chance to further self-sufficiency.

Perry Artates  
President  
Waiohuli Hawaiian Homesteaders Association, Inc.





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**SENATE BILL NO. 303 (SB303), RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS  
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES**

Honorable Donovan Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify **IN SUPPORT OF** SB303, “RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.” The purpose of the bill is to appropriate grant-in-aid funding for operating and capital improvements for fiscal year 2023-24.

Hāna Health is a 501(c)(3) Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), located in the Moku (District) of Hana. As the **only health care provider** in the district, Hana Health serves the needs of 1,800 primarily Native Hawaiian residents and 600,000 visitors annually.

Hāna Health is working to maintain and expand primary health care services to the underserved population of isolated East Maui, the need for which was highlighted during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. Exacerbating our effort to serve the community is an extreme housing shortage in Hana, with very few homes on the market priced below \$2 million and most monthly rentals above \$3,000. Providing workforce housing to Hāna Health physicians, healthcare providers and support staff is critical to the on-going operation of the health center. **NO HOUSING, NO HEALTHCARE.**

Hāna Health submitted a GIA capital request for the construction of workforce housing on the health center site owned by the State of Hawaii. We respectfully ask that you insert an appropriation of \$1.2 million in SB303 for Hana Health’s critical infrastructure project designed to assure that quality health care will be available to one of the most remote and vulnerable communities in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration and on-going support of our efforts. Please feel free to contact me should you need additional information.

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**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Monday, February 27, 2023; 10:35 a.m.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211  
Via Videoconference**

Subject: SENATE BILL NO. 0303, RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

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

The Hawaii Parkinson Association (HPA) is a 501(c)(3) organization comprised of volunteers with Parkinson's disease, caregivers, family members, health care professionals, and educators. The HPA was established in 1996 with the mission of assisting people with Parkinson's and their family live the best life possible by uniting people, organizations, and resources to treat Parkinson's and ultimately find a cure.

The **HPA STRONGLY SUPPORTS** SB0303 – Relating To The Funding Of Grants Pursuant To Chapter 42f, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

The bill, as received by your Committee, would appropriate funds for fiscal year 2023-2024 for grant-in-aid program operations and capital improvements. It would take effect on July 1, 2023.

According to the latest estimates, there is an estimated 7,000 Parkinson's patients in Hawai'i. To provide the specialty care needed, there are exactly 3 Movement Disorder Specialist neurologists.

I have been President of the Hawaii Parkinson Association for 6 years. During this time the major healthcare systems and I have been trying to recruit MDS neurologists to take up practice in Hawaii. But with only 650 MDS neurologists nationwide, it's very difficult as they are high demand, low density specialists. Last year I decided, if we can't recruit any, we need to 'grow' them ourselves. Working with Queen's Parkinson's and Movement Disorder Center, we received a State grant to establish a Movement Disorder Specialist Fellowship. This Fellowship can produce one MDS neurologist per year if fully funded. Every MDS neurologist we can train will be able to treat another 400-500 patients.

In light of the improved State finances, now is the time for the State to commit to reducing the lack of critical medical professionals like MDS neurologists. To do this, there needs to be sufficient political commitment. Senate Bill No. 0303 is a start, but the Legislature and the Administration must be willing and able to sustain these efforts over time.

***The Hawai'i Parkinson Association strongly urges your favorable consideration of SB0303.***

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Jerry Boster, President, Hawai'i Parkinson Association



February 25, 2023

The Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz  
Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 208  
Honolulu, HI 96813

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran  
Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
State Capitol, Room 221  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER  
42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

Aloha Senator Dela Cruz, Senator Keith-Agaran, and Senate Committee on Ways and  
Means Members,

On behalf of La'i'opua 2020 ("L2020"), I'd like to thank you for this opportunity to  
submit our testimony, as it relates to our 2023 Application for Grants (Chapter 42F;  
GIA).

L2020 was founded in 2006 to identify community needs, foster the creation of  
community facilities, and coordinate programs for native Hawaiian Homesteaders and  
those residing in the greater Kona Coast community. Thus, our organization "provides  
social, recreational, vocational, economical, educational and cultural opportunities as  
well as infrastructure to Native Hawaiian communities of the Kealakehe Ahupua'a. It  
is a place for pilina and a pu'uhonua".

L2020 is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue  
Code (received in 2007). The L2020 Board is comprised of area residents who have  
broad oversight of all development and deliverables in accordance with L2020's  
mission and vision.

L2020 submitted a 2023 Application for Grants (Chapter 42F; GIA) on Wednesday,  
January 18, 2023 at 10:32 AM. The GIA was accepted via confirmed receipt on  
Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 12:46 PM. The amount of capital improvement state  
funds requested is \$525,000 for the purpose of completing the remaining two (2)



quadrants totaling 9,135 SF of community, classroom, and programmatic spaces, as L2020 has completed two (2) of the four (4) quadrants of its La'i'ōpua Community Complex (a.k.a. Workforce Development and Business Incubation Center).

Me ka ha'aha'a,

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Rebecca "Kawehi" Inaba  
Executive Director



February 25, 2023

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RE: RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

Aloha Senator Dela Cruz, Senator Keith-Agaran, and Senate Committee on Ways and Means Members,

Lānaʻi Community Health Center (“LCHC”) is very grateful for this opportunity to submit our testimony in support of SB303, as it relates to our 2023 Application for Grants (Chapter 42F; GIA) and as a vehicle to appropriate funds for operating and capital improvement grants pursuant to Chapter 42F, HRS for public interest and public health, safety, and general welfare.

LCHC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, federally qualified health center serving Lānaʻi, incorporated in 2004. Our mission is to take care of the community by directly providing health services and partnering with other organizations and providers. Our focus is on the un- and underinsured, low income, medically underserved population.

LCHC submitted a 2023 Application for Grants (Chapter 42F; GIA) on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 2:53 PM. The GIA was accepted via confirmed receipt on Friday, January 20, 2023 at 2:59 PM. The amount of capital improvement state funds requested is \$400,000 for the purpose of altering/renovating LCHC's current facility to accommodate the expanding services provided to patients, because of the rising needs created by the COVID-19 pandemic and more recently flu and RSV (Respiratory Syncytial Virus), while working to keep routine services available to patients.

We greatly appreciate your consideration in support of our 2023 Application for Grants request, as it pertains to SB303.

Me ka mahalo,

Rahnia Boyer  
Executive Director



February 26, 2023

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair

Senator Gilvert Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Monday, February 27, 2023; 10:35 am. State Capitol, Conf. Room 211 & via Videoconference

RE: Senate Bill 0303 – RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz and Vice Chair Keith-Agaran:

On behalf of the Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii (EFH), we urge your **SUPPORT of Senate Bill 0303**, RELATING TO THE FUNDING OF GRANTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 42F, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to advocate and provide services for the almost 14,000 individuals living with epilepsy throughout Hawaii, along with their caregivers and community. Collectively, we foster the wellbeing of children and adults affected by seizures through research programs, educational activities, advocacy, and direct services. Epilepsy is a medical condition characterized by seizures, which are sudden surges of electrical activity in the brain, that affects a variety of mental and physical functions. Approximately 1 in 26 Americans will develop epilepsy, and approximately 1 in 10 people will experience a seizure, at some point in their lifetime.

Grant-in-aid will provide critical funding to expand EFH's programs and services that support individuals living with epilepsy, their caregivers, and community. EFH has submitted a GIA application to increase Seizure Recognition and First Aid public and community training, resource materials, and the annual Hawaii Epilepsy Education Conference.

Epilepsy is the 4th most common neurological disorder after migraine, stroke, and Alzheimer's disease and is more prevalent than autism spectrum disorder, cerebral palsy, MS and Parkinson's disease. The challenges of living with epilepsy are vast. The unpredictability of seizures, the intensity of medical interventions, and the ongoing stigma presented within our communities, across cultures, gender and socio-economic status, present unique challenges.

Achieving our goals and objectives through this funding opportunity will add to the waves of making Hawaii a seizure safe community.

On behalf of the Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii and our Board of Directors, we humbly thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Our mission is to lead the fight to overcome the challenges of living with epilepsy and to accelerate therapies to stop seizures, find cures, and save lives. **Please learn more about our advocacy work at [epilepsy.com/advocacy](http://epilepsy.com/advocacy).**



Mahalo nui loa,

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Naomi Manuel  
Executive Director  
Epilepsy Foundation of Hawaii

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Submitted on: 2/26/2023 10:14:49 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/27/2023 10:35:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Rebecca Gardner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Strongly support; especially in light of surplus and tremendous need.