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Senator Malama Solomon Issues Statement on Formal Affiliation between Queen's Health Systems and North Hawaii Community Hospital

Honolulu- The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's) officially entered into an affiliation agreement on Monday with North Hawaii Community Hospital (NHCH). Queen's is the corporate parent of The Queen's Medical Center (QMC).

Under the agreement, NHCH will become a corporate entity under Queen's, similar to QMC and Moloka'i General Hospital.

Senator Malama Solomon, who represents District 4 (Hilo, Hāmākua, Kohala, Waimea, Waikoloa, Kona) on the island of Hawai'i, issued this statement in response to the formal agreement:

"I am very pleased to learn that The Queen's Health Systems has entered into an affiliation with North Hawaii Community Hospital," said Senator Malama Solomon. "This agreement represents an important step towards creating the solid foundation necessary to meeting the growing healthcare needs of the North Hawai'i community. I look forward to the continued delivery of high quality healthcare services for all of our residents."

The affiliation is expected to be effective January 1, 2014.

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