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**LATE TESTIMONY**

**The House of Representatives  
Committee on Health  
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair  
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair**

January 30, 2009  
8:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 329  
Hawaii State Capitol

**HB 343 RELATING TO RURAL PRIMARY HEALTH CARE TRAINING**  
Appropriates funds to: (1) develop a statewide rural primary health care training program; and (2) support the family medicine residency program of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine's department of family medicine and community health.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 343 to appropriate funds to: (1) develop a statewide rural primary health care training program; and (2) support the family medicine residency program of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns school of medicine's department of family medicine and community health.

On behalf of HHSC and the HHSC Corporate Board of Directors, we strongly support this proposed legislation, which will ensure that access to quality health care will remain at the local level for our Big Island communities. In light of today's challenging health care environment, particularly physician shortages at all levels, this program is vital and needed now. Much discussion has already been invested in this collaborative effort and we look forward to seeing our shared vision come to fruition.

Your support for HB 343 is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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