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Hawaii State House of Representatives
Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Testimony by
Hawaii State AFL-CIO
February 11, 2013

H.B. 1483, HD1 – RELATING TO THE HAWAII
HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO would like to provide comments to H.B. 1483, HD1 which establishes a task force to study the feasibility of allowing the operations of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation regional systems and their facilities to transition to non-public status.

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO is concerned the legislature is considering establishing a task force that may recommend privatizing the regional systems of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and their health facilities. Corporations are in business for one reason and one reason only – to make money and more money each and every year. Profits are put above everything else. This means profits above employees, profits above customers, and profits above the community. Current and future employees would be put in jeopardy and services the community and customers rely on may vanish.

As a result, we hope the task force will consider all options including the use of local health systems instead of mainland health systems such as Banner Health which would put their interests first above the people of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Bradshaw
COPE Director

February 10, 2013

**TO: The Honorable Angus L. K. McKelvey, Chair
 The Honorable Derek S. K. Kawakami, Vice Chair**

**Honorable Members of the Committee on
Consumer Protection & Commerce**

**FROM: Leslie B. Chun M.D.
 Chief of Clinical and Medical Affairs
 Maui Memorial Medical Center**

**SUBJECT: Testimony for HB 1483, HD 1 Relating to Hawaii Health Systems
 Corporation**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony for **HB 1483 HD 1**, which establishes a task force to study the feasibility of allowing the operations of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation regional systems and their facilities to transition to non-public status.

As a physician and member of Maui Memorial Medical Center's Executive Team, I support returning this bill to its original form, because a public-private partnership can provide:

- Access to private capital to expand services.
- Private sector compensation packages to retain qualified medical service personnel.
- Efficiencies of scale and an integrated clinical delivery system with increased resources.
- Development of a sustainable model of health care delivery that will lower costs and improve the overall quality of services to the community.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony. Your support of **returning HB 1483, HD 1 to its original form** would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

**Leslie B. Chun M.D.
Chief of Clinical and Medical Affairs
Maui Memorial Medical Center**

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kirsten Devine	Maui Memorial Medical Center	Support	No

Comments: I support returning HB1483HD1 to its original form. In 2009, the State and HHSC had previously commissioned a study that was mandated by Act 182 to complete and evaluation of HHSC, which included a comprehensive review of operations, as well as recommendations on improvements. This report is known as the "Stroudwater Report". I believe that the choice of options should be made available. Choice does not mean it will be exercised but allows a fully vetted discussion about how best to provide care and protect employees.

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**TO: The Honorable Angus L. K. McKelvey, Chair
The Honorable Derek S. K. Kawakami, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce**

**DATE: Monday, February 11, 2013
TIME: 3:30 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 325
 State Capitol
 415 South Beretania Street**

**FROM: Wesley Lo, Chief Executive Officer
Maui Region, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation**

SUBJECT: Testimony Regarding HB 1483, HD 1 Relating to Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony regarding **HB 1483, HD1. My testimony is in support of returning HB1483 HD1 to its original form.**

The purpose of HB 1483, HD 1, RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION is to establish a task force to study the feasibility of allowing the operations of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation regional systems and their facilities to transition to non-public status. It requires a report to the Legislature prior to the 2014 Regular Session. It repeals the task force on June 30, 2105.

The current version of HB1483 HD1 establishes a task force to study the feasibility of allowing operations of HHSC regional systems and their facilities to transition to a non-public status.

In 2009, the State and HHSC had previously commissioned a study that was mandated by Act 182 to complete and evaluation of HHSC, which included a comprehensive review of operations, as well as recommendations on improvements. This report is known as the “Stroudwater Report”.

The study recommended that “...the corporate partnership strategy be pursued at high velocity in light of the financial status of both HHSC and the State.” At that time, in 2009, the report recommended completing this process within the next 2 to 3 years. It identified the need for continued State support during the transition period.

As part of its recommendation, the study called for three essential changes to HHSC.

- 1) “The first “essential change” calls for a conversion of HHSC from a public benefit corporation to a private non-profit 501c-3 corporation.”

In order to execute this “essential change” it noted that HHSC would require recapitalization between \$256 million and \$456 million

- 2) “The second “essential change” calls for realizing operational efficiencies...”

- 3) “The third “essential change” calls for accessing efficiencies of scale.”

The study reviewed various options on how to accomplish this and recommended the “corporate partnership strategy”.

The report further stated that “Even considering the execution risk related to the recommendations, the financial cost of failure may be less than the long term costs of ever-increasing State subsidies to HHSC. The political will required to make the necessary corporate structure, governance, management and operational changes is considerable.”

As a result, it is felt that approving a new Task force to study this bill will be redundant; and will not be a “bias” for action for our very fragile healthcare system

The intent of the original form of this bill is to further advance the State’s commitment to provide quality health care by allowing the operations of the regional systems of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) and their facilities to transition to non-public status.

I believe that a public-private partnership, as allowed under Act 182 (2009), will enable us to move forward by expanding our services and infrastructure at Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC) and other public hospitals across the state and enable us to provide our communities with access to the quality health care that they deserve.

Under current conditions, HHSC continues to face financial challenges including increasing operating and capital improvement costs, budget shortfalls, budgetary restrictions, declining government and third-party payer subsidies and lack of scale. These issues are related to declining reimbursements, medical inflation, the Affordable Care Act and the current “fiscal cliff” and federal sequestration. These issues and many others are what bring us here today. We need to find a solution.

Over the last several years, general fund subsidies and reimbursements continue to decline while operating costs continue to climb, resulting in exponential net losses for HHSC facilities. In 2012, the operating losses totaled \$143.5 million, while state subsidies decreased to \$73.4 million, resulting in \$68.9 million in net losses, a 134.4% growth in net losses from 2011.

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Operating Loss	\$(101.1)	\$(111.8)	\$(143.5)
General Fund Subsidy	\$98.3	82.0	73.4
Net Loss	\$(1.5)	\$(29.4)	\$(68.9)

As a result of our limited biennium budget, for the fiscal 2014 and 2015 biennium budget period **HHSC anticipates a \$58.5 million budget shortfall**, which does not factor in pay raises or post-employment benefits.

In addition to the operating shortfalls, HHSC also lacks capital for necessary capital improvements. Some HHSC facilities are in need of major renovations and in few cases need to be replaced. HHSC has stated in its Strategic Plan that it needs approximately \$950 million in capital improvements to take care of aging facilities. However, historically, HHSC has only been getting approximately \$24 million per year (2.4% of the estimated total). This does not even keep up with annual depreciation, so it is anticipated that infrastructure will continue to decline without a massive infusion of capital

Declining subsidies and deteriorating infrastructure will inevitably affect quality of care. HHSC offers the only health care facilities in respective rural areas – MMMC is the only full-service acute hospital in Maui County. Our residents require and deserve more and better services which are now limited to Oahu. As a result, many patients are opting to travel to Oahu for perceived better care or for services not available on their island.

I am concerned that as hospital services erode and patient volume decreases, MMMC will have no choice but to proportionately size its employee base to match diminishing hospital operations and declining budgets. This is our reality on Maui and across the entire HHSC system.

I will be the first to recognize the outstanding work, dedication and commitment of our medical staff and employees at MMMC. These 1,700+ people are the heart of our operation and part of the foundation of our community – they are our neighbors, relatives and our friends and I know the challenges they face each and every day.

With fewer opportunities, it will then become even more difficult to offer better pay and compensation and to maintain and attract new physicians and nurses to provide care in our neighbor island communities, especially with an increasingly aging workforce. Following the passage of ACT 182 in 2009, we began exploring our options allowed under the law with one goal in mind – ensuring that Maui residents receive the highest level of health care available. Our current structure under HHSC, does not allow for growth of health care services and does not provide competitive compensation for our employees.

Over the past several years, we began discussions with many hospital systems both locally and across the country to discuss public-private partnerships, including Banner Health. We have not come to any definitive agreements with Banner Health

The establishment of a public-private partnership with a company's like Banner Health has far reaching benefits for our community including:

- Access to private capital to expand access and service delivery.
- Private sector compensation packages to retain qualified medical service personnel.
- Create efficiencies of scale and an integrated clinical delivery system with increased resources.
- Develop sustainable model of health care delivery that will lower costs and improve the overall quality of services to the community.
- Improve support of and access to rural communities through electronic ICU and telemedicine platforms.

With the State's limited resources, we have come to point in time where we are running out of options. This is not a case of "living within our means" – the State would need to appropriate an additional \$58.5 million over the next biennium, in addition greatly increase the amount of capital invested in our facilities for us to continue operating at the status quo. And status quo is unacceptable for all of us who live and work on the neighbor islands.

The Maui Region of the HHSC is the largest provider of health care on the neighbor islands and our main priority is to provide quality care for the residents of Maui County at MMMC, Kula Hospital and Lanai Community Hospital. In recent years, we have greatly advanced, however, we can no longer rely on State funding to keep those advancements going. With new federal health care reform, combined with fiscal challenges, we have no choice but to look at innovative alternatives that could help to improve and enhance the delivery of basic health care for our residents.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important measure. Your support passing this measure in its original format would be greatly appreciated and will ultimately benefit the entire community.

Wesley Lo

Regional Chief Executive Officer

Maui Memorial Medical Center

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Oura	Maui Regional Board	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony for HB 1483 HD 1, which establishes a task force to study the feasibility of allowing the operations of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation regional systems and their facilities to transition to non-public status. (Requires report to the Legislature prior to the 2014 Session. Repeals task force on June 30, 2015.) I support returning this bill to its original form, which would allow HHSC to transition to public status because a public-private partnership can provide: • Access to private capital to expand services. • Private sector compensation packages to retain qualified medical service personnel. • Efficiencies of scale and an integrated clinical delivery system with increased resources. • Development of a sustainable model of health care delivery that will lower costs and improve the overall quality of services to the community. Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony. Your support of returning HB 1483, HD 1 to its original form would be greatly appreciated.

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Michael Clair	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I Oppose the formation of a task force. I believe that this is an unnecessary waste of time and resources. We need to transition from a state operated health care system to one that has the resources and systems to deliver World Class health care on Maui. This does not require more study, it requires taking action for positive change.

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easylilryder@gmail.com	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I think this is a waste of time. Get on with it. We need better healthcare on Maui!!!!

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Karen Williams	Individual	Oppose	No

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Colin Moreton	Individual	Oppose	No

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WENDY MORETON	Individual	Oppose	No

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Kay Lloyd	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robert Lloyd	Individual	Oppose	No

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Bruce Chandler	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sara Farrington	Individual	Oppose	No

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Hugh Farrington	Individual	Oppose	No

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Larry Stevens	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Stop wasting time. Public/private partnerships are a great idea. Our health care system is in crisis. We need new ideas.

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Larry Stevens	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Great idea. We need new thinking and creative solutions to our health care crisis.

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Anne Leung-Stevens	Individual	Oppose	No

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Tricia Morris	Individual	Oppose	No

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Duffy Herman	Individual	Oppose	No

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Cyrus Monroe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose the formation of a costly task force on this issue that affects us all. Let us send the message that Hawaii can be at the front of the health care issue.

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Tamar Chotzen Goodfellow	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear Rep. McKelvey and committee members, PLEASE support HB 1483 in its original form. We do not need more task force study. We know that a public private partnership is the only way we will ever get quality health care on Maui. This bill, and improving our hospital, could ultimately mean life or death for people on Maui and in Maui County. Our state cannot financially sustain our hospital. A partnership can. Please support the bill in its original form! Mahalo nui loa. Tamar Chotzen Goodfellow

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Marjo Selin	Individual	Oppose	No

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Hannu Selin	Individual	Oppose	No

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JERRY OLSON	Individual	Oppose	No

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diana hageboeck	Individual	Oppose	No

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nnorman hageboeck	Individual	Oppose	No

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DIANA OLSON	Individual	Oppose	No

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Robin Kean	Individual	Oppose	No

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John Kean	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Lets move forward quickly for the betterment of Maui's health.

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Doug Schatz	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I Oppose the formation of a task force. I believe that this is an unnecessary waste of time and resources. We need to transition from a state operated health care system to one that has the resources and systems to deliver World Class health care on Maui. This does not require more study, it requires taking action for positive change.

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Jill Schatz	Individual	Oppose	No

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Clifford Wright	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sean Hehir	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chair Angus McKelvey
Committee on consumer Protection and Commerce
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: HB1483, Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation
Task Force, HHSC Transition to Non-Public Status

Dear Chair McKelvey,

I am writing to you asking you to vote no on HB1483, Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Task Force, HHSC Transition to Non-Public Status. I oppose the formation of a task force. Creating a task care will waste time and resources. I believe a task force will not benefit the people of Maui County. We need a change in our health care system, one that will improve our care. Speaking from a personal negative experience at Maui Memorial Hospital, I believe we are deserve better care for ourselves, our Keiki and our kKupuna. Creating a task care will waste time and resources. We need positive change and we need it now. So, I humbly ask you to oppose HB1483.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on the important issue that can and will change our needed care. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (808)281-8284

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Haraguchi

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Andrew Pells	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the formation of a task force. I believe that this is an unnecessary waste of time and resources. We need to transition from a state operated health care system to one that has the resources and systems to deliver World Class health care on Maui. This does not require more study, it requires taking action for positive change.

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Mark	Individual	Oppose	No

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Paul MacLaughlin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the formation of a task force; I believe it is unnecessary and a waste of time and money

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kathy halpin	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the formation of a task force. It is an unnecessary waste of time and resources. It is time for World Class Health Care on Maui. This does not require more study - it requires action. Thank you.

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michael heijer	Individual	Oppose	No

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ROGER MACARTHUR	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the formation of a task force as adequate studies have already been completed to support moving ahead with privatizing our public hospital system. The study provides strong support for hiring independent hospital operators to reduce operating costs and improve operations in the hospital systems in the State of Hawaii

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John Spasari	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose forming a task force to waste time assessing what is already painfully clear. Our health care system on Maui is inadequate. The people of Maui County deserve quality health care. A transition from State run health care system to one that has resources to achieve world class health care for Maui is just what is needed. This conclusion does not require further study, is requires immediate action to move forward away from the State system. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition of this measure.

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Patricia Gendreau	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Before passing this bill the legislature needs to take a long hard look at the details. This threatens the jobs and retirement status of many health care workers, the majority of whom are women. This would create a new group of working poor or even non working poor. Many state employees have stayed working in public service, making far less money than private sector, because of the retirement benefits promised. Now, at the 11th hour our promised benefits are being threatened. If health care in hawaii were to privatize then it is the responsibility of the legislature to ensure that promised benefits remain in place. The legislature needs to take a long hard look at private sector goals in a merger/acquisition of the HHSC system. What guarantees are there that private sector will continue to grow services as the community continues to grow. How do you know that in a few years services will not be cut because they are not 'profitable'. What guarantees are there that a private sector entity will not 'want out' in a few years if they are not able to turn things around. This could potentially leave communities with no health care. What guarantee is there that services for outlying areas would not be reduced. Hawaii is already considered medically underserved. Private sector will look to make a profit and may cut or reduce services to outlying areas.

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Stephen Leis	Individual	Oppose	No

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Sandra Stoner	Individual	Oppose	No

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sheri	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this measure going back to its original form.

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Howard Howell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the formation of a task force. It is unnecessary and will waste time and money. Please take action now and transition from state operated health care.

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Robert Takamatsu	Individual	Oppose	No

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earl stoner	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: i am opposed to the formation of a committee to consider this matter. the hha needs to have the flexibility now to explore alternatives that are in the best interest of the people served by their facilities. this does not mean special interests i.e. employee unions, it means the public that should be provided the utmost available in medical care nearest their homes, not having to travel to honolulu or the mainland. maybe one of the alternatives other than the status quo will provide the flexibility so local care and facilities can be improved.

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Carolyn Schaefer	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brad Wagenaar	Individual	Oppose	No

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Timothy J. Dwyer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Every decision should be supported by adequate dialogue. However in this case further task force meeting and exploration is not needed. This has been studied numerous times in the past. The result has been greater financial losses at Maui Memorial. Time to support Dr Wes Lo's proposal to actively decide on a public/ private partnership that will deliver health services to Maui and not drain more money from the State of Hawaii. Regards, Tim Dwyer

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Donna Park	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Please proceed with Banner Health. Maui does not have the time or resources to waste on another committe. We need an entity that is established and has successfully implemented changes in hositals that need help.Maui has great physicians but the infrastructure needs to be there to support them.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Germaine B. Dwyer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Under the leadership of Dr Wes Lo, Maui Memorial can deliver the health services so important to Maui. However, the cost structure is broken. He has proposed a public/ private partnership as a step in the direction of a financial cure. Special interests would like to derail this for their own personal financial gain. Please support his efforts to put Maui Memorial on a sound financial footing. No more task forces are needed. Aloha Germaine B. Dwyer

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DORVIN D LEIS	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I Oppose the formation of a task force. I believe that this is an unnecessary waste of time and resources. We need to transition from a state operated health care system to one that has the resources and systems to deliver World Class health care on Maui. This does not require more study, it requires taking action for positive change. The economics require this change.

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paul meyer	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: For the sake of Maui people, please allow the Banner transaaction to proceed and do not pass HB 1483

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Ray Skelton	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Traci Nunokawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I urge the committee to revise HB1483 HD1 to restore the original language in HB1483. I support allowing the operations of the regional systems of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and their facilities to transition to non-public status. A task force would duplicate the efforts already documented in the Stroudwater Report, which has identified this as the most effective option to meet the health care needs of the community.

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Traci Nunokawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William C. Gresham	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the formation of a task force We need to transition from a state operated health care system to one that has the resources and system to deliver proper health care to Maui. This requires ACTION, not more expensive study.

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Leona Holaday	Individual	Oppose	No

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Monday, February 11, 2013; 3:30 PM; Conference Room 325

TO: House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
Rep. L.K. McKelvey, Chair
Rep. Derek S.K. Kawakami, Vice Chair

FROM: Tamara R. Koller



RE: HB 1483, HD1 RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS
CORPORATION
In Support

Chairs & Committee Members:

I support HB1483, HD1 for the following reasons:

- As an employee of the Maui Region of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation;
- As a homeowner and taxpayer of the State of Hawaii realizing that the State has financial concerns and is unable to fund our safety net hospitals at the current level or as required due to decreasing reimbursements, increased costs, and aging facilities;
- As a citizen I recognize that there is a need to continue to provide and improve quality health care for all Hawaii residents; and
- I am also aware that the State is currently unable to meet those needs.

Therefore I support HB 1483, HD 1, but prefer that you return to the original HB 1483 and not establish a task force to study the feasibility of allowing the operations of the HHSC regional systems and their facilities to transition to non-public status. A study will only delay what is already known that the State is unable to provide adequate funding for its safety net hospitals.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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Constance Skidmore	Individual	Oppose	No

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