



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Rep. Della Au Belatti, Chair

Rep. Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

March 1, 2013, 8:30 a.m., Room 320

Testimony in favor of HCR 21

REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE HAWAII HEALTH CARE PROJECT AND THE HAWAII HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE TO IMPLEMENT AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE, INTEGRATED, TECHNOLOGY-BASED HEALTHCARE INFORMATION SYSTEM.

Testimony presented by: Beth Giesting, Healthcare Transformation Coordinator, Office of the Governor

The Governor's Office supports this resolution, which underscores transformational work underway across the state to improve health and health care. This resolution makes important statements about the obesity crisis and expanding and strengthening our health information technology infrastructure as an indispensable tool to address it. Further, the resolution recognizes the essential work begun by the Hawaii Health Care Project, which is aligned with these goals.

We are pleased to report that our office was recently awarded a federal grant for health care transformation planning. This effort, which is expressly designed as a public-private endeavor, will support the next phase of the Hawaii Health Care Project as it addresses improving our health care delivery system, including behavioral and oral health; workforce development; standardizing insurer approaches to needed change; and health information technology. Our intent for the latter is to devise ways to expand the meaningful use of electronic health records and exchange of clinical information and to develop strategies to aggregate, analyze, and use health information to continuously improve our healthcare system. The Hawaii Health Care Project's efforts will also include strategies for developing and sustaining health IT systems and other aspects of innovation, which will certainly include identifying and seeking all appropriate federal funding opportunities.

We look forward to providing periodic updates to this body as our work progresses and we thank you for the opportunity to testify on this concurrent resolution.



NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
LT. GOVERNOR

STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS
335 MERCHANT STREET, ROOM 310
P.O. Box 541
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809
Phone Number: 586-2850
Fax Number: 586-2856
www.hawaii.gov/dcca

KEALI' I S. LOPEZ
DIRECTOR

JO ANN M. UCHIDA TAKEUCHI
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2013

Friday, March 1, 2013
9 a.m.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21 – REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE HAWAII HEALTH CARE PROJECT AND THE HAWAII HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE TO IMPLEMENT AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE, INTEGRATED, TECHNOLOGY-BASED HEALTHCARE INFORMATION SYSTEM.

TO THE HONORABLE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Gordon Ito, State Insurance Commissioner ("Commissioner"), testifying on behalf of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department supports this Administration concurrent resolution.

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is to assure a healthcare data environment to maximize the prevention and treatment of childhood obesity across the healthcare continuum and stages of life. The coordinated and timely sharing of appropriate medical records, exchanged in a secure manner, will likely improve efforts to prevent and better manage obesity in our State's population.

We thank this Committee for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter and ask for your favorable consideration.



55 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813-4333

HAWAII PACIFIC HEALTH

Kapi'olani • Pali Momi • Straub • Wilcox

808-535-7401
www.hawaiipacifichealth.org

Friday, March 1, 2013 – 9:00 am
Conference Room 329

The House Committee on Health

To: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Dee Morikawa, Vice Chair

From: Virginia Pressler, MD, MBA

Re: HCR 21 REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE HAWAII HEALTH CARE PROJECT AND THE HAWAII HEALTH INFORMATION EXCHANGE TO IMPLEMENT AN EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE, INTEGRATED, TECHNOLOGY-BASED HEALTHCARE INFORMATION SYSTEM.

Testimony in Strong Support

My name is Virginia Pressler, MD, MBA, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategic Officer for Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). HPH is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital on Kauai. HPH is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 49 outpatient clinics and service sites, more than 5,400 employees and 1,300 physicians on staff,

I am writing in strong support of HCR 21, which requests the state of Hawaii to support the efforts of the Hawaii health care project (HHCP) and the Hawaii health information exchange (HHIE) to implement an efficient and effective, integrated, technology-based healthcare information system.

To address the problem of obesity in Hawaii, the healthcare system needs an integrated information technology system that provides an efficient means to share clinical and other healthcare-related data about the population residing in various registries and surveillance systems in the State. This resolution would support the efforts of a public-private partnership to include those with shared interests in providing data into and receiving data through the system. Additionally, the resolution asks that all State agencies that collect and maintain healthcare-related data and information cooperate with the HHCP and HHIE's efforts to develop and implement the technology-based healthcare information system. The resolution requests that the HHCP and HHIE develop a financial sustainability model to maintain the technology-based healthcare information system that provides for all entities that benefit from the system to fairly share in the financial responsibility to maintain that system, and that the State should maximize efforts at applying for and receiving federal funding for the system.

This measure thus provides the means by which the use of information technology will improve the efficiency of access to a patient's healthcare information, and thus improve the efficiency and quality of patient care. We ask that this Committee pass the measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.



Affiliates of Hawai'i Pacific Health

morikawa2 - Shaun

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 9:27 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: wailua@aya.yale.edu
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HCR21 on Mar 1, 2013 09:00AM*

HCR21

Submitted on: 2/25/2013

Testimony for HLT on Mar 1, 2013 09:00AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Wailua Brandman APRN- Rx BC FAANP	Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses (HAPN)	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

morikawa2 - Shaun

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Sunday, February 24, 2013 5:13 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: ronaldt@hawaii.edu
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HCR21 on Mar 1, 2013 09:00AM*

HCR21

Submitted on: 2/24/2013

Testimony for HLT on Mar 1, 2013 09:00AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ronald Taniguchi, Pharm.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

morikawa2 - Shaun

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 21, 2013 12:28 PM
To: HLTtestimony
Cc: mendezj@hawaii.edu
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HCR21 on Mar 1, 2013 09:00AM*

HCR21

Submitted on: 2/21/2013

Testimony for HLT on Mar 1, 2013 09:00AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov