



HB1075 HD2
RELATING TO HEALTH
House Committee on Finance

February 27, 2015

3:00 p.m.

Room 308

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) offers the following **COMMENTS** for HB1075 HD2, which authorizes the Maui Regional System of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) to lease one or more of its hospital facilities to a private nonprofit corporation, for a nominal rent of \$1.00 per year. OHA offers these comments based on the status of the land underlying HHSC's Kula Hospital in Maui.

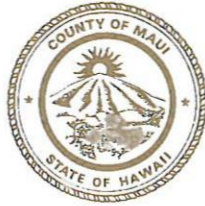
Kula Hospital sits on former crown or government land that was ceded by the Republic of Hawai'i to the United States in 1898, "without the consent of or compensation to the Native Hawaiian people of Hawaii or their sovereign government[.]" P.L. 103-150 (1993). OHA maintains that the state cannot diminish the ceded land corpus until the Native Hawaiian people's claim to ceded lands has been resolved. OHA appreciates that HB1075 HD2 explicitly determines that HHSC "shall retain ownership of all real property with the lease" and that the Maui regional system board "shall not dispose of any real assets other than by lease."

The Department of Land and Natural Resources' State Land Information Management System (SLIMS) shows the HHSC's Kula Hospital is located on public land trust land. Accordingly, the fiduciary obligations of the state with respect to the public land trust apply to the lands underlying Kula Hospital. OHA notes that the HHSC would be limited to leasing to a nonprofit corporation, for the purpose of ensuring access to health care services for the community. Given the status of these lands as public land trust lands the Committee may want to consider the following:

1. Specifying that any private nonprofit corporation that will operate and manage a transitioned hospital facility be certified as tax exempt under sections 501(c)(1) or 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. This requirement would be consistent with statutory requirements governing less than fair market lease rents for lands under the jurisdiction of the Board of Land and Natural Resources ("BLNR"). See HRS section 171-43.1.
2. With regards to potential revenues that may be realized by a lessee from subleases or other uses of lands leased by HHSC, the Committee may wish to include a mechanism whereby any such revenue generated could be shared with the state.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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Ke'ena O Ka Meia
COUNTY OF MAUI – Kalana O Maui

TESTIMONY OF ALAN ARAKAWA, MAYOR COUNTY OF MAUI

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Friday, February 27, 2015
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Conference Room 308

HB 1075, HD2, RELATING TO HEALTH

Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of **HB 1075** which authorizes the Maui Regional System to enter into an agreement with a private entity to transition one or more of facilities into a new private Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

Let me get straight to the point: The Maui Regional hospitals need help right away. The County of Maui, in contrast to Oahu, does not have any private hospitals. Instead, it has only one state-funded, acute care hospital - Maui Memorial Medical Center ("MMMC") - to provide services for *all* of our residents and visitors on three distinct islands. Accordingly, it is with great concern when I say that we are on the verge of a "health care crisis".

Finance Deficit

- MMMC is facing a serious financial deficit and will continue to be a significant burden on the state.

In 2014, MMMC's operating expenses increased \$19 million due, in large part, to new federally mandated requirements and increased collective bargaining costs. As operating expenses increased, the state's general fund appropriations to HHSC was reduced by approximately \$17 million, and the federal budget includes nearly \$400 billion in reductions and reforms to Medicare, Medicaid, and other federal health related programs over the next decade.

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It has also been reported that:

- MMC ended fiscal year 2014 with an operating loss of \$43.4 million;
- An additional \$46.3 million loss is projected for FY 2015; and,
- MMC projects needing between \$573 million and \$843 million in State funding over the next 10 years to continue operating at current levels.

Simply put, losses of this magnitude are not sustainable and will continue to put a strain on the state.

Reduced Health Care Services and Lay-offs

With the continued trend of operating losses in excess of \$40 million per year, MMC will have to look at reducing its expenses by “decreasing services” to residents and visitors. Any reduction in services will inevitably result in lay-offs. In fact, the adolescent behavioral health unit, Molokini II, has already been closed. MMC employs approximately 1,400 residents and is one of the county’s largest employers. Any lay-offs would seriously hurt our communities, tourism, and our economy.

Please know that I believe that MMC, Kula Hospital and Lanai Community Hospital have some of the best and most talented and caring doctors, nurses and staff around. However, with the on-going challenges, including reductions in state and federal subsidies, budget shortfalls, aging and shortage of physicians, and deteriorating facilities, it is simply unrealistic to continue down the same path.

In closing, I believe that each and every one of us, no matter which island we live on, wants our families, children, grandparents, and friends to have access to the highest quality of health care services. For this, and the reasons mentioned herein-above, I strongly support HB 1075.



HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS
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"Quality Healthcare For All"

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Testimony Supporting House Bill 1075, HD2, Relating to Health

Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.
Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

The HHSC Corporate Board **supports** the option of partnerships with private non-profit healthcare systems to address the challenges HHSC hospitals face in continuing to provide vital healthcare services throughout the state, while striving to reduce taxpayer subsidies. The involvement of a private non-profit entity has been identified and recommended by several previous studies, including the requested report to the Legislature delivered in 2010 by Stroudwater Associates.

Healthcare today is a very specialized, complex and rapidly changing business. Federal, state and private health insurance providers strive to reduce spending on healthcare; in particular, expensive hospital costs. This is an environment where maintaining revenue is difficult, and increasing revenue is particularly challenging. Operators of healthcare facilities face constant pressure to provide higher quality care and customer satisfaction at lower cost (the triple aim). Investments in specific areas such as health information technology, physician networks, quality improvement, supply chain management, and expertise in revenue cycle maximization are essential. Hawaii non-profit healthcare providers have already invested substantially in this new paradigm. HHSC facilities can benefit from partners who can accelerate access to these investments and also greater economies of scale.

HHSC is proud to represent state funded facilities that provide essential healthcare services across the state. But it is recognized that to continue to provide healthcare under a government model as we do today may be unnecessary. Neighbor island communities and our facilities are attracting the interest of private non-profit healthcare systems looking for larger markets and economies of scale. Allowing experts in the healthcare industry to assume more of the responsibility for healthcare in our state can

allow precious government dollars to be spent for other needed services. Support of this measure can optimize access to high quality healthcare services and thus contribute to the general economic growth of our state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Hawaii Health Systems Corporation—Maui Region

State of Hawai'i

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT - House Bill 1075 HD2

My name is Patrick Saka, Chief Administrative Officer of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation – Maui Region.

The Maui Region hospitals, which include Maui Memorial Medical Center, Lanai Community Hospital and Kula Hospital & Clinic are facing significant challenges in our ability to continue to provide quality healthcare services the Maui County community and also to other communities throughout the state of Hawaii.

Over the past several months, there has been much media coverage about the current financial condition of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, including the Maui Region, and the difficult decisions being made to address stagnant revenue growth and increasing operating expenses. Some of the measures the Maui Region has instituted include Reductions in Force (RIF) and reduction of services – closure of Maui Memorial Medical Center's Youth Behavioral Health Unit, Molokini II.

At a 3-hour House Health Committee informational briefing on November 10, 2014 at Maui Waena Intermediate School, some of your legislative colleagues heard directly from the Maui Community about the need for continued support for the Maui Region facilities. There was strong support urging the legislature to allow for a public-private partnership for Maui Region facilities.

The Maui Region leadership has made significant efforts over the past several legislative sessions to educate lawmakers about the rapidly changing landscape of the healthcare industry and the potential negative impacts to the Maui Region's ability to continue to provide quality healthcare services in a financially viable manner. One of the solutions proposed was public-private partnerships. There have also been numerous studies mandated by previous legislation to identify possible solutions to the challenges faced by the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. In each study, there was strong support for the creation of public-private partnerships.

The goal of creating a public-private partnership is to allow Maui Region's hospitals to maintain and expand services and give Maui County the much-needed medical services they need and want as a community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of House Bill 1075 HD2.

Testimony of Nick Hughey

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
House Bill 1075, HD2**

Chair Luke and Vice-Chair Nishimoto, and members of the House Committee on Finance.

My name is Nick Hughey, Chief Business Officer of Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation – Maui Region. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 1075, HD 2.

The Maui Region hospitals, which include Maui Memorial Medical Center, Lāna'i and Kula Hospitals, are in need of help. We are at a critical point as an organization, professionals and as a community.

Maui Memorial Medical Center is the only acute care hospital in Maui County, we have no private hospitals, as such, we are left to care for all of Maui. We have continual fiscal challenges in meeting the increasing medical needs of community. We are striving to provide more services to our County and for persons who visit our islands.

We are proud of our efforts over the last several years to improve the services for the County of Maui as well as improve our financial position. During the period from 2008 to 2013, we were able to increase our Operating Revenues by \$72.6 million, while our Operating Expenses only increased by \$55.1 million for the same period.

At the same time, we improved our financial situation, we also increased and improved services to our community, our heart program, stroke program, and trauma programs are proof of our efforts to improve the healthcare in the county of Maui.

In 2014, the healthcare landscape changed.

The regional revenues started feeling the effects of reduced reimbursements related to the Affordable Care Act, as well as the reality we have started reaching capacity in many areas of the hospital and the ability to grow Revenues without significant investment have been diminished . In 2014, the impact effects of requirements related to requirements related Electronic Medical Records as well as increased collective bargaining costs. That year, our revenues increased \$800,000, while our operating expenses increased \$19 million (of which \$9.9 million was related to EMR/ICD-10 implementation costs; and \$10.8 million was related to increases in Salaries, Wages and Benefits.

For FY 2015, revenues for the first half of the year have not shown an increase over last year and remain flat and we are seeing further increases in expenses related to inflation and negotiated salaries, wages and benefits. This is exacerbated by the fact that the general fund appropriations to HHSC were reduced by approximately \$17 million..

The above mentioned trajectory cannot continue.

As a region, if decreasing operating expenses is the only available option, the region will have to consider decreasing services to Maui County. Maui Memorial has already closed its Adolescent Behavioral Health division – a loss that has affected Maui and Hawai'i Counties.

The attempt to create a public-private partnership is to allow Maui Region's hospitals to maintain and expand services. The partnership opportunity provides Maui County the ability to maintain and grow medical services to meet the needs of our growing community.

HB 1075,HD 2 provides the opportunity for Maui Region to explore opportunities to reduce subsidies to maintain the status quo, increase services and provide competitive fair market value private sector compensation.

The HHSC- Maui Region values our staff – every single one of them is the soul and heartbeat of this region.

The need to create public-private partner is an opportunity to find a viable long term solution.

Mahalo,

Nick Hughey, RN, MBA, FACHE
HHSC- Maui Region Chief Business Officer
Maui Memorial Medical Center*Kula Hospital and Clinic*Lanai Community Hospital

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

HB 1075, HD2 (HSCR389)

RELATING TO HEALTH

Authorizes the Maui Regional System to enter into an agreement with a private entity to transition one or more of its facilities into a new private Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee on Finance

My name is Susan Stewart. I am acting CMO of Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC) and a former member of the Maui Regional Board. I was a physician actively caring for patients at MMMC from 1986 until June of 2013. I have personally witnessed the improvements in patient care on Maui and the expansion of medical services available to the people of Maui. For the past year I have worked in administration at the hospital and have had first-hand experience with the difficulties encountered in delivering care and expanding services while working in a system encumbered by work rules and union rules that are not suited to a 24/7 hospital operation. These rules often force us to be inefficient and wasteful of valuable resources.

I do not feel that Maui Memorial should be the "Mayo of the Pacific." I do feel that medical care that is of proven value, that saves lives and prevents disability, needs to be provided to our population. Yes we need our heart program because minutes lost in treatment translate into bad outcomes. Yes we need

our stroke program because minutes can mean the difference between full recovery and a life spent in a wheel chair. Yes we need our trauma services because appropriate and prompt intervention can mean the difference between life and death. Having served this community for well over two decades, I have witnessed the growth of these services which occurred after the regional board system was established. I do not believe this would have occurred in the centralized HHSC system and am loathe to think we could regress to a system that did not allow us the flexibility to improve.

Changes in medical care and documentation have placed increased stress on an already stressed system. New layers of expenses are continually being added for coding, documentation and reporting. In addition our employment expenses have risen significantly. Despite being unprecedentedly busy this winter our revenues cannot keep up with the expenses. We need help to avert cutting services and to be able to continue to provide quality care to the citizens of Maui and ideally to further expand services.

I appreciate the fiscal reality that the legislature and governor face. I am sympathetic. You have difficult choices you need to make. But I feel we have an alternative available that will not place further fiscal strain on the Hawaii State Government, and will allow us to achieve our medical goals and that solution is HB 1075, HD2 (HSCR389).

Thank you for your attention.



TO: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

FROM: Richelle Kawasaki, Chief of Organizational Development
Maui Region, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 27, 2015
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of the HB 1075, HD2 RELATING TO HEALTH. The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Maui Regional System to enter into an agreement with a private entity to transition one or more of its facilities into a new private Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

Here in the Maui Region, we have one acute care hospital (Maui Memorial Medical Center) and two critical access hospitals (Kula Hospital and Lanai Community Hospital). The care we provide to residents and visitors is crucial to the well-being of our Community. We thank you for your past support of healthcare in the Maui Region. Your support has allowed us to be able to provide comprehensive cardiovascular services at Maui Memorial Medical Center as well as to be able to provide 24/7 stroke care to our patients. We are very proud of these accomplishments and would like the opportunity to continue to improve healthcare in our Community.

We humbly ask for the Legislature's help and assistance in finding a solution to our current fiscal challenges. We have looked at many options and continue to challenge ourselves daily to develop solutions that will keep us thriving as an organization. We have requested additional funding from the Legislature and are being told that this may not be a realistic request. As such, we do feel that a public private partnership is currently the best solution to allow us to continue to grow as a healthcare provider.

Please support us an organization that is recognized in our Community as one of the largest employers in the County of Maui. We want to continue to provide jobs for our dedicated workforce who has made it their mission to care for those in medical need. We also want to continue to provide individuals with the opportunity to seek out meaningful careers in health care here in our Region.

We hope that this Legislative Session will bring about positive change and your continued commitment to supporting healthcare here in the Maui Region. We urge you to move this bill forward. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Chair Luke and Vice Chair Nishimoto,

My name is Karey Kapoi and I am a Hospital Management Officer at Maui Memorial Medical Center.

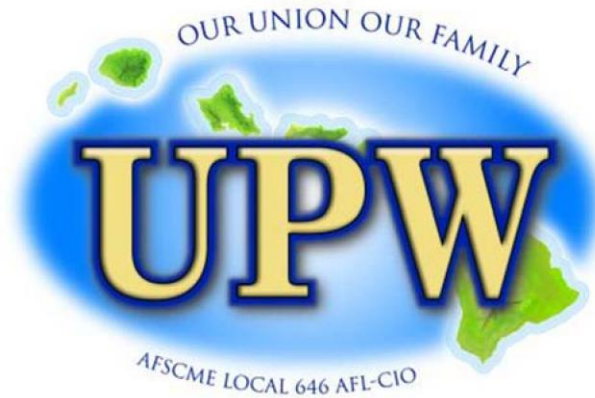
I have had the privilege of working at Maui Memorial for nearly five (5) years, and my mother before me for almost thirty (30) years. In that time, I've watched staff work countless hours under sometimes strained circumstances to meet the growing demands of our residents and visitors. They struggle through crisis census with limited staff, aged facilities, and over processed systems to deliver safe and quality care to a diverse string of needs.

Our hospital has grown and responded to the changing industry it's a part of, and although it has had to endure a number of challenges, it has never wavered in the level of care offered. We have, however reached a point where our options for growth have diminished. If the State cannot fund us according to what is required to maintain status quo operations, they should allow our hospital to explore a partnership that can provide and maintain the level of care we need.

Without this partnership or increased funding, our Region will have to do further cuts to services and staff. The idea of that seems absurd for a number of reasons, but primarily because there is a solution on the table that wants to continue to provide services and examine opportunities for growth. Why does this known problem continue to be reviewed and studied when the solution proposed is always the same?

As a mother, an employee and a resident of this State, I am hopeful that you will support HB1075 to allow the Maui Region to continue to serve and grow as it has the potential to do, and as our community deserves. Political and social agendas should not supersede the needs of our community, nor should it be allowed to impede the progress of hard work and effort by committed organizations.

Mahalo.



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The Honorable Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

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**TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 1075, HD2 RELARING TO HEALTH AND HOUSE BILL
1112, HD2 RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEM**

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 12,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

First of all, the UPW believes that the people of Hawaii deserve to have a health system that they can depend on and receive the medical services they need and deserve.

However, the UPW opposes HB 1075, HD2 Relating to Health, which authorizes the Maui Regional System to enter into an agreement with a private entity to transition one or more of its facilities into new private Hawaii nonprofit corporation and opposes HB 1112, HD2 Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation that proposes to eliminate the regional boards and replaces the provisions that create seven new collective bargaining units.

The bills are too prescriptive even before a management audit and or a financial audit is conducted. We believe that an audit and the identification of the problems and performance levels of the HHSC are critical to know before establishing a new organization model. Further, reorganizing the regional boards lacks a rational basis for change.

HB 1075, HD2 requires the private entity to improve the performance of the transitioned facility but without describing its evaluation process and standards of performance required of the private entity. How is this improvement to be measured or evaluated?

The UPW is also seriously concerned about the adverse affects on the current work force affected by the transition. There will be employment instability due to the 6-month time limit and an uncertain future for the workers. Employment provisions and the philosophy of the civil service system will be all but meaningless with the private sector "spoils" system.

There is a new administration committed to transparency and accountability in state government. We call on the Legislature to ensure that there is transparency and accountability in this proposed transition. We must "do it right".

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in opposition to the measure.



KONA
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

February 26, 2015

**TO: House Committee on Finance
Sylvia Luke, Chair
Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair**

**Date: Friday, February 27, 2015
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Place: Conference Room 308
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FROM: Jay Kreuzer, CEO, West Hawaii Region, Hawaii Health Systems Corp.

RE: HB 1075, HD2 - Relating to Health

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in SUPPORT of HB 1075.

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Maui Regional System to enter into an agreement with a private entity, and to transition one or more of its facilities into a new private Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

All hospitals within the HHSC face multiple challenges as healthcare has evolved dramatically. Our public healthcare system has not been able to keep pace with these changes. This has created financial problems that limit resources and hinder growth.

In the face of this growing financial crisis caused by reduced reimbursements for health care services and rising costs, the current state model of healthcare organization is not sustainable. It is, in fact, adversely affecting neighboring island communities.

This bill, in its simplicity, will allow the Maui Regional System to develop a sustainable model of health care delivery that may lower costs and improve the overall quality of services to the community.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Kreuzer
CEO
West Hawaii Region
Hawaii Health Systems Corp.



**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB1075 HD2
RELATING TO HEALTH**

TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEES ON FINANCE
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference room 308
February 27, 2015
3:00 P.M.

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Finance Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of HB1075 HD2 which will provide the Maui Regional System the option of partnering with a private non-profit healthcare system in order to address the challenges facing our hospitals and reducing the reliance upon taxpayer subsidies.

The Maui Chamber of Commerce supports the provision of coordinated and cost-effective health care services to our entire community, including additional hospitals; primary, urgent, emergent, acute and long-term care; and new health facilities provided by the private sector. Additionally, we have long supported public/private partnerships and viewed this as a way to save government, and ultimately taxpayers, money.

Right now, Maui Region hospitals are in critical condition and many are deeply concerned about whether our hospitals will be able to provide the comprehensive and quality health care needed by our residents our visitors. Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC) is the only full-service, acute care facility in our tri-island county this facility is up against extreme challenges.

MMMC has seen expenses increase by \$19 million in 2004 due in large part by Federal mandates and collective bargaining costs, at a time when they have also experience a decline of approximately \$17 million in state general fund appropriations. This equated to a \$43.4 million operating loss in FY 2014 and they expect an additional \$46.3 million loss in FY2015. Something must be done; the current model is not sustainable.

All of the nearly 160,000 residents and 2.3 million visits per year depend upon Maui Memorial, the only full-service, acute care facility in the county, to meet their health care needs. Quality healthcare has to be one of our top priorities and the state funding model is not working. It is resulting in the elimination of needed services and reduced care, despite the many talented doctors, nurses, technicians and staff who work hard to provide the best care possible.

Therefore, I strongly support HB1075 HD2 and ask that you allow Maui County's hospitals to enter into appropriate agreements with private entities where the quality of our hospital system and care can be improved.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

Friday, February 27, 2015; 3:00 pm
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The House Committee on Finance

To: Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair

From: David Okabe
EVP, CFO and Treasurer

**Re: HB 1075, HD2– Relating to Hawaii Health Systems Corporation
Testimony In Support**

My name is David Okabe, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system, and the state's largest health care provider and non-governmental employer. Hawai'i Pacific Health is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four hospitals, more than 50 outpatient clinics and service sites, and over 1,600 affiliated physicians. Hawai'i Pacific Health's hospitals are Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital.

Why we are interested:

Ensuring access to high quality health care for all Hawai'i residents is the core mission of Hawai'i Pacific Health. Based on the HHSC Maui Regional Healthcare System's estimates, operating losses are expected to increase significantly over the next 10 years. These deficits will almost certainly require increased support from Hawai'i's tax payers, or potential cuts to health care services and jobs on the island of Maui.

Hawai'i Pacific Health believes that being proactive today will help to create a sustainable health care system ensuring Maui County residents can access high quality, local health care in the future. Unless the state addresses the financial challenges facing the Maui Region, the repercussions will be detrimental to the entire state.

Hawai'i Pacific Health is willing to be part of a solution. We believe that a public-private partnership is the best approach to creating a sustainable health care delivery system on Maui, a system that will grow to meet the needs of the community. Recognizing this potential, we are committed to working with Maui and have invested the necessary time and resources on due diligence to further explore this possibility. Although we are willing to be part of a solution, we also believe it is imperative that all key stakeholders for Maui come together to produce a successful, collaborative solution.

Why Hawai'i Pacific Health:

Hawai'i Pacific Health has the experience, resources and infrastructure to successfully support this collaborative effort. As a statewide system with multiple facilities, Hawai'i Pacific Health has demonstrated that it can provide effective, locally dedicated health care on Maui. HPH already provides various adult and pediatric specialty services on Maui and Lana'i. We send our physicians to Maui to provide specialty services. We operate the Straub Clinic on Lana'i, where we provide physician coverage for Lana'i Community Hospital. On Kaua'i, HPH operates Wilcox Memorial Hospital, a sustainable, high quality, health care system with an integrated hospital and neighborhood clinics. As an employer, HPH also has worked successfully with a number of employees represented by several labor unions.

Under HPH's proposal to Maui, state operating subsidies shall not exceed the 2014 fiscal year subsidy and may be lowered based on performance. This represents a significant savings to the state of Hawai'i compared to the expected Maui Region operating losses over the next 10 years.

What we hope to accomplish:

The Maui Region is growing rapidly and is in need of the full spectrum of health care services. Knowing that patients heal better when surrounded by their family and friends, we believe care should be delivered locally whenever possible. Therefore, HPH is committed to maintaining and improving access to high quality health care services on the island. As part of our due diligence, HPH will be looking at services provided on Maui versus services that are provided for Maui residents on other islands. Once the hospital becomes sustainable, we expect access to services will need to expand, not contract.

Why HB 1075 is needed:

HPH will need to make sound management decisions to be successful on Maui. The passage of HB 1075 will enable us to work with the Maui Region to make the kinds of changes that will allow the Maui Region facilities to become sustainable. The ability to manage hospital operations using hospital best practices is critical to the success of the proposed public-private partnership.

Under a private, not-for-profit hospital structure, HPH could manage hospital operations using hospital best practices that have proven to be successful on O'ahu and Kaua'i. With support from the state of Hawai'i under a public-private partnership, over time we expect the Maui Region to improve operating performance and become self-sustaining. The requirements of a successful public-private partnership are outlined in HB 1075.

Suggested Amendments:

As currently drafted, HB 1075, HD2 at §323F-G(a) on page 6 requires that the governor, corporation and unions representing employees currently employed in the Maui Region meet to negotiate the transfer of employees and report any recommendations to the legislature. While the language is somewhat vague, we interpret the section to allow discussions between the state and unions to ensure a smooth transition of employees from Maui Region to HPH which does not create any prospective binding obligations for HPH. Should the transfer successfully occur, the workers would become employed by HPH rather than the state, and any negotiations would not be binding on the new organization. Therefore, we ask that Subsection (a) on page 6, lines 4-9 be amended as follows so that legislative intent is clearly delineated:

The governor, corporation, and unions representing employees involved should meet to [negotiate] discuss the transfer of employees to ensure a smooth transition to the



Maui Hotel & Lodging
ASSOCIATION

Testimony of
Lisa H. Paulson
Executive Director
Maui Hotel & Lodging Association
on
HB1075 HD2
Relating To Health

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Friday, February 27, 2015, 3:00 pm
Conference Room 308

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee,

The Maui Hotel & Lodging Association (MHLA) is the legislative arm of the visitor industry. Our membership includes over 150 property and allied business members in Maui County – all of whom have an interest in the visitor industry. Collectively, MHLA’s membership employs over 20,000 local residents and represents over 19,000 rooms. The visitor industry is the economic driver for Maui County. We are the largest employer of residents on the Island - directly employing approximately 40% of all residents (indirectly, the percentage increases to 75%).

MHLA **strongly supports** HB1075 HD2, with its current amendments, that authorizes the Maui Regional System to enter into an agreement with a private entity to transition one or more of its facilities into a new private Hawaii nonprofit corporation. The passage of this bill is critical to the future delivery and sustainability of quality health care services for the residents of Maui County.

Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC) is Hawaii Health Systems Corporation’s (HHSC) largest acute care facility and only full-service hospital in Maui County, with one fifth the total inpatient hospital volume in the state. It is also the only hospital in the state with a 24/7 stroke prevention program and only neighbor island hospital that provides comprehensive cardiovascular services. This facility cares for MHLA employees, their families and our visitors to Maui.

The current structure of HHSC is not sustainable for the long-term delivery of quality healthcare services for residents, especially those of us living on the neighbor islands. A public-private partnership will reduce dependence on government subsidies and provide access to private capital. This would help HHSC facilities: Broaden access to private capital and services and address physical plant needs; Create efficiencies of scale and increased resources; Standardize and improve clinical practice through evidence-based guidelines, access to best practices and health information systems which support tracking and monitoring progress; Enhance information technology infrastructure; Offer private sector compensation packages to attract, retain and integrate qualified medical service personnel; and Provide greater access to quality healthcare and lower costs.

MMMC's aging facilities are in need of major updating in order to provide for the well-being and safety of our residents and visitors. Facility infrastructure and grounds continue to deteriorate resulting in more costly repairs and increased difficulty with recruiting qualified staff. Growing losses by community hospitals will inevitably affect services, accessibility, staffing and the ability for MMC to remain competitive in quality and costs. If not resolved, this may result in facility closures leaving residents and visitors alike to seek care on Oahu. This scenario, especially with urgent care, is not the future we want to see for Maui.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Friday, February 27, 2015 – 3 p.m.
Conference Room #308

House Committee on Finance

To: Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Scott Nishimoto, Vice Chair

From: George Greene
President & CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**
HB1075 HD2 – Relating to Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC)

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii's 160 member organizations include all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, all public and private skilled nursing facilities, all the Medicare-certified home health agencies, all hospices, all assisted living facilities, durable medical equipment suppliers and home infusion/pharmacies. Members also represent other healthcare providers from throughout the continuum including case management, air and ground ambulance, blood bank, dialysis, and more. In addition to providing quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 20,000 people statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of HB1075 HD2, which would allow HHSC's Maui regional system to enter into an agreement with a private entity to transition one of more of its facilities into a new private Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

At a time when HHSC is facing severe financial challenges with no simple solutions in sight, it is imperative that all options be explored. The framework of the innovative public-private partnership as outlined in this bill holds the potential to expand the reach of Maui hospitals to maintain vital parts of the healthcare continuum. The residents of Maui deserve a top-tier, sustainable healthcare system. This bill holds the promise of growing service lines for their benefit, while reducing the ever-growing tax subsidy being borne by taxpayers.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB1075 HD2.



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February 26, 2015

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Friday, February 27, 2015 at 11:00 pm
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 1075 HD2

I, Kristine I McCoy, MD, MPH, Director of the Hawaii Academy of Family Physicians and Director of the HHSC Primary Care Training Program am writing to request your support of HB 1075 HD2 to allow the Maui Region of HHSC to form a public private partnership with a Hawaii-based not for profit health system, Hawaii Pacific Health. Having worked within the HHSC system now for several years, I have experienced the limitations working exclusively within the state civil service system presents for effective health care systems management. Health care is an incredibly complex 24/7 365 enterprise that is changing rapidly in terms of services provided, standards of care, and payment models. Keeping abreast of these changes is beyond the capacity of the limited executive staffs and personnel management models extent within the state HHSC system.

I look forward to seeing what those of us in the rest of the system can learn from allowing the Maui region to partner with a local and forward thinking organization. I believe there will be substantial dividends in terms of patient care, employee satisfaction, and financial management. As such, I ask for you to allow this authorizing legislation to move ahead.

Sincerely,



HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM
A S S O C I A T I O N

Testimony of George Szigeti
President & CEO
HAWAI'I LODGING & TOURISM ASSOCIATION
House Committee on Finance
Hearing on February 27, 2015, 3:00 p.m.
HB1075 H.D. 2 Relating to Health

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee. My name is George Szigeti and I am the President and CEO of the Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association.

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association (HLTA) is a statewide association of hotels, condominiums, timeshare companies, management firms, suppliers, and other related firms that benefit from and strengthen Hawai'i's visitor industry. Our membership includes over 150 lodging properties, representing over 50,000 rooms, and over 400 other Allied members. The visitor industry was responsible for generating \$14.9 billion in visitor spending in 2014 and supported 170,000 jobs statewide – we represent one of Hawai'i's largest industries and a critical sector of the economy.

On behalf of HLTA, permit me to offer this testimony regarding HB1075 H.D. 2 Relating to Health, which authorizes the Maui Regional System to enter into an agreement with a private entity to transition one or more of its facilities into a private Hawai'i nonprofit corporation.

The Hawai'i Lodging & Tourism Association **SUPPORTS** House Bill 1075, which is critical to the future sustainability of quality health care services for the residents and visitors of Maui County. Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC) is the only full-service hospital in Maui County. Along with its sister facilities, Kula Hospital and Lanai Community Hospital, it serves the entire populations of three islands – Maui, Lanai and Molokai. It is also worth noting that MMMC is also one of the largest employers on Maui with close to 1,400 employees.

In 2014 MMMC required a \$33.6M subsidy, which is a big concern; however, it's an even bigger concern that they are estimated to have an increasing shortfall of \$573M - \$843M over the next 10 years to maintain status quo operations. This is a problem as facilities such as MMMC are in need of major updating in order to provide for the well-being and safety of their employees and patients. Growing losses will inevitably affect services, accessibility, staffing and the ability for HHSC Maui Region to remain competitive in quality and costs. With this trend estimated to continue year after year, the population of Maui County would be vulnerable to a loss of services and jobs, leaving many families with no other option but to fly to Oahu for care; which would have statewide repercussions as it would create a "ripple effect" on health care access for other areas.

In conclusion we would like to comment that we **support** a public-private partnership, as it will reduce dependence on government subsidies and provide access to private capital which will allow these HHSC facilities to create sustainability.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



Chamber of Commerce HAWAII
The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the House Committee on Finance
Friday, February 27, 2015 at 3:00 P.M.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol**

RE: HOUSE BILL 1075 HD2 RELATING TO HEALTH

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** HB 1075 HD2, which authorizes the Maui Regional System to enter into an agreement with a private entity to transition one or more of its facilities into a new private Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii, representing about 1,000 businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

The Chamber supports HB 1075 HD2 as it would continue the discussion of public-private partnerships in Hawaii. We are hopeful that the possibility of an agreement between Maui Regional System and a private entity would increase efficiency in government services and benefits of healthcare to residents of the state.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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HB1075

Submitted on: 2/24/2015

Testimony for FIN on Feb 27, 2015 15:00PM in Conference Room 308

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Stephen Goodfellow	Goodfellow Bros., Inc.	Support	No

Comments: Dear Committee Chairs, This legislation is critical to the residents of Maui. The state cannot adequately fund our hospital, and there are private sector partners willing to partner who can. It makes fiscal sense! This is a win-win for the state and for health care on Maui. Each of Goodfellow Bros. Inc. 600 employees and their families deserves to have quality health care, right where they live and work. Please don't deny the residents of Maui a top quality hospital. I hope you will support HB1075. Sincerely, Steve Goodfellow

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February 25, 2015

REP. SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR
REP. SCOTT Y. NISHIMOTO, VICE CHAIR

Re: HB 1075, HD 2, Relating to Health;
2/17/15 Hearing Before Committee on Finance

Aloha Chair Luke and Vice Chair Nishimoto,

My name is Dave Jorgensen. I'm an attorney and 23 year resident of Wailuku, Maui, and I'm submitting this testimony in strong support of **HB 1075** to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity to provide health care services in Maui County.

Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital and Lanai Community Hospital have been an integral part of our community for generations. Almost every Maui resident has received or knows someone who has received care at one of these great facilities. The islands of Maui County have over 160,000 combined residents, and over 2.3 million visitors each year. This may seem insignificant compared to Oahu in numbers, but also consider that we only have one full-service, acute care hospital to rely on for everything from a broken bone, to childbirth, to triple bypass surgery. Our growing community, like Oahu's, has medical needs that require access to quality healthcare, close to our homes and our families where healing happens best. We deserve it.

Can you imagine if all C-sections had to be performed on Oahu, or a child with a broken arm had to be airlifted to Honolulu for treatment? Can you imagine what that would do to our families – physically, emotionally and financially? Can you imagine the volume of patients that would now be transferred to Oahu and what that would do to further exacerbate ER wait times, bed availability and the physician shortage problems our state is already facing if we can't have a functioning healthcare system on the second most populated island in the state?

Maui Memorial Medical Center is also one of the largest employers in Maui. If even more services are lost, we'll inevitably be putting these jobs on the line. Everyone is affected by the loss of healthcare services on Maui: all employees, children and kupuna, residents and visitors alike.

I urge you to put the health of our residents, both physical and financial, first. The time is now. This issue cannot be sidestepped any longer in an Oahu-centric view of the State without seriously and adversely affecting our community. Any further reduction in staff or services as an answer to this financial crisis will have a devastating effect on our community... your community. Cutting is not the answer. And with further reduction in support from the state, you are leaving less and less options. It is up to you to save our hospitals.

Mahalo for your consideration.


DAVID M. JORGENSEN

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diana Shaw	Lanai Community Health Center	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Aloha Finance Committee Members,

Please vote "NO" on HB1075 which privatizes Maui Memorial Medical Center.

This will cost us taxpayers money for 10 years, 1 - \$22 million/year for operations and 2 - joint funding of capital improvements. Staff and benefits will be cut. Care will not be improved and the state will not save money. The "partner" may run out of money and be bought by a big mainland chain which treats doctors like commodities.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

Aloha,

Leslie Hartley Gise MD

Psychiatrist on Maui and Molokai x 20 years

Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry, John A Burns School of Medicine

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Katherine Kamealoha	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose the privatization of Hawaii's public hospitals. Please help the public which you have sworn to serve and remember that allowing corporate values to prevail violates every citizen's right to protection. With much respect I beg you to reject this bill to preserve public trust.
Katherine Kamealoha, Registered Nurse

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Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

DATE: Friday, February 27, 2015
TIME: 3:00 P.M.
PLACE: Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

House Bill 1075 HD2
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Chair Luke and Vice Chair Nishimoto,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1075.

My name is Mike Lehmann I'm a construction superintendent & a family man .

This issue is important to my family and me and has vast impacts that extend far beyond Maui County.

The thought of services reduced in the only major hospital in Maui County is frightening. We must have the option of finding a private partner in order for Maui to have the best medical services, services we deserve.

Any service or section of the hospital closing may be beneficial to cost savings, but such actions would affect the quality of services and above that, it would be a huge burden to employees and their families – either a loss of a job or the burden of carrying more responsibilities with less employees.

Maui Memorial Medical Center is one of the largest employers in Maui County. Reduction in employment numbers would affect all of Maui County by increasing unemployment numbers, straining the County's economy and adversely affecting medical services across all three islands. Additionally, the Oahu facilities may not be able to meet the increased demand on their bed capacity putting lives in jeopardy.

Because of these reasons I ask for your strong consideration in extending the ability for Maui's hospitals to continue its due diligence in this matter.

Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Tamar Chotzen Goodfellow	Individual	Support	No

Comments: PLEASE support HB1075 allowing Maui Memorial Medical Center to enter into a public private partnership. This legislation is essential to the residents of Maui. We have no other viable alternative. Without it, we will lose jobs, we will lose services, and we will lose lives! Tamar Chotzen Goodfellow

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen Williams	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: My name is Karen Williams and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation. Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital and Lanai Community Hospital have been an integral part of our community for generations. I think I can speak for almost any Maui resident when I say that everyone knows someone who has depended on one of these great facilities for care. The islands of Maui County have over 160,000 combined residents, and over 2.3 million visitors each year. This may seem insignificant compared to Oahu in numbers, but also consider that we only have one full-service, acute care hospital to rely on for everything from a broken bone, to child birth, to triple bypass surgery. Our growing community, like Oahu's, has medical needs that require access to quality healthcare, close to our homes and our families where healing happens best. We deserve it. Can you imagine if all C-sections had to be performed on Oahu, or a child with a broken arm had to be medevac'd for treatment? Can you imagine what that would do to our young families – physically, emotionally and financially? Can you imagine the volume of patients that would now be transferred to Oahu and what that would do to further exacerbate ER wait times, bed availability and the physician shortage problems our state is already facing if we can't have a functioning healthcare system on the third largest island in the state? Maui Memorial Medical Center is also one of the largest employers in Maui County. If we lose more services, we'll inevitably be putting these jobs on the line. Everyone is affected by the loss of healthcare services on Maui: everyone's employees, and everyone's children and kupuna, residents and visitors alike. I urge you to put the health of our community and state, both physical and financial, first. The time is now. You simply cannot wait any longer to take action – not a single day - without adversely affecting our community. Any further reduction in staff or services as an answer to this financial crisis will have a devastating effect on our community...your community. Cutting is not the answer. And it seems with the reduced subsidy from the state, you are leaving less and less options for our hospitals. It is up to you to save our hospitals and our lives. Mahalo for your consideration. Karen Williams

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Anne Leung-Stevens	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: My name is Anne Leung-Stevens and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation. Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital and Lanai Community Hospital have been an integral part of our community for generations. I think I can speak for almost any Maui resident when I say that everyone knows someone who has depended on one of these great facilities for care. The islands of Maui County have over 160,000 combined residents, and over 2.3 million visitors each year. This may seem insignificant compared to Oahu in numbers, but also consider that we only have one full-service, acute care hospital to rely on for everything from a broken bone, to childbirth, to triple bypass surgery. Our growing community, like Oahu's, has medical needs that require access to quality health care, close to our homes and our families where healing happens best. We deserve it. Can you imagine if all C-sections had to be performed on Oahu, or a child with a broken arm had to be medevac'd for treatment? Can you imagine what that would do to our young families – physically, emotionally and financially? Can you imagine the volume of patients that would now be transferred to Oahu and what that would do to further exacerbate ER wait times, bed availability and the physician shortage problems our state is already facing if we can't have a functioning health care system on the third largest island in the state? Maui Memorial Medical Center is also one of the largest employers in Maui County. If we lose more services, we'll inevitably be putting these jobs on the line. Everyone is affected by the loss of health care services on Maui: everyone's employees, and everyone's children and kupuna, residents and visitors alike. I urge you to put the health of our community and state, both physical and financial, first. The time is now. You simply cannot wait any longer to take action – not a single day - without adversely affecting our community. Any further reduction in staff or services as an answer to this financial crisis will have a devastating effect on our community...your community. Cutting is not the answer. And it seems with the reduced subsidy from the state, you are leaving less and less options for our hospitals. It is up to you to save our hospitals and our lives. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Arvid Tadao Youngquist	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: Chair. Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair, Rep. Scott Nishimoto Right Honorable Members: Reps. Ty J.K. Cullen, Aaron Ling Johanson, Jo Jordan, Jarrett Keohokalole, Bertrand Kobayashi, Nicole E. Lowen, Richard H. K. Onishi, James Kunane Tokioka, Kyle T. Yamashita, & Gene, Ward (Ph.D.) I personally oppose most strenuously H.B. 1075, H.D. 2, which privatizes operations at Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Maui Region. The bill requires continued taxpayer subsidies of at least \$22 million per year for 10 years for operations, requires joint funding of capital improvement projects for 10 years, and transfers all current public employees to the private operator's wage and benefit structure. Under H.B. 1075, the private operator will have the discretion to determine if employees satisfy job requirements for comparable positions at the time of acquisition. There is a similar measure before you today sponsored by just one House member who also is a co-sponsor of this measure. If this committee is married to the idea of this legislation, perhaps you should distance yourselves from HB 1075 Relating to Health and focus on the premises of both bills. Does either bill take into account in their committee reports which unions are already represented in the facilities which is making a bid to operate the hospital in question? The bill here and the other brings our fellow workers into jeopardy and your actions today will place into question your responses during our endorsement visit with you leading up to your individual bid for office or re- election. Please recall what civil service reform did to all those freshmen Senators some years back, all but for one who was defeated in her bid for higher office last year, all because she, perhaps, turned her back on her own words? Please reconsider, and turn back from the abysse (sic.) and the "dark side". This measure does not save the State any money. Witness how much of a fiasco the Health System has become ever since Dr. Anderson was the Director of DOH? And now the current Director of the Dept. of Health herself is also leading the charge for the same team as Dr. Anderson, Ph.D. did way back when. It wasn't good enough last year and it is not good enough this year, either. Please oppose or hold this measure in committee. Mahalo, Arvid Tadao Youngquist Oahu Resident and Voter [Lived during 1973-2015 Downtown, Aea, Makiki, Kaimuki, Wahiawa, Salt Lake, Liliha, Kalihi-Palama, University, Kalihi Valley and Pearlridge districts]

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Lose	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is James Lose and I support HB1075. We need this bill to pass for the future benefit of our community. Please support this bill. Thank you.

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Hawaii House of Representatives

HB 1075

As a Maui resident I fully support HB 1075 paving a new pathway to make medical care on Maui both innovative and cost-efficient. The private public partnership will bring strength to the financial health of the challenged system here on Maui. I am a member of HGEA through the County of Maui; however, I recognize the need for proactive change in the system and the need to bring a partner into the health system to ensure the future viability of health care on Maui. There is no need for additional time to pass before an innovative future for health care on Maui can be realized. Mahalo.

Kurt Wollenhaupt

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amy Cook	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I strongly oppose privatization of Hawaii's hospitals. Privatization of hospitals often results in a reduction of accessibility of services, especially emergency services for the poor and reproductive health care services for women. Any reduction in access to health care in Hawaii would be extremely harmful given our isolation from alternate healthcare providers in the lower 48.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert Lloyd	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I am writing urging you to support HB1075. Maui badly needs improved medical care. The Doctors, management and staff at Maui Memorial do all they can, but the hospital has been financially starved over the years and cannot make it on its own without the ability to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation. Do not allow the union's concerns to override the real necessity of improving hospital care on Maui. Mahalo and thank you for your consideration.

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PLACE: State Capitol, Conference Room 308

415 South Beretania Street

Testimony Opposing H.B. 1075, relating to Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Dawn Matsuda, I live in Maui, and I work as a clerk at MMMC.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits. Hawaii can do better. It would be prudent to recentralize Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and to conduct full financial and management audits.

Sincerely,

Dawn Matsuda

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Jerry Olson	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: My name is Jerry Olson and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation. Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital and Lanai Community Hospital have been an integral part of our community for generations. I think I can speak for almost any Maui resident when I say that everyone knows someone who has depended on one of these great facilities for care. The islands of Maui County have over 160,000 combined residents, and over 2.3 million visitors each year. This may seem insignificant compared to Oahu in numbers, but also consider that we only have one full-service, acute care hospital to rely on for everything from a broken bone, to child birth, to triple bypass surgery. Our growing community, like Oahu's, has medical needs that require access to quality health care, close to our homes and our families where healing happens best. We deserve it. Can you imagine if all C-sections had to be performed on Oahu, or a child with a broken arm had to be medevac'd for treatment? Can you imagine what that would do to our young families – physically, emotionally and financially? Can you imagine the volume of patients that would now be transferred to Oahu and what that would do to further exacerbate ER wait times, bed availability and the physician shortage problems our state is already facing if we can't have a functioning health care system on the third largest island in the state? Maui Memorial Medical Center is also one of the largest employers in Maui County. If we lose more services, we'll inevitably be putting these jobs on the line. Everyone is affected by the loss of health care services on Maui: everyone's employees, and everyone's children and kupuna, residents and visitors alike. I urge you to put the health of our community and state, both physical and financial, first. The time is now. You simply cannot wait any longer to take action – not a single day - without adversely affecting our community. Any further reduction in staff or services as an answer to this financial crisis will have a devastating effect on our community...your community. Cutting is not the answer. And it seems with the reduced subsidy from the state, you are leaving less and less options for our hospitals. It is up to you to save our hospitals and our lives. Mahalo for your consideration

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Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Douglas Boucher, I live in Wailuku, Maui, HI, and I am a Disabled Veteran.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

Hawaii can do better. It would be prudent to recentralize Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and to conduct full financial and management audits.

Sincerely,

Douglas Warren Boucher

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Charles Prentiss	Individual	Oppose	No

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Anthony Takitani	Maui Regional System Board	Support	No

Comments: Please support this very important Bill. Thank you for your consideration, Anthony Takitani

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MikeClair	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: My name is Michael Clair and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation. Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital and Lanai Community Hospital have been an integral part of our community for generations. I think I can speak for almost any Maui resident when I say that everyone knows someone who has depended on one of these great facilities for care. The islands of Maui County have over 160,000 combined residents, and over 2.3 million visitors each year. This may seem insignificant compared to Oahu in numbers, but also consider that we only have one full-service, acute care hospital to rely on for everything from a broken bone, to childbirth, to triple bypass surgery. Our growing community, like Oahu's, has medical needs that require access to quality health care, close to our homes and our families where healing happens best. We deserve it. Can you imagine if all C-sections had to be performed on Oahu, or a child with a broken arm had to be medevac'd for treatment? Can you imagine what that would do to our young families – physically, emotionally and financially? Can you imagine the volume of patients that would now be transferred to Oahu and what that would do to further exacerbate ER wait times, bed availability and the physician shortage problems our state is already facing if we can't have a functioning health care system on the third largest island in the state? Maui Memorial Medical Center is also one of the largest employers in Maui County. If we lose more services, we'll inevitably be putting these jobs on the line. Everyone is affected by the loss of health care services on Maui: everyone's employees, and everyone's children and kupuna, residents and visitors alike. I urge you to put the health of our community and state, both physical and financial, first. The time is now. You simply cannot wait any longer to take action – not a single day - without adversely affecting our community. Any further reduction in staff or services as an answer to this financial crisis will have a devastating effect on our community...your community. Cutting is not the answer. And it seems with the reduced subsidy from the state, you are leaving less and less options for our hospitals. It is up to you to save our hospitals and our lives. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Hannelore Kral	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My name is Lore Kral and I strongly support HB1075 authorizing the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation. Not doing so will have a devastating effect on our community and every single Maui resident.

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Arnold Abe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Testimony Opposing H.B. 1075, relating to Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee: Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Arnold Abe, I live in Wailuku, Maui, and I work as a Civil Engineer. I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits. Hawaii can do better. It would be prudent to recentralize Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and to conduct full financial and management audits. Sincerely, Arnold Abe

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Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
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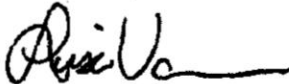
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Testimony in Support

It saddens me to think that perhaps Oahu legislators don't care about the healthcare crisis quickly approaching for all our Maui residents and visitors. How else to explain that this is the third year we have tried to pursue a public private partnership with no success?

I have been personally been a patient at Maui Memorial, and so has every single person I know. It is the most important facility on the island, where matters of life and death are occurring every day. My daughter was born there – where were your children born? Perhaps you had a choice of hospitals that you could go to. Here on Maui we do not have that luxury.

I can't imagine the heartache, hardship and actual loss of life that thousands of Maui residents would have to endure if they were forced to fly to Oahu for treatment. From what I can see, your Oahu hospitals are already bursting at the seams and would not be able to accommodate the over 60,000 patients that Maui Memorial sees every year.

Please, free yourselves and the State budget from the burden of trying to fund (and continually underfunding) Maui Memorial and allow us to enter into a public/private partnership.



Lisa Varde
Kahului resident

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John Marnell	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: HHSC needs to centralize like just about every other Healthcare system. HHSC has amazing employees that want to work hard and centralize as well as standardized if they has the proper executive leadership in place. Maui has lacked leadership and vision and for the past 3 years simply is trying to bail out of responsibility to HHSC staff and citizens of Hawaii. Centralize HHSC at the corporate level. Take away board voting powers at regional level but allow participation on the corporate board. Remove executive leaders that are doing nothing to improve HHSC. It is obvious new talent and leaders are needed in Maui. They are making the entire HHSC look horrible by not having proper leaders. Fix this,centralize hhsc and take away the politics the local boards cause and hhsc is fixed. Other regions of hhsc have strong leadership and have turned the corner in making improvements. Maui can learn from them.

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My name is Lauren Y. Hema, and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

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The islands of Maui County have over 160,000 combined residents, and over 2.3 million visitors each year. This may seem insignificant compared to Oahu in numbers, but also consider that we only have one full-service, acute care hospital to rely on for everything from a broken bone, to childbirth, to triple bypass surgery. Our growing community, like Oahu's, has medical needs that require access to quality health care, close to our homes and our families where healing happens best. We deserve it. Can you imagine if all C-sections had to be performed on Oahu, or a child with a broken arm had to be medevac'd for treatment? Can you imagine what that would do to our young families – physically, emotionally and financially? Can you imagine the volume of patients that would now be transferred to Oahu and what that would do to further exacerbate ER wait times, bed availability and the physician shortage problems our state is already facing if we can't have a functioning health care system on the third largest island in the state?

Maui Memorial Medical Center is also one of the largest employers in Maui County. If we lose more services, we'll inevitably be putting these jobs on the line. Everyone is affected by the loss of health care services on Maui: everyone's employees, and everyone's children and kupuna, residents and visitors alike.

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Mahalo for your consideration.

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Christine M. Ventura	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Testimony Opposing H.B. 1075, relating Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee: Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Christine M. Ventura, I live in Kula, Maui, and I work as a Registered Nurse in the ICU at Maui Memorial Medical Center. I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits. Hawaii can do better. It would be prudent to recentralize Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and to conduct full financial and management audits. Sincerely, Christine M. Ventura, RN

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Chrissy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Oppose to not allow bill move forward there is no protection of employees with this bill. This is not a partnership agreement but more of a turnover to private for employees.

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Robin Kaye	Individual	Oppose	No

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Michael Shaw	Individual	Oppose	No

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The Twenty-Eighth Legislature, State of Hawaii
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Testimony by John Witeck
February 27, 2015

H.B. 1075, H.D. 2 – RELATING TO HEALTH

As a retired University of Hawaii employee and a current lecturer in health and safety management at the Honolulu Community College, I am strongly opposed to the intent and thrust of H.B. 1075, H.D. 2. I believe privatization of public institutions and work forces will not improve the quality of care provided by our public health institutions and facilities. The real solution involves providing adequate resources, staffing, and funding to ensure quality care that is accessible and delivered to all patients.

Privatizing our safety net hospital system is not in the best interest of taxpayers, patients, health care providers, and the public. It's not fair to burden taxpayers with substantial subsidies to fund private management operations while possibly reducing services to those who need it most.

Privatization could also lead to higher charges to patients using the facilities ultimately making health care less accessible, as well as the reduction of employee wages and elimination of their job security, contractual rights and benefits. Reduction in wage levels could significantly impact our entire community and economy, and not just the individuals affected.

Additionally, exempting these health institutional employees from civil service protections and collective bargaining is a terrible idea and turns the clock backwards. Employees in state health care institutions would be deprived of their right to union representation as well as civil service protection and job security and left without a means to advocate and bargain for improvements in their working conditions and the quality of patient care.

Keeping our health care institutions under public control and adequately staffed with public employees is a much better option for our community.

I strongly urge the Committee to keep our safety net hospitals from being privatized and to reject H.B. 1075.

Respectfully submitted,

John Witeck

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Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Kevin Hirayama, I live in Honolulu, Hawaii and I work as a Member Engagement Specialist.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

Hawaii can do better. It would be prudent to recentralize Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and to conduct full financial and management audits.

Sincerely,
Kevin Hirayama

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Andrea Demetras	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I very much support passage of HB1075. It is vital to the community of Maui that we retain our Hospital and medical services that are underfunded by the State. Please allow the Hospital an opportunity to partner with a local, not for profit Hospital that can help keep our healthcare local. Thank you.

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Allan Raikes	Condominium Rentals Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: I believe most will agree that the current situation with Maui Memorial is not sustainable. Please support this bill to ensure the residents of Maui are provided with decent health care. Mahalo

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beverlyzigmond	Lanai Community Health Center	Oppose	No

Comments: Please do NOT support this bill. HB 1112, with amendments, is clearly the choice in this matter.

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Aaron Fernandez	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Mandated that HHSC and/or contracted partners include with CHC's as equal partners in planning and implementation of Region changes, including but not limited to providing CHC providers with admitting privileges, ensuring that Region changes do not duplicate services or eliminate patient choice

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pat gegen	HHSC - Kauai Regional Board	Support	No

Comments: The Kauai Regional Board supports the Maui Regional Board in their desire to provide the best medical care for their community and if they believe entering into this partnership will assist them we support their efforts.

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Megan Spath	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: My name is Megan Spath and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation. Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital and Lanai Community Hospital have been an integral part of our community for generations. I think I can speak for almost any Maui resident when I say that everyone knows someone who has depended on one of these great facilities for care. The islands of Maui County have over 160,000 combined residents, and over 2.3 million visitors each year. This may seem insignificant compared to Oahu in numbers, but also consider that we only have one full-service, acute care hospital to rely on for everything from a broken bone, to childbirth, to triple bypass surgery. Our growing community, like Oahu's, has medical needs that require access to quality health care, close to our homes and our families where healing happens best. We deserve it. Can you imagine if all C-sections had to be performed on Oahu, or a child with a broken arm had to be medevac'd for treatment? Can you imagine what that would do to our young families – physically, emotionally and financially? Can you imagine the volume of patients that would now be transferred to Oahu and what that would do to further exacerbate ER wait times, bed availability and the physician shortage problems our state is already facing if we can't have a functioning health care system on the third largest island in the state? Maui Memorial Medical Center is also one of the largest employers in Maui County. If we lose more services, we'll inevitably be putting these jobs on the line. Everyone is affected by the loss of health care services on Maui: everyone's employees, and everyone's children and kupuna, residents and visitors alike. I urge you to put the health of our community and state, both physical and financial, first. The time is now. You simply cannot wait any longer to take action – not a single day - without adversely affecting our community. Any further reduction in staff or services as an answer to this financial crisis will have a devastating effect on our community...your community. Cutting is not the answer. And it seems with the reduced subsidy from the state, you are leaving less and less options for our hospitals. It is up to you to save our hospitals and our lives. Thank you for your consideration, Megan Spath

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Representative Sylvia Luke
Chair, Committee on Finance
Hawaii State Capitol
Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

My name is William Kennison and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital and Lanai Community Hospital have been an integral part of our community for generations. I think I can speak for almost any Maui resident when I say that *everyone* knows someone who has depended on one of these great facilities for care.

The islands of Maui County have over 160,000 combined residents, and over 2.3 million visitors each year. This may seem insignificant compared to Oahu in numbers, but also consider that we only have **one** full-service, acute care hospital to rely on for everything from a broken bone, to childbirth, to triple bypass surgery. Our growing community, like Oahu's, has medical needs that require access to quality healthcare, close to our homes and our families *where healing happens best*. We deserve it. Can you imagine if all C-sections had to be performed on Oahu, or a child with a broken arm had to be medevac'd for treatment? Can you imagine what that would do to our young families – physically, emotionally and financially? Can you imagine the volume of patients that would now be transferred to Oahu and what that would do to further exacerbate ER wait times, bed availability and the physician shortage problems our state is already facing if we can't have a functioning healthcare system on the third largest island in the state?

Maui Memorial Medical Center is also one of the largest employers in Maui County. If we lose more services, we'll inevitably be putting these jobs on the line. **Everyone** is affected by the loss of healthcare services on Maui: everyone's employees, and everyone's children and kupuna, residents and visitors alike.

I urge you to put the health of our community and state, both physical and financial, first. The time is now. You simply cannot wait any longer to take action – not a single day - without adversely affecting our community. Any further reduction in staff or services as an answer to this financial crisis will have a devastating effect on our community...your community. Cutting is not the answer. And it seems with the reduced subsidy from the

state, you are leaving less and less options for our hospitals. It is up to you to save our hospitals.

Mahalo for your consideration.

William Kennison

Name: William Kennison

Address: 71 Wilipohaku Road
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793

Phone: 808-242-9387

Date 2/25/15

I am submitting testimony **in support of HB 1075**

- Testifier's name with position/title and organization: **Lauren Okamoto, MD. Title Family Medicine Physician and Geriatric Medicine Physician**
- The Committee(s) to which the comments are directed: **Committee on Finance**
- The date and time of the hearing;
 - DATE: Friday, February 27, 2015
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HB1075 in regards to section 323F-G Employment, wages, and benefits

In this section the transitioned facility, at its discretion, may thereafter continue to employ any or all medical and nonmedical employees at the transitioned facility. This bill offers no protection to employees and if the transitioned facility at their discretion decides to outsource areas for example housekeeping, laundry employees, payroll, HR, Imaging, and Patient Financial Services, this will result in unemployment and highly impact the Maui County. Move to oppose this bill to offer more protection to medical and nonmedical employees.

February 26, 2015

Testimony in support of House Bill 1075 HD2

My name is Barry Shitamoto and I am writing in support of **HB1075** to authorize the Maui region health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a Maui native, a physician for over 37 years, and currently serve on the Maui Memorial Medical Center Regional Board. Although most of medical practice has been spent on Maui, I have been privileged to work and serve in all of HHSC's major hospitals on all islands as well as all of HPH's four major hospital facilities on Oahu and Kauai.

Hospitals, much more than any other medical provider, determines the level of access and quality of care in our communities. Maui Memorial Medical Center provides the highly critical emergency services, surgical services, cardiovascular services, neurosurgical stroke services, trauma services, obstetric services, and high technology diagnostic services that keeps our community healthy. Our Medical Center is also the sole hospital provider of these services on Maui but also serves to assist other neighboring communities including Oahu.

Access and quality have become critically affected and important in all of our neighbor island communities. The current environment of Maui's growth, community demand, declining provider payments, physician shortages (and aging), and an unsustainable, rigid State Hospital System will create a "perfect storm" healthcare situation that negatively impacts Maui's access and quality.

While the problem is complex, the current **HB1075** provides a sturdy and in my opinion, a very durable pathway to enhance healthcare for all Maui citizens. Maui Memorial Medical Center is the primary driver of Maui's healthcare and a large part of our local economy. Please allow both Maui citizens the opportunity to create a healthcare system with a strong partner to enrich access and quality. This will be a win not only for Maui but also for the State's overall health!!

Thank you for your consideration

Barry Shitamoto, MD
43 Kamalei Circle
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al yazawa	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support. This is essential for the survival of Maui region and Hawaii tax payers!

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Nani Medeiros	HPCA	Oppose	No

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Jerilynn Miyaji	HGEA	Oppose	No

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Rachel Glanstein	Individual	Oppose	No

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Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Juvir Martin and I live in Wailuku, Maui.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Sincerely,

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Juvir Martin

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Charles Sherman	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE THE HOUSE REGULAR SESSION OF 2015 COMMITTEE ON FINANCE DATE: Friday, February 27, 2015 TIME: 3:00 PM PLACE: State Capitol, Conference Room 308 415 South Beretania Street Testimony Opposing H.B. 1075, relating to Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee: Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Charles __Sherman_____, I live in __Lihue_____, and I work as a ____School Food Service Manager_____. I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits. Hawaii can do better. It would be prudent to recentralize Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and to conduct full financial and management audits. Sincerely, _____Charles Sherman_____

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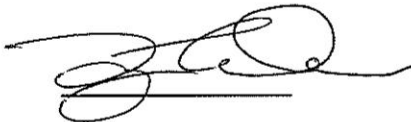
Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is JAY TANAKA, I live in WAILUKU MAUI, and I work as a IT SPECIALIST/ANALYST

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Crystalyn Cayan, I live in Maui, and I work as a Patient Financial Counselor.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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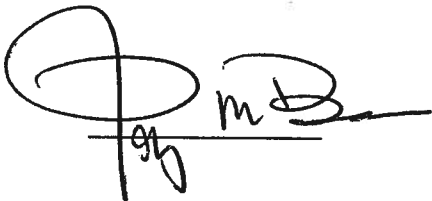
Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Tammy Brock. I live in Waikiki, Maui, and I work as a Patient Financial Counselor.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Sincerely,

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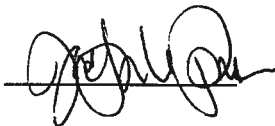
Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Waclyn U. Ponce, I live in Wailuku, Maui, and I work as a Pre Registration Lead.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is JON CAVAN, I live in MAUI, and I work as a STEEL WORKER.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Jacob Smokley, I live in Mauie County, and I work as a Hospital Security officer I.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is AARON RIVERA I live in WALUKU, and I work as a SECURITY.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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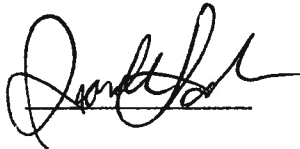
Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Donell Falo, I live in Kahului, Maui, and I work as a Cook.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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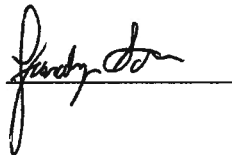
Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is JANALYN GALO, I live in KAHULUI, MAUI, and I work as a CLERK III.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Sheila, I live in HAWAII, and I work as a COOK.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Lianne. I live in Haukaia, and I work as a clerk.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Donna
I live in Hawaii, and I work as a clerk.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is TINA SUZUKI, I live in MAUI, and I work as a HOUSEKEEPING.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Caroline Guzman, I live in Maui, and I work as a clerk.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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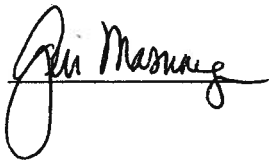
Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Geri Masunaga, I live in Wailuku, HI, and I work as a RN.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

Hawaii can do better. It would be prudent to recentralize Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and to conduct full financial and management audits.

Sincerely,



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Diane Nakashima	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and committee members: I oppose HB 1075, the privatization of the public hospital system. I ask that you continue to keep this a public hospital system to help to serve the public. Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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February 26, 2015

**TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair**

Honorable Members of the Committee on Finance

Hearing Date: Friday, February 27, 2015

Time: 3:00 P.M.

**Place: Conference Room 308 -- State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street**

FROM:

SUBJECT: Testimony for HB 1075, HD 2 -- Relating to Health

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony for **HB 1075 HD 2**. The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Maui Regional System to enter into an agreement with a private entity to transition one or more of its facilities into a new private Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I support HB 1075 HD2, and request that the Finance Committee pass this bill in its current form. Passing HB 1075 HD2 will allow the Maui region to pursue the following options and benefits that are needed to provide beneficial health care to the community of Maui and Lanai:

- 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.
- Recruit physicians and nurses to cover services not currently provided on Maui.

As a Maui resident, and recently as the chairman of the Maui Regional Board, I have been involved for over 8 years in seeking to improve the healthcare provided within Maui County. Maui Memorial Medical Center has made significant strides in improving the quality of care provided on Maui, as well as expanding services in critical areas such as cardiology and treatment of strokes. These improvements could now be lost if the hospital is not allowed to partner with a private nonprofit entity that can continue to support and expand services, recruit physicians, and provide market salary and benefits for its nurses and staff. I believe a private nonprofit entity, like Hawaii Pacific Health, will

be able to provide these benefits, and HB 1075 HD2 enables the Maui Region to pursue this option. Without the opportunity to pursue the public private partnership provided by HB 1075 HD2, I am concerned that the services and quality of healthcare on Maui and Lanai will be compromised, and the impact to the residents of Maui and Lanai will be significant.

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony. Your support of **HB 1075, HD 2** would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted.

R. Clay Sutherland, Maui Regional Board

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Lawrence Denis III	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am against this bill. Please kill it. Thanks!

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To: The House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice-Chair

Re: **TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1075, HD2**
Hearing on Friday, February 27, 2015 3:00 P.M.
Conference Room 308 State Capitol

From: Gina Flammer

Dear Chair Luke and Vice-Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify and also for all of your work to help our struggling public hospital system. I am a Member of the Maui Regional Board and have spent the past 8 years working to improve health care on Maui and statewide. As you know, our system is in crisis and a working solution is desperately needed this year. A public-private partnership will not only improve health care for residents, but also lessen the burden on taxpayers.

As a neighbor island resident, having access to quality healthcare services is very important to me, my friends, my co-workers and our families. I work for the County of Maui as a Planner and often hear from fellow workers about the importance of quality health care in their lives. One co-worker in particular was devastated when the adolescent behavior health unit was closed due to a lack of funding and adequate physician staffing. His daughter has spent many nights in the unit struggling with mental health issues. Losing this health care safety net service has had serious effects on his daughter and family. They have had to use services out of state as Oahu has not been available to take new patients. Sending patients out of state for mental health services is not providing quality care for our residents.

Our population is also aging and the need for care is growing. Little else matters to people when they or their loved one are in poor health. Maui Memorial is the only acute care, full service hospital in Maui County. We have no choice, but to depend on the hospital. I ask you to please join me in supporting a public-private partnership through HB 1075 HD1. Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Mahalo,
Gina Flammer
Maui Regional Board Member and Maui Resident

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

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House Bill 1075 HD2
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Chair Luke and Vice Chair Nishimoto,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1075 HD2.

My name is Karen Oura, and I am the retired Chief Clinical Executive of the Maui Region. In the nearly thirty years working as a nurse and administrator at Maui Memorial Medical Center, I was able to witness many of the historical studies and examples referenced today to demonstrate the need for partnership. Our hospital is equipped with amazing human potential. The staff that comprise the region perform in aged facilities to deliver care to a full spectrum of needs, oftentimes with limited tools to do their job. They deserve better, and so do our patients.

The financial burden this industry faces is not exclusive to Maui, nor is it the fault of any one person or entity, but rather a reflection of a changing industry. Healthcare is complex, and in order to fulfill its mission of providing sustainable and high quality care, an organization must have the ability to grow and adjust as their patients and environment demand. The public healthcare system is not built to do that. The industry is changing too quickly, and the community, staff and physician partners should not be forced to endure threats of cuts and closures as the solutions – instead, we should be having discussions about what is possible and how we can continue to provide timely and responsible care. Hawai'i Pacific Health has the desire and ability to deliver this to our community.

Because of these reasons I ask for your strong consideration in extending the ability for Maui's hospitals to continue its due diligence in this matter, and urge you to support HB1075 HD2.

Mahalo.

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Erin M Diaz, RN	Individual	Support	No

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Salvador F Diaz,M.D.	Individual	Support	No

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My name is Gordian Bailey and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a farmer/hula teacher and have lived on Maui for 45 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

My family and neighbors deserve access to comprehensive healthcare services of the highest quality, *close to home where healing happens best*. We need a nonprofit healthcare partner who can invest in workers, services, facilities, and specialists. We need to put the health of our community, and our state, first.

The time is now. You simply cannot wait any longer to take action – not a single day - without adversely affecting our community. Any further reduction in staff or services as an answer to this financial crisis will have a devastating effect on my family and neighbors and a ripple affect across the state.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Gordian Bailey
Signature

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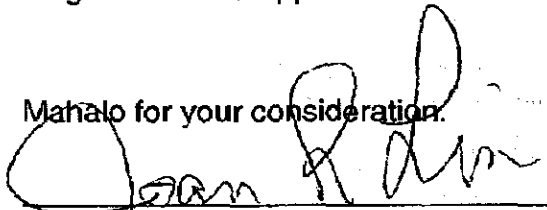
My name is Joanie Liew and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a RN and have lived on Maui for 40 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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Mahalo for your consideration.



Signature

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Please help our only
hospital and our community.
It's essential for quality
health care.

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Date 2/25/2015

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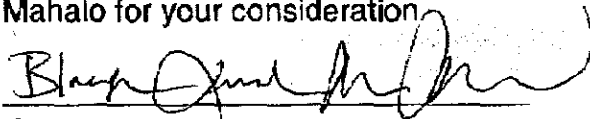
My name is MAA RICHMOND and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a RESIDENT and have lived on Maui for 10 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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Mahalo for your consideration



Signature

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Date 2/25/2015

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My name is Yasuko Schlather and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a resident and have lived on Maui for 11 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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Mahalo for your consideration.

Yasuko Schlather
Signature

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Date 2/25/2015

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My name is Timothy Charles Schlatter II and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a resident and have lived on Maui for 15 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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Mahalo for your consideration.



Signature

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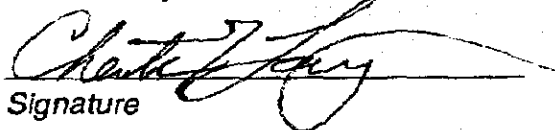
My name is Chenta Laury and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a artist and have lived on Maui for 6 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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Signature

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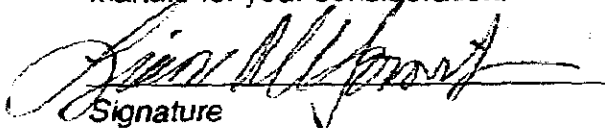
My name is Liana M Horvitz and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a teacher and have lived on Maui for 44 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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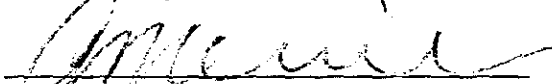
My name is Azusa Merrill and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a teacher and have lived on Maui for 2 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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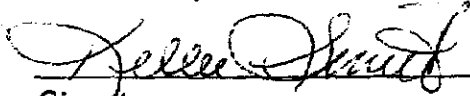
My name is Kellee Smith and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a honomakee and have lived on Maui for 8 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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Signature

Name: Kellee Smith
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Date 2/26/15

My name is Trisha Cabral and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a _____ and have lived on Maui for 18 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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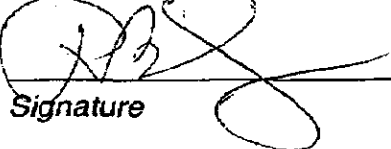
My name is Rose Bailey and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a resident and have lived on Maui for 24 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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Mahalo for your consideration.


Signature

Name: Rose Bailey

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LATE

Date 2/25/15

My name is Deborah Robell and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a ^{business} owner and have lived on Maui for 4 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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Mahalo for your consideration.



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My name is Lana Coryell and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a Maui Resident and have lived on Maui for 28 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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Mahalo for your consideration.

Lana Coryell
Signature

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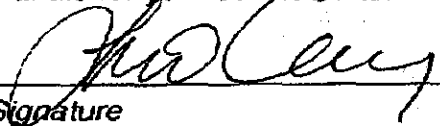
My name is Lisa CARY and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a Maui Resident and have lived on Maui for 29 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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Mahalo for your consideration.


Signature

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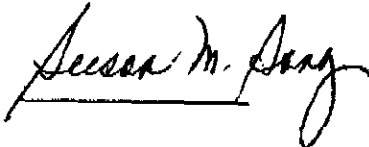
Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is SUSAN M. SANG I live in MAUI, HI., and I work as a Registered Nurse.

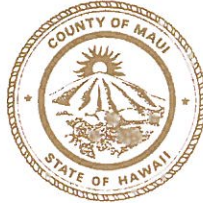
I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

Hawaii can do better. It would be prudent to recentralize Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and to conduct full financial and management audits.

Sincerely,



ALAN M. ARAKAWA
MAYOR



KEITH A. REGAN
MANAGING DIRECTOR

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT
COUNTY OF MAUI

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TESTIMONY OF KEITH REGAN, MANAGING DIRECTOR
COUNTY OF MAUI

BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Friday, February 27, 2015
3:00 p.m.
Conference Room 308

HB 1075, HD2, RELATING TO HEALTH

Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong SUPPORT of HB 1075**. This measure would allow the Maui Regional Hospital System to partner with a private entity to transition one or more of facilities into a new private Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

Please know that for the residents of Maui County, this is an extremely important matter. It is about the present and future health and safety of our families, children and grandparents. All of us, whether we live in Waikiki, Wailuku, Manoa or Moloka`i, want to be assured that our family members and friends have access to the highest quality of health care services. Unfortunately, I, along with a growing number of residents, believe that we are quickly nearing a real "health care crisis" and that something needs to be done right away.

We cannot ignore the fact that Maui Memorial Medical Center, a state-funded medical facility, is facing a serious financial deficit and will continue to be a significant burden on the state.

In 2014, Maui Memorial's operating expenses increased \$19 million due, in large part, to new federally mandated requirements and increased collective bargaining costs. As operating expenses increased, the state's general fund appropriations to HHSC was reduced by approximately \$17 million, and the federal budget includes nearly \$400 billion in reductions and reforms to Medicare, Medicaid, and other federal health related programs over the next decade.

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It has also been reported that:

- Maui Memorial ended fiscal year 2014 with an operating loss of \$43.4 million;
- An additional \$46.3 million loss is projected for FY 2015;
- It's projected that Maui Memorial will need between \$573 million and \$843 million in State funding over the next 10 years to continue operating at current levels.

Losses of this magnitude are not sustainable and will continue to put a strain on the state.

These statistics are extremely concerning because with reduced state and federal subsidies, Maui Memorial will have to consider decreasing its operating costs, which would likely lead to reduced health care services. Any reduction in services would inevitably *result in lay-offs*. Molokini II, the adolescent behavioral health unit, has already been closed.

In Maui County, all of the nearly 160,000 residents and 2.3 million visitors per year depend upon Maui Memorial, *the only* full-service, acute care facility in the county, to meet their health care needs. Any reduction of health care services would be devastating to our communities, on tourism, and on our economy.

I believe that Maui Memorial, Kula Hospital and Lanai Community Hospital have some of the best and most talented and caring doctors, nurses and staff around. However, with the on-going challenges, including reductions in state and federal subsidies, budget shortfalls, aging and shortage of physicians, and deteriorating facilities, it is simply unrealistic to continue down the same path.

For these reasons I strongly support HB 1075.

TESTIMONY BY WESLEY K. MACHIDA
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
HOUSE BILL NOS. 1075, H.D. 2 AND 1112, H.D. 2



February 27, 2015

RELATING TO HEALTH
RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

The following measures on this agenda attempt to address in different ways the issue of facilitating sustainability of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC):

- House Bill (H.B.) No. 1075, H.D. 2, authorizes the Maui Regional System to enter into an agreement with a private entity to transition one or more of its facilities into a new private Hawaii nonprofit corporation.
- H.B. No. 1112, H.D. 2, reconsolidates HHSC's operational administration and oversight by eliminating regional system boards; repeals certain limits on operational authority; and amends HHSC supplemental bargaining agreements for HHSC employees.

The Department of Budget and Finance supports the general intent of transitioning HHSC into "a more economically efficient system of health care delivery." The issues involved in facilitating HHSC sustainability are complex and multifaceted. For this reason, we would recommend moving all of these bills along to enable further discussion and deliberation.

The Ige Administration will work with the applicable committees during the course of this session to attempt to develop a realistic and workable framework for moving forward to ensure that vital health care services will be provided either through a restructured HHSC or some other appropriate entity.



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THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE THE HOUSE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2015 COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

DATE: Friday, February 27, 2015 TIME: 3:00 PM
PLACE: State Capitol, Conference Room 308

415 South Beretania Street

Testimony Opposing H.B. 1075, relating to Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Catherine Chang, I live in Hilo, and am a retired State (HGFA) employee.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

Hawaii can do better. It would be prudent to recentralize Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and to conduct full financial and management audits.

Sincerely,

Catherine Chang

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02/26/15

Aloha,

My name is Cory Lynn Vicens and I am writing in support of **HB1075** to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital and Lanai Community Hospital have been an integral part of our community for generations. Besides having my own personal story, I think I can speak for almost any Maui resident when I say that *everyone* knows someone who has depended on one of these facilities for care.

The islands of Maui County have over 160,000 combined residents, and over 2.3 million visitors each year. This may seem insignificant compared to Oahu in numbers, but also consider that we only have **one** full-service, acute care hospital to rely on for everything from a broken bone, to childbirth, to triple bypass surgery. Our growing community, like Oahu's, has medical needs that require access to quality healthcare, close to our homes and our families *where healing happens best*. We deserve it. Can you imagine if all C-sections had to be performed on Oahu, or a child with a broken arm had to be medevac'd for treatment? Can you imagine what that would do to our young families – physically, emotionally and financially? Can you imagine the volume of patients that would now be transferred to Oahu and what that would do to further exacerbate ER wait times, bed availability and the physician shortage problems our state is already facing if we can't have a functioning healthcare system on the second largest island in the state?

Maui Memorial Medical Center is also one of the largest employers in Maui County. If we lose more services, we'll inevitably be putting these jobs on the line. **Everyone** is affected by the loss of healthcare services on Maui: everyone's employees, everyone's children, and everyone's kupuna, residents and visitors alike.

I urge you to put the health of our community and state, both physical and financial, first! The time is now. You simply cannot wait any longer to take action – not a single day - without adversely affecting our community. Any further reduction in staff or services as an answer to this financial crisis will have a devastating effect on our community...your community. Cutting is not the answer. And it seems with the reduced subsidy from the state, you are leaving less and less options for our hospitals. It is up to you to save our hospitals.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Cory Lynn M. Vicens

E-Signature

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Date February 26, 2015

My name is Beverly Gannon and I am writing in support of HB1075 HD2 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital and Lanai Community Hospital have been an integral part of our community for generations. I think I can speak for almost any Maui resident when I say that *everyone* knows someone who has depended on one of these great facilities for care.

The islands of Maui County have over 160,000 combined residents, and over 2.3 million visitors each year. This may seem insignificant compared to Oahu in numbers, but also consider that we only have **one** full-service, acute care hospital to rely on for everything from a broken bone, to childbirth, to triple bypass surgery. Our growing community, like Oahu's, has medical needs that require access to quality healthcare, close to our homes and our families *where healing happens best*. We deserve it. Can you imagine if all C-sections had to be performed on Oahu, or a child with a broken arm had to be medevac'd for treatment? Can you imagine what that would do to our young families – physically, emotionally and financially? Can you imagine the volume of patients that would now be transferred to Oahu and what that would do to further exacerbate ER wait times, bed availability and the physician shortage problems our state is already facing if we can't have a functioning healthcare system on the third largest island in the state?

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Mahalo for your consideration.



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The Twenty-Eighth Legislature, State of Hawaii
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Committee on Finance

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Testimony by
Hawaii Government Employees Association
February 27, 2015

H.B. 1075, H.D. 2 – RELATING TO HEALTH

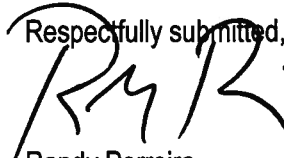
The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly opposes the purpose and intent of H.B. 1075, H.D. 2, which authorizes the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement to transition to a private nonprofit corporation.

As written, H.B. 1075, H.D. 2, creates an excessively favorable and singularly beneficial deal for private acquisition by establishing a nominal \$1 fixed long-term lease agreement for 25 years for the private operator, maintaining employees for no less than 6 months only if they satisfy the private operator's job requirements, obligating the State to assume all current liabilities, and binding future Legislatures and all tax payers to millions of dollars of operating subsidies and 50% of the costs for any capital improvement projects for 10 years. In this scenario, it is made abundantly clear: in the hasty blitz to sell, the taxpayers and the employees will suffer at the expense of the private operator's profit.

Policy as complex and multifarious as this deserves intensive and thoughtful scrutiny from the Legislature. We respectfully argue that the first step in this process, prior to any other considerations, should be a thorough and independent financial and management audit. We raise serious reservations and grave concerns over proposed legislation to rapidly privatize the safety net hospital system: it's a risky and dangerous proposition, which may cause irreversible harm to our community. It is unrealistic to believe that Maui County's population of 154,000 residents can sustain similar utilization as Oahu's population of 953,000, without an exorbitant and perpetual state subsidy, a severe reduction of services, or a combination of both. Any type of private acquisition will rely heavily on tax payers' dollars to support the system, while the Legislature relinquishes its oversight on how those tax dollars are spent and cannot guarantee that the private operator remain.

Advancing legislation that enables privatization, without fully assessing the system's financial and management situation is premature. We respectfully implore the Legislature to judiciously complete its due diligence, ensure satisfactory answers to all of its questions, and exhaust every avenue prior to fracturing and selling a portion of the state's assets. We cannot afford any lesser degree of scrutiny or the potential of a failed experiment when it comes to delivering critical safety net services.

We respectfully request that the Committees defer H.B. 1075 and consider the resolutions provided in H.B. 1112, H.D. 1, which recentralizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and calls for the Auditor to complete a full financial and management audit of the System, prior to privatizing our hospitals.

Respectfully submitted,

Randy Perreira
Executive Director

State of Hawai'i
House of Representatives
Committee on Finance
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 27, 2015
TIME: 3:00 P.M.
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
House Bill 1075, HD2

Madame Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and members of the House Committee on Finance.

My name is Wesley Lo, Chief Executive Officer of Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation – Maui Region. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 1075, HD 2.

The Maui Region hospitals, which include Maui Memorial Medical Center, Lāna'i and Kula Hospitals, are in need of help. We are at a critical point in our journey as an organization, as a group of committed medical personnel and professionals and as a community.

Maui Memorial Medial Center is the only acute care hospital in all of Maui County, we have no private hospitals, as such, we are left to care for all of Maui Nui – it is our pleasure and our passion, yet we have an ever-growing challenge in meeting the increasing needs of our fiscal responsibilities and our want to provide more services to our County and those who visit our islands.

We are proud of our efforts over the last several years to improve the services for the County of Maui as well as improve our financial position. During the period from 2008 to 2013, we were able to increase our Operating Revenues by \$72.6 million, while our Operating Expenses only increased by \$55.1 million for the same period.

At the same time, we improved our financial situation, we also increased and improved services to our community, our heart program, stroke program, and trauma programs are proof of our efforts to improve the healthcare in the county of Maui.

As we predicted, in 2014, the landscape changed.

Our revenues started feeling the effects of reduced reimbursements related to the Affordable Care Act, as well as the fact that we have started reaching capacity in many areas of the hospital and the ability to grow revenues without significant investment have been virtually shut down. In 2014, we started feeling the effects of new requirements related to federally mandated requirements (Electronic Medical Records) as well as increased collective bargaining costs. That year, our revenues increased \$800,000, while our operating expenses increased \$19 million (of which \$9.9 million was related to EMR/ICD-10 implementation costs; and \$10.8 million was related to increases in Salaries, Wages and Benefits).

For FY 2015, revenues for the first half of the year did not show an increase over last year and remain flat and we are seeing further increases in expenses related to inflation and negotiated salaries, wages and benefits. This is exacerbated by the fact that the general fund appropriations to HHSC were reduced by approximately \$17 million.

As we look into the future, we have just learned the President Obama's federal budget includes approximately \$400 billion in reductions and reforms to Medicare, Medicaid and other HHSC programs over the next decade, which will invariably affect the state's rural hospital system

We cannot continue this trend.

As a region, if we were to look at decreasing the operating expenses, we would have to look at decreasing services to Maui County. Maui Memorial has already closed its Youth Behavioral Health division – a loss that has affected Maui and Hawai'i Counties. We do not want to cut any more services, but the financial chasm continues to widen.

The burden is heavy as Maui County's largest employer, so our attempts to create a public-private partnership is to allow Maui Region's hospitals to maintain and expand services and give Maui County the much-needed medical services they need and want as a community.

HB 1075, HD 2 provides the opportunity for Maui Region to explore opportunities to dramatically reduce subsidies to maintain the status quo, increase services and provide competitive fair market value private sector compensation and work rules that are appropriate for a 24/7 hospital operations.

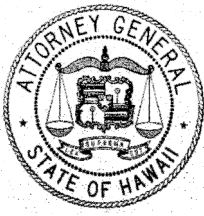
Maui has no private hospitals that provide these services; we are the option – the only option.

We recognize and value our staff – every single one of them is the soul and heart beat of this region. They are the faces the calm scared family members, the hearts that touch our patients in some of their most challenging times, they are the arms that welcome new life to Maui, they are my neighbors and friends. This hospital means so much to so many on Maui, and it is difficult to fathom the worse for this region. Our need to find a public-private partner is not to obfuscate the challenges of a fiscally deficient system but it truly is our last opportunity to find a solution, short of closing departments, restricting services and releasing employees.

We are grateful that this measure has advanced to this point in the legislative process but strongly believe that discussions need to take place around amendments to the bill that will adequately address labor issues. As we are all aware, there are concerns raised by the existing labor unions that should be examined to see if they need to be addressed in this legislation.

I ask for your favorable consideration of this proposed measure.

Mahalo.



**WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2015**

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:
H.B. NO. 1075, H.D. 2, RELATING TO HEALTH.

BEFORE THE:
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

LATE

DATE: Friday, February 27, 2015 **TIME:** 3:00 p.m.
LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 308
TESTIFIER(S): Russell A. Suzuki, Attorney General, or
Deputy Attorney General Andrea J. Armitage

Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General provides the following comments.

This bill would create a new part in chapter 323F, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), with respect to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) to enable a public-private collaboration and eventual transition of Maui regional system health care facilities to a private nonprofit corporation (transitioned facility). It provides that the Maui regional system board may enter into leases of the real property under its custodial control to the transitioned facility at a nominal rent. The measure provides for current and future liabilities to be assigned to either the State or the transitioned facility. Also, the bill would require the State to subsidize the operation of any transitioned facility, and to jointly fund capital expenditures for ten years.

Proposed sections 323F-H and 323F-I, on page 7, line 20, through page 8, line 20, purport to require the State to subsidize the operations of the transitioned facility, and to jointly fund the capital expenditures of the transitioned facility for ten years. However, these sections (1) cannot bind successive Legislatures to make particular appropriations, and (2) act only as an intention by the Legislature to appropriate funds in the future. Once appropriated, the only way for the State to give the moneys to a private entity is pursuant to a chapter 42F, HRS, grant.

1. One Legislature Cannot Obligate a Future Legislature to Make an Appropriation.

Proposed sections 323F-H and 323F-I are not enforceable mandates that require the appropriation of moneys in future fiscal years, because "one Legislature may not bind a successor Legislature (or even itself) to make an appropriation." Town of Milton, 623 N.E.2d at 484. Article III, section 1, of the Hawaii State Constitution provides:

The legislative power of the State shall be vested in a legislature, which shall consist of two houses, a senate and a house of representatives. Such power shall extend to all rightful subjects of legislation not inconsistent with this constitution or the Constitution of the United States.

Thus, the Legislature has complete legislative authority and may enact legislation as it determines except as limited by the State Constitution or the Constitution of the United States. See, e.g., State ex. rel. Stenberg v. Moore, 544 N.W.2d 344, 349 (Neb. 1996); Opinion of the Justices, 623 A.2d 1258, 1262 (Me. 1993). If interpreted as compulsory, sections 323F-H and 323F-I, requiring the Legislature to appropriate funds in the future as specified in those provisions, would violate article III, section 1, of the Hawaii State Constitution, by attempting to control the power of a succeeding Legislature to legislate. At best, the provisions could be interpreted as advisory only and, therefore, unenforceable.

With respect to proposed sections 323F-H and 323F-I, we recommend that those sections be deleted in their entirety because they are not legally enforceable. We are concerned that if these provisions remain and the bill is enacted, prospective corporations interested in becoming a "transitioned facility" would believe that these provisions are enforceable and they would become part of their assumptions when negotiating the management plans and leases. This could lead to a mistaken understanding and possible litigation. An alternative would be to provide that the State shall use its best efforts to provide general fund support to the transitioned facility for both operating expenses and for capital expenses for up to ten years, and make those provisions clearly contingent upon future legislative appropriations.

2. The Legislature May Appropriate Moneys to Private Entities Only as Provided by Law.

Article VII, section 4, of the Hawaii State Constitution provides that "[n]o grant of public money or property shall be made except pursuant to standards provided by law." Chapter 42F, HRS, provides the legal standards by which public moneys could be provided to the transitioned facility pursuant to a grant in future legislation. The transitioned facility would have to apply for the chapter 42F grant, meet the requirements in section 42F-103, and then enter into a contract with the expending agency pursuant to section 42F-104.

If the Committee prefers different standards for providing moneys to the transitioned facility, it could specify those standards in this bill or another bill for that purpose.

We respectfully request that the Committee consider our comments.

LATE

Date February 26, 2015

Please join me in supporting the Maui Memorial Medical Center's efforts to seek a private-public partnership. As a neighbor island resident, having access to quality health care services on island is very important to me, my friends and our families. Maui Memorial Medical Center is the only acute care, full-service hospital in Maui County. We depend on it.

We are very concerned about the future of health care services on our island. With many challenges facing the hospital, including reductions in state and federal government subsidies, budget shortfalls, aging physicians and deteriorating facilities -- we can no longer rely on the Legislature to help sustain us.

I appreciate your time and consideration. Please allow Maui Memorial Medical Center to pursue a public-private partnership and enable them to become self sustainable while continuing to provide our community with access to quality health care services.

Mahalo,


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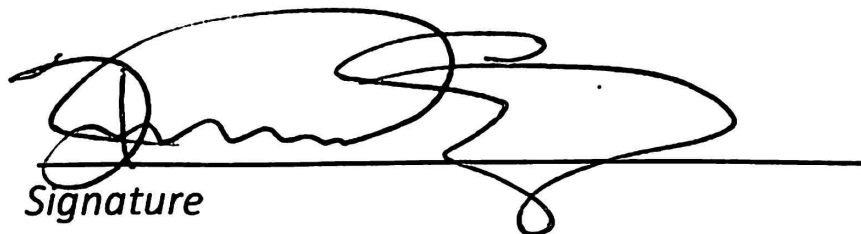
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Mahalo,


Signature

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My name is Bev Kurokawa and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a resident and have lived on Maui for 38 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

My family and neighbors deserve access to comprehensive healthcare services of the highest quality, *close to home where healing happens best*. We need a nonprofit healthcare partner who can invest in workers, services, facilities, and specialists. We need to put the health of our community, and our state, first.

The time is now. You simply cannot wait any longer to take action – not a single day - without adversely affecting our community. Any further reduction in staff or services as an answer to this financial crisis will have a devastating effect on my family and neighbors and a ripple affect across the state.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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The Twenty-Eighth Legislature
Regular Session of 2015

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
State Capitol, Conference Room 308
Friday, February 27, 2015; 3:00 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.B. 1075, HD2
RELATING TO HEALTH**

The ILWU Local 142 offers comments on H.B. 1075, HD2, which authorizes the Maui Regional System to enter into an agreement with a private entity to transition one or more of its facilities into a new private Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

Since its creation in 1996, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) has experienced budget shortfalls, requiring the corporation to appeal to the Legislature each year for funds to remain operational. Even when HHSC was established, it was clearly understood that HHSC facilities would need continued state funding, precisely because of their inability to generate sufficient revenues to be self-supporting and because of the State's commitment to provide safety net services to neighbor island and rural communities. Yet, each year, legislative appropriations have been less than requested, resulting in deficits increasing and being compounded.

The proposal being offered by H.B. 1075, HD2 would authorize HHSC's Maui Region to enter into an agreement with a private, nonprofit entity to lease and operate one or more of the hospitals in the region. Presumably, the private entity would provide much-needed capital and other resources to allow the hospitals to operate more efficiently and more cost-effectively. Because of the State's commitment to provide safety net functions, the bill also requires the State to provide an "operating subsidy" to the private entity, which will not exceed the subsidy provided in the 2014 fiscal year and may be lowered based on operating performance. The hope, then, is that the private operator would be able to implement management changes to help the hospitals become more self-sufficient.

Those management changes will involve changes to personnel. Not only will the facilities transition, but employees will be required to transition from the public sector to the private sector—if they are retained. The bill provides for a retention period of no less than six months, but no guarantee thereafter.

The employees are currently covered by collective bargaining agreements with their unions. They enjoy certain benefits, including a pension, if vested, from the state's Employee Retirement System. Under the scenario proposed in H.B. 1075, HD2, all but vested pensions will be given up by employees, including representation by their current unions.

As a union that has seen its members experience layoffs due to changes in ownership and management, the ILWU is acutely aware of the heavy price paid by affected employees—their jobs are in jeopardy, the wages and benefits they have come to expect may be lost, their lives and families will be disrupted. Although we have witnessed what has occurred in case after case, we do not suggest that management changes should never occur. What we are suggesting is that a change of employment from public to private is not a simple matter because so many lives are involved.

As a union, the ILWU clearly supports protection of union representation and collective bargaining rights. Privatization of public employees may lead to the loss of unionized jobs that have helped to stabilize the economy. However, the ILWU also supports the health care safety net functions that HHSC facilities provide on the neighbor islands, in rural communities, and even on Oahu for long-term care beds needed for the rapidly growing population of elderly and disabled individuals. Any plan to remedy the financial problems of HHSC must ensure that employees remain unionized and that access to quality health care is preserved.

We urge the Legislature to proceed carefully, involve all stakeholders, ensure no violation of court decisions (e.g., *Konno*), preserve the State's commitment to the health care safety net, and protect the rights of the employees, including the right to collective bargaining.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our views and concerns.



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Daniel Navas	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to express my support for this bill allowing for a private partnership as I believe it will help improve the healthcare in Maui.

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Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Melissa Sykes. I live in Kailua Kona, and I work as a Registered Nurse.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

Hawaii can do better. It would be prudent to recentralize Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and to conduct full financial and management audits.

Sincerely,

Melissa Sykes, RN

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is CAROL NAKAHARA I live in Kailua-Kona, and I work as a RN at KCH.

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Sincerely,

Carol Nakahara

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Desiree Docharin, I live in Kealahou, and I work as a Registered Nurse.

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Sincerely,

Desiree Docharin

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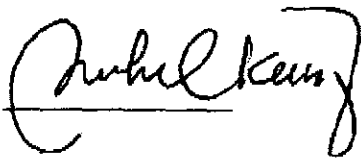
Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Isabel Kong. I live in Kona, Hawaii, and I work as a Registered Nurse.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Hilda M. Vitale I live in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, and I work as a Registered Nurse.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Sincerely,

Hilda M. Vitale, RN.

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Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Amy Charest, I live in Hawaii, and I work as a Respiratory Therapist.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Sincerely,

A. Charest

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Rene Umberger	Individual	Support	No

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Lynn Allen	Individual	Support	No

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Patricia Nations	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Patricia Nations, I live in Wailuku, and I work as Registered Professional Nurse. I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The states safety net should remain a public hospital system. There are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their job and benefits. The state of Hawaii can do better. Recentrallize Hawaii Health System Corportation and conduct full financial and management audits. We can solve this problem if we work, communicate, study the audits together rather than giving up. Show the country that Hawaii knows how to problem solve rather than turning their backs and wa lking away. Protect our employee. Sincerely, Patricia Nations RN, CCRN.

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House Bill 1075 HD2
TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Chair Nakashima and Vice Chair Keohokālole,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 1075.

My name is Karen Worthington. I am a parent and children's policy attorney who lives in Kula, Hawaii, just a few miles from Kula Hospital. I urge you to pass HB1075.

This issue is important to my family and me and has vast impacts that extend far beyond Maui County. Access to quality health care services is a strong consideration for many families when deciding whether to remain on Maui, or to move here.

The thought of services being reduced in the only major hospital in Maui County is frightening. We must have the option of finding a private partner for the hospitals of the Maui Region of HHSC in order for Maui to meet the medical needs of our citizens.

Closing parts of the hospital or reducing services may seem like a beneficial cost-saving option in the short-term, but such actions have devastating long-term effects on Maui County. Cuts affect the quality of services and place a huge burden on the residents of Maui. When needed medical services are not available here, people either go without the services or struggle to pay for trips to Oahu or elsewhere to receive appropriate medical and psychiatric care.

Any kinds of cuts or service reductions also cause great hardships for HHSC employees and their families – either a loss of a job or the burden of carrying more responsibilities with fewer employees. Maui Memorial Medical Center is one of the largest employers in Maui County. Reduction in employment numbers would affect all of Maui County by increasing unemployment numbers, straining the County's economy and adversely affecting medical services across all three islands.

Because of these reasons, I ask for your support of HB1075. This is the third year the Maui Region has supported legislation to allow a private nonprofit partnership as a path

toward sustainable quality healthcare for Maui. Please pass HB1075 and allow Maui residents to have access to a sustainable healthcare system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Worthington".

Karen Worthington, JD
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ROY KUNIMUNE	Individual	Comments Only	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Golojuch	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose the bill but I do support full financial management audits of HHSC and the re-centralization of authority to ensure efficiency and economies of scale.

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Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Iwalani Kaheiki, I live in Hilo on the big island, and I work as a Health Unit Clerk for the Hilo Medical Center for the past 30+ years.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Respectfully submitted,

Iwalani Kaheiki

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barbara uwekoolani	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose hb107t. 1st there will be a very significant number of employees retiring meaning more pay outs and earlier than anticipated retirements. Also the operating subsity will be based on performance. How will the leg know that the reported performance is accurate. Maybe it will be fudged to get a higher subsity. Also improved access to services will mean shipping patients off island to O'ahu. Finally, the employees have no difined timeline yet for the implementation of all of this we need to plan our retirement, reduction in force escape plan or moving away from Maui Nui. Please carefully consider how this privatization will affect the employees.

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My name is Marianne Aster and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a resident and have lived on Maui for 13 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

My family and neighbors deserve access to comprehensive healthcare services of the highest quality, *close to home where healing happens best*. We need a nonprofit healthcare partner who can invest in workers, services, facilities, and specialists. We need to put the health of our community, and our state, first.

The time is now. You simply cannot wait any longer to take action – not a single day - without adversely affecting our community. Any further reduction in staff or services as an answer to this financial crisis will have a devastating effect on my family and neighbors and a ripple affect across the state.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Marianne Aster
Signature

Name: Marianne Aster
Address: 478 Kamoharui Rd.
Kula HI
Phone: 808 268 2493

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My name is Rebecca S Dodge and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a resident and have lived on Maui for 10 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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Mahalo for your consideration.

Rebecca S Dodge
Signature

Name: Rebecca S Dodge

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Kula HI 96708

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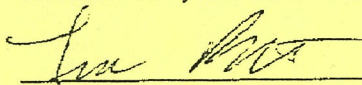
My name is Tiara Rietaw and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a resident and have lived on Maui for 70 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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Mahalo for your consideration.


 Signature

Name: Tiara Rietaw
 Address: 440 Cooke Rd.
Kula HI 96790
 Phone: 808 283 5143

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My name is Joëlle Perz and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am an artist ^{gallery owner} and have lived on Maui for 32 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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Joëlle Perz
Signature

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My name is Susanne Knapstein and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a project auditor and have lived on Maui for 6 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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Mahalo for your consideration.

Susanne Knapstein
 Signature

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My name is Prentise Wylie and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a ^{grandmother} resident and have lived on Maui for 42 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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Mahalo for your consideration.

Prentise Wylie
 Signature

Name: Prentise Wylie
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 Phone: ~~808-571-1111~~

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My name is Gabiella Molinē and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a business owner and have lived on Maui for 4.5 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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Mahalo for your consideration.
Gabiella Molinē
Signature

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My name is Marianne Walsh and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a legal resident and have lived on Maui for 10 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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Mahalo for your consideration.

M. Walsh
 Signature

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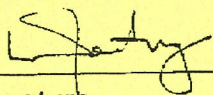
My name is Lindem and I am writing in support of HB1075 to authorize the Maui regional health care system to enter into an agreement with a private entity, Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

I am a voter and have lived on Maui for 2 years. In that time, I have heard repeatedly about financial and resource issues at the Maui Hospitals. We have only one acute care hospital on Maui and we are totally dependent on it for all our hospital needs. This hospital must not be allowed to fail or reduce services.

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Signature

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Hermelyn
I live in Maui, and I work as a Hskg.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Sincerely,

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Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Wendell Nishimoto I live in Waipahu, and I work as a Lib.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Wendell Nishimoto

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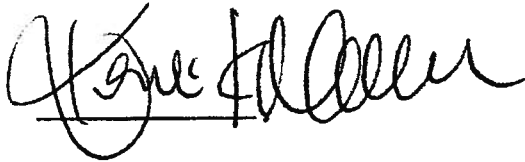
Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Keoni Mawal I live in Wailuku, and I work as a Bank teller.

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Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Plain Ouchi, I live in Kahului, and I work as a Cashier.

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Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Simplicio Guzman I live in Wahiuku, and I work as a Retiree.

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State of Hawai'i
House of Representatives
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Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair



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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT
House Bill 1075, HD2

Madame Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and members of the House Committee on Finance.

My name is Wesley Lo, Chief Executive Officer of Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation – Maui Region. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 1075, HD 2.

The Maui Region hospitals, which include Maui Memorial Medical Center, Lāna'i and Kula Hospitals, are in need of help. We are at a critical point in our journey as an organization, as a group of committed medical personnel and professionals and as a community.

Maui Memorial Medial Center is the only acute care hospital in all of Maui County, we have no private hospitals, as such, we are left to care for all of Maui Nui – it is our pleasure and our passion, yet we have an ever-growing challenge in meeting the increasing needs of our fiscal responsibilities and our want to provide more services to our County and those who visit our islands.

We are proud of our efforts over the last several years to improve the services for the County of Maui as well as improve our financial position. During the period from 2008 to 2013, we were able to increase our Operating Revenues by \$72.6 million, while our Operating Expenses only increased by \$55.1 million for the same period.

At the same time, we improved our financial situation, we also increased and improved services to our community, our heart program, stroke program, and trauma programs are proof of our efforts to improve the healthcare in the county of Maui.

As we predicted, in 2014, the landscape changed.

Our revenues started feeling the effects of reduced reimbursements related to the Affordable Care Act, as well as the fact that we have started reaching capacity in many areas of the hospital and the ability to grow revenues without significant investment have been virtually shut down. In 2014, we started feeling the effects of new requirements related to federally mandated requirements (Electronic Medical Records) as well as increased collective bargaining costs. That year, our revenues increased \$800,000, while our operating expenses increased \$19 million (of which \$9.9 million was related to EMR/ICD-10 implementation costs; and \$10.8 million was related to increases in Salaries, Wages and Benefits).

For FY 2015, revenues for the first half of the year did not show an increase over last year and remain flat and we are seeing further increases in expenses related to inflation and negotiated salaries, wages and benefits. This is exacerbated by the fact that the general fund appropriations to HHSC were reduced by approximately \$17 million.

As we look into the future, we have just learned the President Obama's federal budget includes approximately \$400 billion in reductions and reforms to Medicare, Medicaid and other HHSC programs over the next decade, which will invariably affect the state's rural hospital system

We cannot continue this trend.

As a region, if we were to look at decreasing the operating expenses, we would have to look at decreasing services to Maui County. Maui Memorial has already closed its Youth Behavioral Health division – a loss that has affected Maui and Hawai'i Counties. We do not want to cut any more services, but the financial chasm continues to widen.

The burden is heavy as Maui County's largest employer, so our attempts to create a public-private partnership is to allow Maui Region's hospitals to maintain and expand services and give Maui County the much-needed medical services they need and want as a community.

HB 1075, HD 2 provides the opportunity for Maui Region to explore opportunities to dramatically reduce subsidies to maintain the status quo, increase services and provide competitive fair market value private sector compensation and work rules that are appropriate for a 24/7 hospital operations.

Maui has no private hospitals that provide these services; we are the option – the only option.

We recognize and value our staff – every single one of them is the soul and heart beat of this region. They are the faces the calm scared family members, the hearts that touch our patients in some of their most challenging times, they are the arms that welcome new life to Maui, they are my neighbors and friends. This hospital means so much to so many on Maui, and it is difficult to fathom the worse for this region. Our need to find a public-private partner is not to obfuscate the challenges of a fiscally deficient system but it truly is our last opportunity to find a solution, short of closing departments, restricting services and releasing employees.

Maui Memorial Medical Center is a significant employer for the State of Hawai'i and as well as Maui County. Given that this bill would enable the transition of a HHSC facility from public to private sector employment – we would want to make sure that the labor considerations are carefully addressed and considered to ensure the long term viability of the Maui Region.

I ask for your favorable consideration of this proposed measure.

Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ginet Hayes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I am writing in opposition of this measure. As a government employee, I strongly oppose the privatization of the HHSC Maui Region. The impact on the public employees would be significant. The selected vendor would have the discretion to determine if employees satisfy job requirements for comparable positions at the time of acquisition. Many would lose their ability to earn years towards their pension benefits as they transition to a new employer. This could have a significant impact on the local economy that our state should not have to handle in light of our recent recession. Additionally, the bill would continue to provide funding through tax subsidies of at least \$22 million per year for 10 years for operations, requires joint funding of capital improvement projects for 10 years. This does not make sense. I do not see how we are gaining anything from the privatization of the system other than more money leaving our hands and going in to a private organization's pocket and hundreds of government employees losing access government service. I urge the committee to strongly oppose this measure. Thank you for your considerations. Sincerely yours, Ginet Hayes (Kapolei resident and registered voter)

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Donna Stokes & Ciso Lagmay	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

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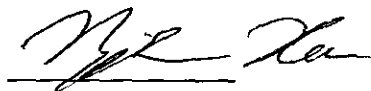
Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Ning-Shou Xu I live in Honolulu, and I work as a Research-Statistician (POH)

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Sincerely,



In Louisiana, they saved \$52 million dollars the first year following their public private partnership of the State Hospitals.^{ii iii}

Hawaii should take note of these surpluses from privatization – as the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation faces a \$48 million shortfall.

The new private non-profit hospitals are widely praised for their better service. Emergency waits are shorter, and the prescription backlog has been completely eliminated in Baton Rouge. New Orleans saved so much money this way, they could afford to reopen their operating rooms.^{iv}

If done right, this model has the ability to raise cash, reduce debt, and create a better health system for serving Hawaii's people.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit our comments.

Sincerely,

Joe Kent

Research and Development, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii

ⁱ <http://reason.org/files/f5ae49d45881eb1b195e591a1b425c51.pdf>

ⁱⁱ <http://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2013/05/30/loui-m30.html>

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://www.redstate.com/diary/MacAoidh/2014/07/17/surprise-louisianas-privatized-charity-hospitals-come-52-million-budget/>

^{iv} http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2013/09/jindal_hospital_privatization.html

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To: House Committee on Finance
Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair
Rep. Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

From: Grassroot Institute of Hawaii
President Keli'i Akina, Ph.D.

RE: HB 1075 -- RELATING TO HEALTH
Comments Only

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

The Grassroot Institute of Hawaii would like to offer comment on HB 1075, which Authorizes the Maui Regional System to enter into an agreement with a private entity to transition one or more of its facilities into a new private Hawaii nonprofit corporation.

Public-private partnerships, when done right, can be a terrific model to increase efficiency.

This model has been demonstrated to work successfully across the country. This model has been tried in California, North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, New York City, and many other states.¹

When the public hospital in Conroe, Texas was privatized, the \$104 million in profits were used to establish a community health care foundation.

When California's Sequoia Healthcare entered into a joint venture with a private non-profit, the district netted \$30 million in cash. The new management staged a successful turnaround from previous losses, according to a study by the Reason Foundation.

Orange County, California no longer owns or operates any hospitals. Instead, it partners with 28 local private hospitals.

Public-private partnerships can do amazing things, like in Sandy Springs, Georgia. The town outsourced almost all of the functions of government, and ended up with huge surpluses. The town of 100,000 people was able to build up a \$45 million dollar reserve, which gave the town room to build their infrastructure.

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Cheryle Orsatelli	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I PRAY YOU WILL CONSIDER MY PLEA IN MY OPPOSITION TO HB 1075. HD 2. I AM A TAXPAYER, RESIDENT, VOTER, AND STATE EMPLOYEE, WHO FEELS THIS MEASURES APPEALS ONLY TO THE APPARENT HPH SEEKER AND ALSO WHO HAS ORIGINATED THIS BILL IN THEIR FAVOR. IT IS ETHICALLY WRONG AND ALL OF YOU KNOW IT. THE PRIVATIZATION WILL TAKE AWAY STATE EMPLOYEES JOBS, AND WILL COST US \$22 MILLION/YEAR TO SUBSIDIZE THE PRIVATE COMPANY, AND THEIR COST IS \$1/YEAR. IF I DON'T HAVE A JOB I WILL BE IN LINE FOR QUEST/WELFARE ASSISTANCE, ETC...I WILL LOSE MY HOUSE AND I STILL HAVE CHILDREN IN COLLEGE AND IN HIGH SCHOOL. WHAT ABOUT YOUR FAMILY SITUATION?

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Chair Rep. Mark M. Nakashima, Vice Chair Rep. Jarrett Keohokalole and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Mary D. Wagner, I live in Wailuku, Maui, and I work as an Information Systems Analyst VI – Business Continuity Plan Manager for the County of Maui, Dept. of Management, Information Technology Services Division.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If a public-private partnership is to be considered, it should be a plan that provides protections for the thousands of hospital employees, current and future, so that they continue to have job security, the same pay schedules, and retirement benefits. As Maui residents, we also want assurances that a safety net exists for those residents who may require such services.

I ask for your support to recentralize Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and to conduct full financial and management audits.

Sincerely,

Mary D. Wagner
Mary D. Wagner

*Physician
Gastro-
Endo*

Indiana

Oppose

*State
25yr Lease - \$1 - No Control
Liability Remains on taxpayers - No Risk to Private
65% of Expenses = Salaries & Wages Corp
Safety Net? - Does it include
Administration?
- Restricting
Audit
Needed*

Whether centralized or regionalized

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Kula Clinic. As a state agency we cannot be nimble enough to survive and thrive in this rapidly changing field.

This is the THIRD year the Maui Region has supported legislation to allow a private nonprofit partnership as a path toward sustainable quality healthcare for Maui. The model of a private nonprofit partner was recommended in the 2009 Stroudwater report commissioned by the legislature by the independent Stroudwater and Associates firm. Last year heard feedback from the legislature that a bill with a local partner and specific details was required. ^{HB 075} SB795 is supported by HPH, the largest healthcare provider in Hawaii, and includes details about how the partnership can be accomplished.

As each year that passes without enabling legislation, we face greater difficulties in maintaining quality services and recruiting providers to our community. Updated physician workforce data estimate that we are short 113 physicians for our population on Maui. It is terribly difficult to recruit desperately needed physicians to a medical community in a fiscal crisis with an uncertain future. As each year passes our system is more stressed and becomes less and less attractive to a private partner.

Maui Memorial Medical Center is the only acute care hospital on Maui. It is difficult for residents of Oahu, where you can actually walk from one acute care hospital to another, to imagine depending on only 1 acute care hospital. On our island, if

MMMC fails, our community fails. Maui residents have asked for this legislation for 3 years now. This year we have a serious, respected, long term local partner in HPH working with us. Do not let this opportunity slip through your fingers as it may not come again. Please pass ^{HB1075} ~~SB975~~ and allow Maui residents to have access to a sustainable healthcare system.

→ ALL BLEEDING STOPS.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Apoliona, M.D.

Medical Director, Kula Hospital and Clinic

l. Soap ~~bleeding~~ hemorrhage

J. Hemorrhage

*We have identified a
hemorrhage, a treatment is
at hand. Save this
patient.*

*Issue with
opportunity?*

February 10, 2015

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AD 1075

RE: Testimony in support of SB795

Dear Chair Green, Chair Keith-Agaran, and Chair Baker and members of the committees,

1075

I am writing in **strong support of SB795**, a bill to enable a partnership between the hospitals of the Maui Region of HHSC and a private nonprofit partner. I am a graduate of the UH Family Medicine Residency, an assistant clinical professor in the department of Family Medicine at JABSOM and the medical director of Kula Hospital and Clinic. I have practiced on Maui for 17 years and have been the Kula Hospital medical director for the past 6 years. As a physician who practices in both clinical and administrative capacities at Kula Hospital I have seen both the wonderful patient care we give and the hurdles we have to leap as a state agency to accomplish that. As a quasi state agency we are hampered by state rules regarding contracting, procurement, recruitment, and management in our efforts to adjust to the changing healthcare environment. I have many stories about how these rules and regulations have affected our ability to operate including the 1.5 years it took me to recruit a quality, appropriate family physician to an attractive full time outpatient position at

These issues are unique to being medical but are inherent to the state system

Centralization of HHSC will not provide sufficient opportunities

to relief from these rules

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Chair Rep. Sylvia Luke, Vice Chair Rep. Scott Nishimoto and members of the committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on this very important measure that privatizes the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. My name is Nadine Luke Cho, I live in Kaneohe, and I work as a Registered Nurse.

I strongly oppose H.B. 1075. The state's safety net hospital system should remain a public hospital system. If it is privatized there are no guarantees that the state will save money and thousands of employees would be at risk of losing their jobs and benefits.

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Sincerely,

Nadine Luke Cho