

RE: H.C.R. 95/H.R. 79

Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of H.C.R. 95/H.R. 79 Requesting The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Oahu regional board to assess the availability of long-term care beds on Oahu and to develop recommendations regarding the closure of Leahi Hospital and Maluhia Long-Term Care Health Center.

Together, Leahi Hospital and Maluhia Long-Term Care Facility have had a operating loss of over \$16 million per year. While providing a safety net for residents of Oahu is important this current structure is not sustainable and becomes a drag on the rest of the system. This resolution requests the Oahu Regional Board to assess the future of these two facilities and to develop a plan for long term future.

Sincerely,



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