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February 10, 2020

TO:

The Honorable John M. Mizuno, Chair

House Committee on Health

FROM:

Alice L. Lee

Council Chair

SUBJECT: HEARING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF

HB 2713, RELATING TO HEALTH

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for parking-facility improvements for the Maui Memorial Medical Center.

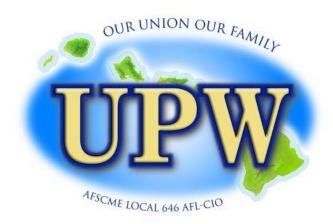
The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

- 1. The current parking facilities at the Maui Memorial Medical Center, Maui County's only full-service hospital, are inadequate to serve the needs of our residents and visitors.
- 2. This measure will accommodate the County's projected growth and the resulting increase in parking requirements at the hospital.
- 3. The need for parking at the Maui Memorial Medical Center is projected to increase nearly 75 percent in the next five years.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Tuesday, February 11, 2020

TIME OF HEARING: 9:30 AM PLACE OF HEARING: State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street Conference Room 329

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2713 Relating to Health

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

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO. The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 13,000 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.

HB 2713 appropriates funds for structure improvements for Maui Memorial Medical Center. Requires matching private funds.

The UPW supports this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



February 8, 2020

Representative John M. Mizuno, Chair Representative Bertrand Kobayashi, Vice Chair Members of the House Committee on Health

RE: HB 2713 – Relating to Health

Hearing Date: February 11, 2020 at 9:30 am

Aloha Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi and members of the committee,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 2713 – Relating to Health. This bill would appropriate \$10.5 million of additional CIP funds for the design and construction of a parking facility for Maui Memorial Medical Center ("MMMC"). Currently, an on-site parking structure is one of the biggest needs for the hospital. There is critical need for at least 520 more parking spaces to accommodate the significant number of patients and family members that arrive at MMMC each day. Due to the lack of parking facilities, hospital staff must often park as far away as Queen Kaahumanu center, which is more than a mile away from MMMC. This additional commute substantially increases their daily commute time and concerns for safety.

HB 2713, with matching private funds, would provide the capital needed to begin design and construction of a large parking facility. MHS is committed to improving all facets of the patient, and staff, experience at MMMC, and a new parking facility would certainly lead to that goal. For these reasons we support HB 2713.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Michael Rembis
Chief Executive Officer