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February 19, 2019

Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair Committee on Finance

Representative Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair Committee on Finance

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Committee Members:

RE: HB 527, HD1 Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Thank you for this opportunity to support the creation of a full-time catheterization laboratory at Hilo Medical Center (HMC).

For better or worse, over the past few years, I have developed an ongoing and personal relationship with HMC and a number of other medical institutions. HMC has given me excellent service, and Hawai'i should be very pleased with the quality of care it provides. However, it could do even more if more resources were available, and better cardiac care has been identified as a priority.

Please act favorably on HB 527, HD1. Even better, please consider including funding for this important service in the House version of the State budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

MAYOR



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February 17, 2019

House Committee on Finance

Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair Rep. Ty Cullen, Vice-Chair

RE: Support for HB527, HD1

relating to a Catheterization Laboratory at Hilo Medical Center

Aloha, Representatives:

The funds you generously provided to Hilo Medical Center in the 2018 legislative session were critical for the hospital to recruit interventional cardiologists.

HB527, HD1 would provide a second stream of funds, essential to helping Hilo Medical Center advance its cardiology program. The hospital's interventional cardiac care involves advanced procedures that can stop heart attacks in progress and reduce long-term cardiac disability.

I humbly request you support HB527, HD1 to establish a full-time catheterization laboratory, including employment staff, at Hilo Medical Center. The cardiology program will save lives and improve the quality of life of cardiac patients in East Hawai'i and potentially for all of Hawai'i Island.

Mahalo nui loa.

Ashley Lehualani Kierkiewicz Hawai'i County Council, District 4



Rep. Sylvia Luke, Chair Rep. Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair

February 20, 2019 Conference Room 308 2:00 p.m. Hawaii State Capitol

Testimony Supporting House Bill 527, HD 1
Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.
Appropriates funds to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to establish a full-time catherization laboratory, including the employment of staff, at the Hilo Medical Center in the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii region.

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

On behalf of the Hawaii Health System Corporation (HHSC) Corporate Board of Directors, we are in **strong support** of HB 527, HD1.

This measure seeks assistance with costs for Hilo Medical Center (HMC) to provide interventional cardiology services 24/7. As an emergency physician, I can assure you that having this capability at HMC will be life saving for some and prevent disability for many more. That is because the treatment that will be available, intervention by a cardiologist to open a blocked blood vessel that is starving the heart of oxygen, can **stop** a heart attack as it is happening. With a team of trained personnel on-call 24/7 they can respond in minutes, in some cases even before the patient reaches the hospital, because ambulance paramedics can transmit abnormal EKGs to activate them.

Other therapies for heart attacks are available at HMC and transport to Oahu does occur, it's just that the therapy that stops the damage quickest is currently not available. Every minute literally counts in terms of survival or how the heart functions afterwards. Treated soon enough, the patient may return to normal function, treated incompletely or too late, means death or living with the disability of a damaged poorly functioning heart.

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Seven different hospitals on Oahu provide this service. The access to life-saving cardiac interventions that Oahu residents enjoy can be cost-effectively delivered at larger neighbor island acute care hospitals. Maui Memorial Medical Center has successfully provided this service to their community and HMC can do so as well. Hawai'i Island has the population size, and Hilo Medical Center has the intensive hospital support services and basic infrastructure to successfully deliver emergency cardiac interventions safely and cost effectively. The Legislature's assistance with funds to build the program will allow HMC to provide this service to their community in a sustainable fashion in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

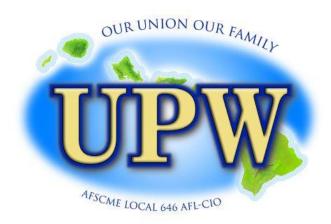
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Submitted By	Organization	l estifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elena Cabatu	East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation		Yes

Comments:

Please accept this testimony in support of HB527 HD1 on behalf of the East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, consisting of Hilo Medical Center, Hale Ho`ola Hamakua in Honoka`a, Ka`u Hospital and our 13 specialty clinics. Hospital representatives will be in attendence at Wednesday's hearing.



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The Thirtieth Legislature Regular Session of 2019

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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 527, HD1 RELATED TO HHSC

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

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 14,000 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 four counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members in the private sector.

HB527, HD1 appropriates funds to HHSC to establish a full-time catheterization laboratory, including employment of staff, at the Hilo Medical Center. The UPW **supports** this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.







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Megan Hirae, PharmD, BCGP Pharmacist, Hilo Medical Center Geriatric Consultant Pharmacist for Skilled Nursing Facilities

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Again, mahalo for the opportunity to express my support for HB 527 HD1 to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.	Commented [MH1]:







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Jennifer Kent, PharmD Pharmacist, Hilo Medical Center

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Julie Tulang	Hilo Medical Center Foundation	Support	No

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Jerry Gray, M.D.	Hilo Medical Center	Support	No

Comments:

I am a Emergency Physician with over 35 years experience who recently retired after working the emergency department at Hilo Medical Center for 15 years. Currently living on the Big Island and having or being at risk for heart disease is incompatible. The current standard of care requires that patients having a heart attack be treated by an interventiobnal cardiologist in a cath lab within 90 minutes on the onse of a heart attack. Moving a patient from Hilo to Oahu requqires a minumum of 3 hours and usually takes 5. Hilo Medical Center needs these funds to start up a cardiac intervetion program. Start up costs include buying the needed supplies (we already have the xray equipment), training of support personnel, and getting the cardiologist (already recruited) started in practice. Once started the program will be self sustaining.

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Lisa Rantz	Hawaii State Rural Health Association	Support	No

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Lisa Rantz	Hilo Medical Center Foundation	Support	No

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Carol R. Ignacio	Blue Zones Project	Support	No









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NAME/TITLE Susan Mochizuki, Executive Director, East Hawaii Independent Physicians Association

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Merilyn Harris, Administrator, Ka'u Hospital

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American Heart Association testimony in support of HB 527, HD1 "Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation"

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Neighbor Islands: Serviced by the Oahu office Of the 865,000 heart attacks that occur annually in the United States, approximately 400,000 of them are STEMI heart attacks. A STEMI heart attack carries a substantial risk of death and disability and calls for a quick response on many fronts.

For STEMI patients, each passing minute equals more heart-muscle damage. Rapid diagnosis and Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) dramatically increase a patient's chance for survival.

According to the American Heart Association (AHA), approximately 400,000 people suffer STEMI annually. But in hospitals with cath labs, only 40 percent of these patients receive appropriate treatment within the 90-minute door-to-balloon (D2B) time recommended by the AHA and the American College of Cardiology (ACC).

Delays in treating this most lethal type of heart attack can cause catastrophic heart damage and death.

Reperfusion therapy is used to open the blocked artery for STEMI patients. Reperfusion therapy is either a clot-busting drug therapy or the artery-opening procedure known as angioplasty. Among patients who receive either therapy in the United States, less than half are treated within the recommended time frames.

- 30 minutes for clot-busting drugs
- 90 minutes for angioplasty

For many living on Hawaii's neighbor island, the treatment time for angioplasty has not been accessible because of the lack of catheter labs in neighbor island hospitals, and the time needed to transport a patient by air to Oahu where most larger hospitals have catheter labs.

HB 527 would potentially change that for many Big Island STEMI patients by providing funds to establish a full-time catheterization laboratory, including the specialized staffing needs, at the Hilo Medical Center.

Half of all STEMI patients drive themselves (or are driven by a family member) to the closest hospital. As a result, 30% of STEMI patients do not receive any reperfusion therapy, and of the patients who do receive reperfusion therapy, half of them do not receive it within the recommended time frame.

With an effective STEMI system in place, a patient (or person witnessing the STEMI) would call 9-1-1, Emergency Medical Services using 12-lead ECG machines can transmit

the patient's ECG to the closest hospital capable of providing the best care possible. The AHA recommends that the State also invest in community awareness education of the need to use 9-1-1 for medical emergencies. EMS staff can begin treatment when they arrive — up to an hour sooner than if someone gets to the hospital by car. Patients with chest pain who arrive by ambulance usually receive faster treatment at the hospital, too. Community education may need to focus on overcoming public norms that result in a reluctance to use ambulance services, and education on why calling 9-1-1 improves a patient's chance of having a better health outcome.

Establishing a 24/7 catheterization lab at Hilo Medical Center would be a first step to giving Big Island STEMI patients hope for a better health outcome. Please support HB 527, HD1.

Respectfully submitted,

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Don Weisman

Hawaii Government Relations/Communications Director

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Sayama, PhD	Community First	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support of HB 527 HD1** that appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

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Louis Hao	Hui Malama Ola Na ?Oiwi	Support	No









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NAME/TITLE Terry Larson, Executive Assistant to the East Hawai'i Regional Board of HHSC

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TONY K. TRAN, MD

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Ross Wilson Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Supporting a Cardiac Care Lab on Hawaii Island will save lives. Please support! Mahalo!

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Jeanne Yagi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Jimmy and Jeanne Yagi, Hilo, Hawaii

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Steve Ueda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

If you have a heart attack on Hilo, you will require transport to Honolulu to receive care. The transport time can make the difference between life or death. Hilo Medical Center needs funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care.

Hilo Medical Center has available cardiac imaging equipment and software, as well as a cardiology clinic with space for three cardiologists. Funding in 2019 is essential for Hilo Medical Center to continue the momentum in advancing heart attack care.

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Gordon Takaki	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Again, mahalo for the opportunity to express our **support** for **SB 911** to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

Submitted on: 2/16/2019 6:47:05 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing		
Jennifer Zelko	Individual	Support	No		

Comments:

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My father the late Dr. John Zelko passed away of a massive heart attack in Hilo on July 14, 1999. Interventional cardiac care for our residents and visitors is critical to help stop heart attacks in progress.

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Thank you!

Jennifer Zelko-Schlueter

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 12:46:02 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Douglass Adams	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee on Finance:

I urge your support for **HB 527 HD1** when it comes before you. This legislation is key to helping the health care professionals at Hilo Medical Center save lives and mitigate the consequences of heart attacks and like incidents. Supporting interventional cardiac care on Hawaii Island will go a long way toward improving the standard of care here. Thank you for your partnership in making this happen.

respectfully,

Douglass Adams

Hilo, Hawaii









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NAME/TITLE Miracle Matsumoto / Biomed Clerk

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Again, mahalo for the opportunity to express my **support for HB 527 HD1** to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

Date: February 17, 2019

To: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair

The Honorable Ty J.K. Cullen, Vice Chair Members of the House Committee on Finance

Re: **Strong Support of HB527 HD1**, Relating to the Hawai'i Health Systems

Corporation

Hrg: February 20, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Conference Room 308

Aloha House Committee on Finance,

I am writing in **strong support of HB527 HD1**, which appropriates funds to the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation to establish a full-time catheterization laboratory, including the employment of staff, at the Hilo Medical Center in the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation East Hawai'i Region.

This funding will support Hilo Medical Center's efforts in providing interventional cardiac care for East Hawai'i and potentially for all of Hawai'i Island. The procedure involved in this advanced level of cardiac care stops heart attacks in progress and reduces long-term cardiac disability. The American College of Cardiology recommends interventional cardiac care as a best practice for treating heart attacks in rural areas like Hawai'i Island.

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The funding received in the 2018 legislative session is greatly appreciated and was crucial to the hospital's success in recruiting interventional cardiologists. Funding in this second phase is essential for Hilo Medical Center to continue the momentum in advancing heart attack care and saving lives on Hawai'i Island.

I **strongly support HB527 HD1** and respectfully ask you to pass this bill out of committee.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Forrest Batz, PharmD Kea'au, HI

<u>HB-527-HD-1</u> Submitted on: 2/17/2019 11:57:57 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Miyahira	Individual	Support	No

Committee on Finance Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 2:00 pm

Testimony in Support of HB 527 H.D. 1 Stephanie Nagata

HB 527 HD1 - The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and members of the committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support** of HB 527 H.D. 1 that appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

Hilo Medical Center (HMC) is the primary health care facility in East Hawaii but it lacks needed equipment and personnel that would help expands its existing cardiac program to provide interventional cardiac care. Interventional cardiac care is considered by medical experts including the American College of Cardiology as the best way to treat heart attacks in rural areas such as East Hawaii. Funding is required to provide adequate cardiac care to the citizens of East Hawaii.

The only option people of East Hawaii has is to fly to Honolulu, but because flying and extended time to get a patient to a Honolulu medical facility, the person could suffer irreversible heart damage or cardiac arrest. Having an interventional cardiac program on island would help to reduce these types of incidents.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to submit my support for this bill, and I recommend moving this bill forward.

Respectfully submitted Stephanie Nagata

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 4:27:13 PM

Testimony for FIN on 2/20/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie and Thomas Pasquale	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please fund these improvements to Cardiac Care at Hilo Medical Center. We need this out here!

Submitted on: 2/17/2019 5:43:39 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robert DeCoito	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Again, mahalo for the opportunity to express my support for HB 527 HD1 to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl Juneau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB911 and HB527 HD1.

My name is Carl Juneau. I am an interventional cardiologist and have recently joined Hilo Medical Center's cardiology program.

Let me update my previous letter of support for the bills presented to fund the Cardiac Cath Lab at Hilo Medical Center:

"I first heard of the need for interventional cardiology on the Big Island from one of my patients in Nevada. He told me that he is hesitant to visit the island because, having had a previous stent placement, he knows there is no such intervention should he experience a cardiac emergency. After being contacted by the team at HMC, my wife and I flew for a visit. While on the Hawaiian Airlines plane, my wife struck up a conversation with the lady in the next seat. This woman was so excited to have us visit her home island. She told us that her mother had died of a heart attack because she hadn't wanted to be taken from her home to receive care in Honolulu. Later that day, while checking in at the bed and breakfast, our hostess cried and hugged me when I told her the reason for our visit. Our realtor's husband has a good friend who died after a heart attack while on a transport plane. Since our arrival here, we have heard countless stories from people who have lost family members or friends to heart attacks. These are the people that this program will help.

I am an experienced cardiologist who has performed this procedure thousands of times on the mainland. While in Nevada, I was instrumental in establishing a new interventional program and, over the years, saw a great benefit to the community. This type of program requires an entire team. The goal is to establish a solid foundation that will grow with the community's needs and be sustainable in the long run. So far, I see that the budget has been well-spent. They have attracted qualified and experienced personnel and have respected the national average for salaries. The future outlook is so promising. There is a second full-time interventional cardiologist coming on board this summer and they are in the process of hiring a third permanent cardiologist to consolidate the team."

As an update: so far in this month of February, we have performed five coronary angioplasties, including two urgently, with state-of-the-art equipment including: drug eluting stents, intravascular ultrasound, and coronary flow reserve. The outcome has been favorable in every case and the Cardiac Cath lab team is ready for the next level. Next month, we plan to expand elective services as well as continue urgent life-saving care. This summer, when additional interventional cardiologists join the team, 24/7 treatment will be implemented.

Every morning my wife and I wake up grateful for the opportunity to become part of this wonderful community. Thank you for listening and for your consideration.

Carl Juneau MD

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 3:38:25 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Casey Herrforth	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am an Emergency Medicine physician working in Hilo Medical Center ER. I am pleading with you to improve care on the Big Island and fund an interventional cath lab. When someone in the community comes in with a major heart attack, which really could be any one of us or our loved ones, we face a terrible reality. The only treatment I can give you that may work as well as getting you to a cath lab can cause major life threatening bleeding. If I give you this medication you could have a major gut bleed or head bleed and die. However, if I don't give you this medication, you may die. Even if I am able to get you to a cath lab for a life saving intervention it will minimally take 3 hours and this is often too long and often it can take much longer. You may also not be a candidate for the life saving but risky medication and in that case we can only hope that time is on our side. However, with increasing transports and limit transportation options, transfers are not always immediate. You may sit in the ER for hours dying from your heart attack. I have had to watch people die in the ER here who I know would have had a chance at life if they were in Oahu. Do your brothers, your mothers, your loved ones not deserve an equal chance to survive a major heart attack in Hilo as those in Oahu? Do our lives in Hilo and the Big Island matter less? Will we continue to allow the Blg Island to be marginalized because of socioeconomic disparities with Oahu? I am tired of watching my neighbors die. Please, I am begging you, fund a cath lab.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lynda A Hirakami	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 5:59:29 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/18/2019 8:15:15 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jim Kauahikaua	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

HB 527 HD1 is very important to my family, my neighborhood, my city, and my island. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support of HB527 HD1** that funds the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) to establish a full-time catheterization laboratory, including the employment of staff, at the Hilo Medical Center in East Hawaii Region of HHSC.

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Submitted on: 2/18/2019 8:32:38 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Julie Elkjer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Having experienced a family member that would not have survived with out the services of cardiac catherization. I can only say this will save numerous lives on Hawaii!

Submitted on: 2/18/2019 11:28:01 AM

Testimony for FIN on 2/20/2019 2:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carolyn Ma	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

For the citizens of East Hawaii, there is a high need to have the availability of cardiac catheterization at Hilo Medical Center. Swift intervention has been shown to have positive outcomes in morbidity and mortality.

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 9:20:30 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Alexander Bazuzi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Alexander Bazuzi

2726 Kaumana Dr. Hilo, HI, 96720

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
steve godzsak	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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This funding supports Hilo Medical Center's efforts in providing interventional cardiac care for East Hawaii and potentially for all of Hawaii Island. The procedure involved in this advanced level of cardiac care stops heart attacks in progress and reduces long term cardiac disability. Having this level of care will undoubtedly save lives and improve healthcare in this rural community. Thank you.

Submitted on: 2/19/2019 11:29:18 AM

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Submitted By	Submitted By Organization		Present at Hearing
Garth Yamanaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This would be an enormous benefit for the Hawaii Island Community. I am in full support of HB 527 HD1. Mahalo for your consideration

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Submitted By	Submitted By Organization		Present at Hearing	
Jennifer Shinde	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

We need Cardiac Cath capability on Hawaii Island.

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Submitted By	ubmitted By Organization		Present at Hearing
Stefani jeremiah	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:









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NAME/TITLE Veronica Domingo, Practice Coordinator for TEAMHealth Hospital Medicine

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NAME/TITLE___Russell Arikawa, Realtor, Ginoza Realtor, Inc.____

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Mahalo for the opportunity to express my support for HB 527 HD1 to improve cardiac care at HMC.

Sincerely,

Russell M. Arikawa, R Ginoza Realty, Inc.

Emme he anhawa

1158 Kinoole St. Hilo, Hi 96720



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Submitted By Organization		Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David S. De Luz, Jr.	David S. De Luz, Sr. Enterprises, Inc.	Support	No

Comments:

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David S. De Luz, Jr.

808-895-4284



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Submitted By	mitted By Organization		Present at Hearing
Christine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:











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Dan Brinkman, East Hawaii Regional CEO of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

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finance1 - Sean

From: mak221@aol.com

Sent: Saturday, February 16, 2019 12:08 PM

To: FINtestimony

Subject: STRONG SUPPORT FOR HB527 HD1



Aloha Esteemed Members of the Finance Committee:

I am writing in strong support of HB527 HD 1.

This bill is literally a lifesaver for the people of East Hawaii, all of whom depend on Hilo Medical Center fro Critical Cardiac Care.

Mahalo

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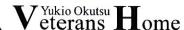
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(Name/Title) Anesthesia

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This funding supports a component of the emergency response system required for sustainable government on this island. The taxpayer is currently burdened paying for injuries and diseases neglected and sometimes caused by the primitive healthcare system we have Hilo side.

I developed a biosensor-tipped cardiac catheter for my masters thesis at Duke University in 1988. After 30 years of clinical testing and development, that technology can enable us to save lives here. The payoffs will likely include the much-needed wisdom of the elders whose lives are saved. Let the cardiologists work out the details of how to ensure the success of the program. Please give a whole-hearted welcome to the much-needed cardiologists and technology. Mahalo,

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Again, mahalo for the opportunity to express my **support for HB 527 HD1** to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

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