SB816

Measure Title: RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.

General Obligation Bonds; Hawaii Health Systems

Report Title: Corporation; CIP; Department of Health;

Appropriation (\$)

Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds

Description: and appropriates funds for improvements to facilities

within the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Companion:

Package: None

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Introducer(s): BAKER



SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

February 1, 2019 Conference Room 229 9:30 a.m. Hawaii State Capitol

Testimony Supporting Senate Bill 816 Relating to the Department of Health Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for improvements to facilities within the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

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

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Corporate Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **support** of SB 816 that authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for improvements to facilities within the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

HHSC is appreciative of the support by the Legislature to address the urgent need for capital improvement project appropriations (CIP) to address the aging infrastructure of HHSC's facilities. However, HHSC would like to point out that the appropriation amounts contained in this bill are the amounts recommended by the Governor, and do not represent HHSC's full CIP request. The HHSC Corporate Board has approved a CIP appropriations request for \$42,365,000 in fiscal year 2020 and \$92,820,000 in fiscal year 2021 for HTH 212, HHSC – Regions. Funding HHSC's request at these levels would prevent HHSC's deferred maintenance backlog from growing.

This testimony addresses only the amounts that would go to HTH 212, HHSC – Regions. We expect Kahuku Medical Center and Maui Health Systems to provide their own testimony in support of the amounts appropriated for those entities in this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before this committee.



Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair 9:30 AM, Conference Room 229 Testimony of Michael Rembis, Chief Executive Officer

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of this important matter. Our journey, under the public-private partnership established by Act 103 for the delivery of healthcare services at the former Maui Regional System hospitals has had its challenges, but overall, it has been a fulfilling and successful journey so far. The Legislature enacted Act 103, SLH 2015 (H.B. No. 1075), codified at HRS Chapter 323F, Part IV ("Act 103"), to allow for the transfer of the operations and management of the Maui Regional System facilities to Kaiser Foundation Hospitals (KFH) through its wholly owned subsidiary, Maui Health System, A Kaiser Foundation Hospitals LLC (MHS). Act 103 also provides for operating and capital subsidies for MHS in connection of its operation of the hospitals. Under HRS §323F-58 (and in accordance with the terms of Transfer Agreement between State of Hawaii, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC), Maui Regional Health System (MRHS) and KFH and MHS), during the term of the Transfer Agreement, MHS may request support payments for its operating costs (as defined by HRS §37-62) associated with managing and operating the hospitals in an amount not to exceed the amount appropriated for the operating costs of the Maui Regional System for the 2014 fiscal year, which was \$38 million. Under HRS §323F-59 (and in accordance with the terms of the Transfer Agreement), MHS may request support payments for its capital expenditures during the first ten (10) years of MHS' operations of the hospitals in an amount not less than \$6 million.

The last subsidy the State provided to HHSC-MRHS for the hospitals before the transition was \$36.8 million. Since the transition, even though MHS is permitted (under law and its contract with the State) to request up to \$38 million in operating subsidies each year, we were appropriated \$33.4 million for fiscal year 2018 and \$28 million for fiscal year 2019. We are requesting for the forthcoming biennial period, \$26 million for fiscal year 2020 and \$23 million for fiscal year 2021. In less than two years, MHS has been able to reduce its need for subsidies by nearly \$10 million. More importantly, these drastic savings have occurred while MHS has been able to significantly increase quality scores, manage expenses, increase revenues, and recruit much needed physicians, while each year reducing our subsidy request. This year, the Maui Health System successfully recruited two neurosurgeons, two trauma general surgeons, and the first oncological surgeon to the island of Maui. In addition, we were successful in negotiating a new contract with UNAC – its largest union employee group, including nurses and other professionals. The contract resulted in an increase in cost of \$8 million per year but we still reduced our request for subsidy from \$28 million to \$26 million, even with the additional labor costs. As part of its commitment to retaining talented local healthcare professionals, MHS was also successful in hiring new nursing graduates from the local university resulting in the employment of over a hundred nurses in the last year and a half.

While we could request more (under Act 103 and our contract with the State), we have identified the amount of the request of \$26 million for fiscal year 2020 as critical to our continued success to improve quality, services, and the recruitment of additional physicians to expand access to much needed specialty services within the communities of Maui and Lanai as well as

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increasing revenues. Each additional physician we recruit will enhance our ability to reduce future requests for subsidies, keep patients on island with their 'ohana, provide additional jobs, and enhance the services and reputation of the Maui hospitals. Without the \$26 million, our successful journey would be jeopardized at a point where we are gaining momentum in the right direction as intended by Act 103. I am happy to answer any questions you may have, and I appreciate your continued support of the Maui Health System and our mission of providing quality care in our communities of Maui and Lanai.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Michael Rembis Chief Executive Officer



Kahuku Medical Center Biennium Budget Request (HTH 211)

In fiscal year 2019, Kahuku Medical Center received \$1,800,000 in general fund appropriations and no capital improvement project appropriations. Kahuku Medical Center is requesting additional general fund appropriations for fiscal year 2020 and fiscal year 2021 of \$1,600,000. These additional requests are to fund wage increases and operational needs so that Kahuku Medical Center can continue to be competitive for healthcare workers and increase revenues and operating efficiencies. They are also requesting \$3,112,000 and \$8,007,000 for fiscal years 2020 and 2021, respectively, in capital improvement project appropriations. A summary of their requests are provided Below.

HTH 211: KAHUKU MEDICAL CENTER						
Funding Type	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020 Kahuku Request	FY 2021 Kahuku Request	FY 2020 Gov Rec	FY 2021 Gov Rec
General Fund Appropriations for Operations	1,800,000	1,800,000	3,400,000	3,400,000	2,800,000	2,800,000
CIP APPROPRIATIONS	1,650,000		3,112,000	8,007,000	1,500,000	

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Kahuku Medical Center Improvement/ Needs Assessment

C: , c	2,000,000	Construct Women's Weilless Celifei	New Project			Women's Wellness Center	
CID GI	5,000,000	Construct MKI Dept.	New Project			MRI Dept.	
CIP,G,	4,000,000	Construct 12 bed dialysis center	New Project			Dialysis Center	
Clar	1,100,000	Expand Clinic Into Plantation wing	New Project			Clinic Expansion	
di)	1 100 000	Civil into Dispatching Wing					
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Op,G,1	15,000	Update landscaping throughout campus	New Project		Facility - Wide	landscaping	2
0p,G,1	25,000	Create wellness garden under bridge	New Project		Under Bridge	Wellness Garden	1
Up, G, 1	60,000	Install new bumpers/ cove base	5+	2008	Facility - Wide	New Bumpers/ Base	1
,(a/do	100,000	Install tint facility wide	New Project		Facility - Wide	Tint	1
Ç Ç	350,000	Re-roof Campbell Wing	5+	1976	Campbell Wing	Re-roof	2
Op,6,1	9,000	Purchase (6) laptops for training classes	New Project		П	Laptops	2
2 5	200,000	Install Split systems in Rothwell	New Project		Rothwell	AC	2
Ob,a,t	2,000/mo.	Offsite to Office 365 for email and update	New Project		П	Office 365	2
05,6,0	25,000	Replace with commercial washer/ dryer	5+		Housekeeping	Washer/Dryer	2
Q €	900,000	Remodel patient rooms including decks	5+	1975	M/S	Patient Rm Reno.	2
Op,6,1	25,000	Purchase server racks for IT equipment	New Project		Server Room	Server Racks	2
Op, G,	65,000	Install bedside computers in every room	New Project		M/S, ED	Bedside Computers	2
0,0,0	18,000/yr	Rotate 28 new computers in every yr.	5+	2014	T	Computers	2
CIP,Up,	50,000	Install Walk Ins for Dietary efficiency	New Project		Dietary	Dietary Walk Ins	2
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M- Major R&M of Existing Facilities

C- Completion of Ongoing CIP

HS- Health, Safety & Court Mandates

EE- Energy Efficiency

PI- Public Infrastructure Improvements

0- Other

Funding Source

CIP- State Funded

Op- Operations

G- Grant

L- Loan LS- Lease

TF- Trauma Funds