SB911

Measure Title: RELATING TO HEALTH.

Hilo Medical Center; Cardiac Care; Appropriation (\$) Report Title:

Appropriates funds to improve health care services Description:

related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

Companion:

Package: None

Current

CPH, WAM Referral:

K. KAHELE, S. CHANG, KANUHA, RUDERMAN, Kim, Introducer(s):

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February 4, 2019

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH Hawai'i State Legislature

Dear Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Chang, and Committee members:

RE: SB 911 RELATING TO HEALTH (cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center)

Thank you for this opportunity to support the improvement of cardiac care services at Hilo Medical Center.

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

Please act favorably on SB 911.

Sincerely,

Harry Kim

Mayor



Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

February 6, 2019 Conference Room 229 9:30 a.m. Hawaii State Capitol

Testimony Supporting Senate Bill 911
Relating to Health.
Appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

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 SB 911.

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. This 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 is 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.

<u>SB-911</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 9:28:05 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elena Cabatu	Testifying for East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation	Support	Yes

Comments:

On behalf of the East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, we are in full support of SB911. We will have leadership representation at this hearing and we look forward to sharing our goals and advancements in cardiac care.



COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, February 6, 2019

TIME: 9:30AM

PLACE: Conference Room 229

State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Testimony in Support of SB 911

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION.

Appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

Jay Kreuzer, Regional CEO, West Hawaii Region, HHSC

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

Aloha,

Jay Kreuzer, CEO

Kona Community Hospital

Jay E. Kreuzer

West Hawaii Region

HHSC

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 4:46:08 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Gordon Takaki	Testifying for Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce	Support	No

Comments:

Gordon Takaki,

President, Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce

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February 5, 2019

Testimony in Support of S.B. 911 Appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center

The Hawaii State Rural Health Association (HSRHA) respectfully submits written testimony in support of S.B. 911.

Hawaii's island geography results in an inequitable distribution of the healthcare across the state. The majority of providers, facilities, services and programs continue to be located on the island of Oahu due to the fact that this is where the majority of the state population resides.

This leads to rural communities having decreased access to quality health services. It is important for the Hawaii State Rural Health Association (HSRHA) to advocate for increases in capacity and infrastructure that meets ongoing needs and ensures the widest array of health care services remains available and accessible to all rural communities in Hawaii.

The Board of Directors at the HSRHA strongly supports efforts for Hilo Medical Center to receive the needed resources to expand its offering of interventional cardiology for heart attack treatment, and thereby continue to save lives and improve the quality of life for cardiac patients. All residents in Hawaii should be able to receive culturally appropriate and timely healthcare where they reside.

Hawaii State Rural Health Association 4442 Hardy Street, Suite 205 Lihue, HI 96766

email: hsrhacoordinator@gmail.com website: hawaiistateruralhealth.org

Established in 1994, the Hawaii State Rural Health Association (HSRHA) is a 501(C) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to addressing rural health needs across our island state.

~ Working Together To Promote Healthy Rural Communities ~

<u>SB-911</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 11:24:29 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Honorable Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health,

I urge you to support SB 911. The addition of the interventional cardiac care unit in East Hawaii will be life-saving for all 200,000 persons who live on Hawaii Island. The small amount needed for the large number of people who will be potentially protected is the essence of leveraging government funds for the big picture. Please vote to support SB911.

respectfully,

Doug Adams

Hilo, Hawaii

From: Steph Bath
To: CPH Testimony
Subject: SB 911 yes!!!

Date: Monday, February 4, 2019 5:37:54 PM

Aloha,

Please support funding of this Important health care need for our aging East Hawaii community. Save lives!

Warmly,

Stephanie Bath Kurtistown, Hawaii

Michael R. Ben PO Box 11056 Hilo, Hawai'i 96721-6056

February 05, 2019

Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Members of the Committee State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

I am Michael Ben, a Hawaii Island resident ever since moving from Honolulu to Hilo in October 1988.

I submit this testimony in support of SB 911 Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, and thank you for this opportunity to do so.

I am sure you will hear from representatives from the Hilo Medical Center as well as the HHSC on the specifics of the need our island has for cardiac care and the progress made thus far with the funding the legislature provided during the 2018 legislative session.

I wish to make known, like others will be testifying, of individuals needing to be flown to Oahu to receive cardiac intervention after suffering from a cardiac arrest, BUT, died while in flight to Oahu.

This should be in no way, considered tolerable in any sense, and is my primary reason for my support in HMC's and HHSC's effort to improve upon and deliver cardiac intervention life saving measures here on Hawai'i Island. Your continued support of their efforts IS a matter of life or death for Hawai'i Island.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 91.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Ben

Michael R. Ben

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<u>SB-911</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 11:42:16 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair	
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair	

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE:	Wednesday, February 6, 2019
TIME:	9:30AM
	Conference Room 229 State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

Testimony in Support of SB 911

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION.

Appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

(Name/Title)_Nathaniel H. Chang, US Army, US Army, Retired

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

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 2:36:55 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of SB 911

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION.

Appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical

Center.

My name is David S. De Luz, Jr and I am a life long resident of the Big Island and i would like to

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at Hilo Medical Center.

David S. De Luz, Jr.

808-895-4284

 From:
 Jeanean Dillard

 To:
 CPH Testimony

 Subject:
 Support for SB 911

Date: Monday, February 4, 2019 11:24:24 AM

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Testimony in Support of <u>SB 911</u>

RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS

CORPORATION.

Appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

(Name/	_	
Title)	Julie	ERCANDRACK

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Submitted on: 2/4/2019 1:34:28 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Mie Fowler	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

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<u>SB-911</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 2:26:57 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Nicholas Galloway	Testifying for Hilo Medical Center	Support	No	

Comments:

This bill will help the hospital provide better patient care for the community.

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 7:00:25 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jerry Gray, M.D.	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

I am a recently retired Emergency physician with over 35 years of experience now serving on the Hilo Medical Center's Board of Directors. The last fifteen years of my career were spent in Hilo Medical Center's ER where I treated many patients having acute heart problems. Our systems in place in the ER are geared to identify patients having a heart attack and to initiate therapy to stop or reverse the blockage of critical arteries feeding the heart muscle as soon as possible. Currently optimal care of heart attacks requires that the patient have access to a cardiac catherization laboratory to open and stabilize affected coronary arteries within 90 minutes of the patients presentation. Delays beyond this 90 minute goal results a severely weakened heart and a five year death rate worse than most cancers. The process to transfer a cardiac patient from the Big Island to Oahu generally requires 3-4 hours... well outside the window of optimal care when time = muscle. The legislatue's support last year has enabled the hospital to assemble all the components needed to start to provide this service. Your continued support this year is needed to recruit and establish the practices of the cardiologists needed to make this service available 24/7 later this year.

Jerry Gray, M.D.

From: B. Noelani Hong
To: CPH Testimony
Cc: kaiali"i Senator Kahele
Subject: big island hearts

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 3:39:24 AM

our big hearts on hawai'l island are no less valuable than o'ahu hearts. Pls support SB 911. HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

Dr. B. Noelani Hong 11-2680 Kaleponi Rd. Volcano, HI 96785 808-936-2353

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 4:16:42 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Dan Hudak	Individual	Support	No	1

Comments:

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Dan Hudak MD - general surgeon Hilo, HI 96720

From: Sam Ishigo
To: CPH Testimony
Subject: cardiac care

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 8:40:24 AM

I am writing in strong support for Cardiac Care Unit at Hilo Medical Center. With a Cardiac care unit the trips to Oahu could be minimized, as any delay in treatment is too long.

My husband had a heart attack in February of 2016. He had no history of heart disease, in fact he was very healthy. So you can imagine the shock when we were told he had a heart attack and needed to be flown to Oahu. We live 15 miles outside of Hilo and I rushed home to get the necessary paper work, and a few belongings so I could go with him on the plane.

Everyone was very kind and did what they could at Hilo Medical, on the flight over and at Queens Hospital. He needed heart surgery and he did survive, but he never got better. On April 12, 2016, my husband of 40 years passed away. I believe his life could have been saved if he had gotten the stents in sooner.

Thank you,

Jeanette Ishigo

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 12:57:14 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Edward Johnston	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB 911 because it appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

The funding supports Hilo Medical Center's efforts to provide interventional cardiac care for East Hawaii and potentially for all of Hawaii Island. It is an advanced level of cardiac care which 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 Hawaii Island.

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Thanks so much.-- Ed Johnston, Pepe'ekeo, Hawai'i.

<u>SB-911</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 12:20:59 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ryan Kadota	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of this measure as I feel it will bring help to the residents of Hawaii Island who face many logistical challenges when it comes to critical healthcare.

<u>SB-911</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 11:04:06 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debra Kaina	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The people in the Hawaii Island communities really need this service on island. Having to travel off island is a huge expense for both the patient and their family and support system.

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 11:20:23 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Kepano	Testifying for Hilo Medical Center	Support	No

Comments:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

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RELATING TO THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION.

Appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

(Name/Title) ANDREA N. KEPANO, Clinic Receptionist

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<u>SB-911</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 10:47:27 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Owen Koehnen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a lifelong resident of Hilo, The Territory of Hawaii, I am in favor of this bill because I understand that the Big Island especially, is always about logistics in relation to itself and to the rest of the state. Anything that can be done to help alleviate the time crunch of critical health services while still balancing a fiscally responsible budget would be most beneficial the residents of Hawaii Island.

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 1:21:30 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Karen	Testifying for Hilo Medical Center	Support	No

Comments:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

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Karen L. Kosidowski-Bergen RN, BSN, MBA-H, COHNS

808-932-2877

<u>SB</u>-911

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 11:59:14 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
BREEANI LEE	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Breeani Sumera-Lee

From: <u>Lillian Lee</u>
To: <u>CPH Testimony</u>

Subject: Testimony in Support of SB 911

Date: Monday, February 4, 2019 11:09:41 AM

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(Name/Title)_	_Lillian M. Lee	Nurse Manager	

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Steven R Markham—Markham Insurance Services, Hilo, Hi.

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Thank for the opportunity to provide support of this important bill.

Steven

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

Comments:

The cath-lab will save lives. It will be well worth the cost in order to improve the delivery of health care services to east Hawaii residents.

<u>SB</u>-911

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 11:33:26 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nelson Nako	Testifying for Hilo Medical Center	Support	No

Comments:

I am a pharmacist at HMC and support SB911.

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<u>SB-911</u>

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 10:52:27 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sam Nelson	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support of SB 911** that appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

Three years ago, I suffered a heart attack while in Burlington Vermont. I was transported to a hospital in the Burlington area and two stents were installed within two hours of the heart attack. Today I have full heart function and am living a normal life. Because the stents were installed quickly, minimal long term damage to the organ occured. If I had had to wait 10 hours or longer for the procedure to be done, I might not have survived. Having stent capability on the big island will save lives and improve the quality of life for those that suffer heart attacks.

Hilo Medical Center is well positioned to perform this service and it will be a big benefit to those of us living on the big island.

<u>SB-911</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 3:30:05 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
DELBERT NISHIMOTO	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Senator Roz Baker, Chair;

May our family submit a joint testimony in support of SB 911. We on the neighbor islands is in need of high quality health care. As part of rural america, Hilo has special challenges. Each of us has an integral part to play in shaping the future of our beloved islands. With your committees positive contribution, we have no doubt that Hawai'i Island best days are yet to come.

The Nishimoto Ohana is in total support of SB 911.

Mahalo Nui Loa.

<u>SB-911</u> Submitted on: 2/5/2019 6:43:17 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lisa Rantz	Testifying for Hilo Medical Center Foundation	Support	No

Comments:

<u>SB-911</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 12:34:13 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Chad Shibuya	Testifying for Hilo Medical Center	Support	No	-

Comments:

Please support SB911. It is sad to know that because of geography and economics, residents on the Big Island do not have access to what has become routine and life saving care for most individuals. Funding this bill will have a huge impact for anyone on this island who needs the intervention.

<u>SB-911</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 11:18:25 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Sparks	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am writting to testify in support of SB911. I had a event in August and was taken to Hilo Medical Center and given execellent care. I was then Med-evaced to Queens in Honolulu. I think the more services we can do at Hilo Medical Center the safer and more economical it will be. This Bill will save lives. Please vote yes on SB911.

<u>SB-911</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 10:47:29 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erica Talbert	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

<u>SB-911</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 12:02:09 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

<u>SB-911</u> Submitted on: 2/4/2019 9:57:11 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Ueda	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The Hilo Medical Center provides much needed medical facilities and services to our community. This bill would support a much needed cardiac center on Hawaii Island.

I worry about what might happen to my family and friends if they ever suffer a heart attack. Would they survive a flight to Honolulu?

We already have a great facility at Hilo Medical Center, but we need the legislatures help to hire the right doctors, and staff to get the cardiac program running and saving lives!

Mahalo,

Stephen Ueda

<u>SB-911</u>

Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:42:10 AM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Danette Vincent	Individual	Support	No	Ī

Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 911 that appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

As a spouse of a previous two times heart attack patient including quadruple bypass and once medi-vac to Oahu, my concern was lost time to treat my spouse, time away from family, and financial burden. Although he pulled through both times and recovered well, others that we know was not as fortunate. This is all the more reason to have this important interventional cardiac care for East Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/4/2019 10:54:02 AM

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Candace Walker	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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 From:
 Jackie De Luz

 To:
 CPH Testimony

 Subject:
 Support of SB 911

Date: Monday, February 4, 2019 11:08:05 AM

Aloha Senators:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in <u>support of SB 911</u> that appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center. As a lifelong community member of the Big Island, I appreciate the fact that this is now on the table and could become a reality for the residents here.

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Mahalo,

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Jeanne Yagi	Individual	Support	No	

Comments:

Chairman

Senator Kai Kahele

Appreciate your suppor of SB911 in support of funding for improved cardiac care at the Hilo Medical Center.

Jimmy and Jeanne Yagi

<u>SB-911</u>

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 4:07:44 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rae A Yamanaka	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health:

Testimony in support of SB911: Relating to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB911 that appropriates funds to improve health care services related to cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

I am a registered voter and resident of Hilo, Hawaii. I also sit on the East Hawaii Regional Board for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. Residents of the Big Island including my own family members have been forced in the past to travel to Oahu or Maui for cardiac treatment. The delay in treatment has caused irreparable damage in some cases and in others it has led to death. Hilo is in desperate need to have up-to-date cardiac health care facilities, equipment and personnel. This funding supports Hilo Medical Center's efforts to provide interventional cardiac care for East Hawaii and potentially for all of the Big Island. The procedure involved in this advanced level of cardiac care stops heart attacks in progress and reduces long term cardiact disability. The American College of Cardiology recommends interventional cardiac care as a best practice for treating heart attacks in rural aras like the Big Island.

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I thank you for the opportunity to provide you with some first hand testimony and to again ask for your support for SB911 to improve cardiac care at Hilo Medical Center.

Sincerely,

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<u>SB-911</u>

Submitted on: 2/4/2019 12:38:07 PM

Testimony for CPH on 2/6/2019 9:30:00 AM

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

Comments:

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My father, Dr. John Martin Zelko passed away in Hilo on July 14, 1999, from a massive heart attack. I was only 21 years old when he passed away. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of him and wish that he had been here to meet his grandchildren. Let's help to keep more of our Hawaii island community and visitors safe, healthy and give them the gift of additional time with their families.

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

Jennifer Zelko-Schlueter (Hilo Resident)

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing	
Shaydee	Testifying for Hilo Medical Center	Support	No	•

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/5/2019 7:16:50 AM

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Karen	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christine	Testifying for HMC	Support	No

Comments:

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

Comments:









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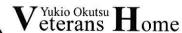
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