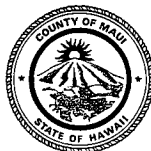


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October 27, 2020

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
Hawaii State Senate, President
415 South Beretania Street
Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a certified copy of Resolution No. 20-153,
which was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii,
on October 23, 2020.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy L. Kaohu". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

KATHY L. KAOHU
County Clerk

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Enclosure

Resolution

No. 20-153

URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO CONDUCT
A FULL PUBLIC DISCUSSION THROUGH THE
STATE'S CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW
PROCESS TO EXPLORE THE CONSEQUENCES
OF KAISER PERMANENTE'S PROPOSED PLANS
TO CLOSE THE GASTROENTEROLOGY AND
AMBULATORY SURGERY SERVICES AT
WAILUKU CLINIC

WHEREAS, Kaiser Permanente is among the State's largest health maintenance organizations, covering more than 250,000 members with approximately 23 percent market share for groups and 40 percent of the individual market across the State of Hawaii and nearly 60,000 members within Maui County; and

WHEREAS, Kaiser Permanente Hawaii Region's parent entity, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, reported a total net worth of over \$38.6 billion as of June 30, 2020, with second quarter net income in 2020 of over \$4.5 billion; and

WHEREAS, Kaiser Permanente's subsidiary that runs the Maui Health System received over \$17.2 million in federal bailout money through the CARES Act; and

WHEREAS, in August 2020, Kaiser Permanente announced plans to close the Gastroenterology and Ambulatory Surgery services at its Wailuku Clinic, citing budgetary constraints; and

WHEREAS, the closure of services would eliminate several operating rooms from Maui County's healthcare system and increase dependency on operating rooms at Maui Memorial Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, the proposed closure of services at Wailuku Clinic raises questions about the impact to Maui County's healthcare system, including wait times for patient procedures and treatments; and

WHEREAS, this closure would force patients to have to relocate to a different facility and receive treatment from different care providers, raising concerns for the continuity of care for Maui County's people; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, Kaiser Permanente and State of Hawaii entered into an agreement detailing Kaiser Permanente's transition of operations for Maui Memorial Medical Center, where Kaiser Permanente promised to improve continuity of care and reduce wait times for Maui residents' health care; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it requests that the State of Hawaii conduct a full public discussion through the State's Certificate of Need Review Process to explore the consequences of Kaiser Permanente's proposed plans to close the Gastroenterology and Ambulatory Surgery services at its Wailuku Clinic;
2. That until such review has taken place, it requests that the State of Hawaii and State Department of Health intervene to stop Kaiser Permanente from unilaterally making these changes; and
3. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mazie K. Hirono, United States Senator; the Honorable Brian Schatz, United States Senator; the Honorable Ed Case, United States Representative; the Honorable Tulsi Gabbard, United States Representative; Honorable Dr. Libby Char, Interim Director, Hawaii State Department of Health; the Honorable Serafin "Jun" Colmenares, Administrator, State Health Planning & Development Agency; the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Scott Saiki, Speaker, Hawaii State House of Representatives; the Honorable Ron Kouchi, President, Hawaii State Senate; Maui County's delegation to the State Legislature; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that RESOLUTION NO. 20-153 was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 23rd day of October 2020, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Alice L. LEE Chair	Keani N. W. RAWLINS- FERNANDEZ Vice-Chair	G. Riki HOKAMA	Natalie A. KAMA	Kelly T. KING	Michael J. MOLINA	Tamara A. N. PALTIN	Shane M. SINENCI	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye



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