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Comments: HMA supports HCR 192.

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The Hon. Richard P. Creagan, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of HCR192/HR127
Submitted by Nani Medeiros, Public Affairs and Policy Director
March 20, 2015, 8:45 am, Room 329

The Hawaii Primary Care Association (HPCA), which represents the federally qualified community health centers in Hawaii, supports HCR192/HR127 examining the growing physician shortage in Hawaii.

The state of Hawaii has a physician workforce that is one of the oldest in the nation, causing an increasing shortage in the state of primary care providers. This is the first of many proactive steps that can be taken to alleviate potential shortfalls moving forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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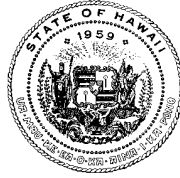
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**Testimony COMMENTING on HCR192
REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE
TO ADDRESS THE PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE IN HAWAII**

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: March 20, 2015

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health appreciates the intent of HCR192 to create
3 a taskforce to address the physician shortage in Hawaii, however we feel this would be a
4 duplication of effort of the work already underway through the University of Hawaii, John A.
5 Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM).

6 Many of the issues mentioned in the resolution are currently being addressed by the
7 Hawaii/Pacific Basin Area Health Education Center (AHEC) through its Hawaii Physician
8 Workforce Assessment, Hawaii Health Workforce Committee, and Hawaii Health Workforce
9 Summit that is coordinated by AHEC Director, Kelley Withy, MD, PhD. As reported in their
10 aforementioned workforce assessment, to mitigate the physician shortage, twelve interventions
11 were identified by Hawaii healthcare experts and the Hawaii Medical Education Council, of
12 which 10 solutions are being actively addressed by their Physician Workforce Research Team.
13 In addition, the Hawaii Medical Education Council (HMEC) Annual Report for 2015, provides a
14 comprehensive overview of the three distinct, yet complementary components (Graduate
15 Medical Education Program, Medical Education Council, Hawaii Medical Education Special
16 Fund) that work together to assess, strategically plan, advance, and accelerate the education and
17 training of physicians who will practice in communities throughout Hawaii. A copy of this
18 report can be viewed online at [HMEC 2015 Annual Report](#).

- 1 The Department of Health through its Office of Primary Care and Rural Health
- 2 participates and supports many of UH JABSOM's key initiatives to comprehensively address the
- 3 physician shortage in Hawaii.
- 4 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Presented Before the
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Friday, March 20, 2015 at 8:45 am

By

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HCR 192/HR 127 – REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS THE PHYSICIAN SHORTAGE IN HAWAII

Chair Belatti, Vice Chair Creagan, and members of the committee:

The University of Hawai'i offers these comments on HCR 192 and HR 127 which requests the Director of Health to convene a task force to address the physician shortage in Hawai'i.

Much of the research and strategy development to address the physician shortage are already ongoing as part of Act 18, SSLH 2009 and Act 186, SSLH 2012 through the physician workforce assessment. Additionally, the Hawai'i Medical Education Counsel's (HMEC) legislation and existing productive group has extensively studied this area and provides a report of its work to the Legislature yearly. As the resolutions cite the difficulties in having foreign medical students become licensed in Hawai'i as the rationale for forming the task force, perhaps HMEC would be the appropriate body to conduct the study. We suggest that an appropriation be made to cover the costs of administering the task force and conducting the study.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.