

HB2280 HD2

Measure Title: RELATING TO HEALTH.

Report Title: DOH; Hawaii State Hospital; Security Corrective Plan; CIP; GO Bonds; Appropriation (\$)

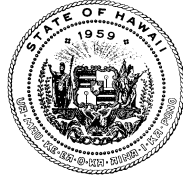
Description: Appropriates funds to the Department of Health to purchase electronic ankle monitoring bracelets, hand wands, lighting, and closed circuit television cameras for the Hawaii State Hospital. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund capital improvement projects at the Hawaii State Hospital to improve security. (HB2280 HD2)

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: CPH/PSM, WAM

Introducer(s): MIZUNO, BELATTI, BROWER, CACHOLA, CULLEN, GATES, ICHIYAMA, KEOHOKALOLE, LEARMONT, LUKE, MCKELVEY, MORIKAWA, SAN BUENAVENTURA, THIELEN



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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB2280 HD2
RELATING TO HEALTH**

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MILITARY AFFAIRS

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Hearing Date and Time: Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** Undetermined at this time.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports this measure.

3 The Department of Health (DOH) places high priority on security at the Hawaii
4 State Hospital (HSH) and appreciates that this bill attempts to provide resources for the
5 various components of HSH Security Action Plan. We support the intent of this bill and
6 defer to the Governor's Supplemental Budget request regarding appropriations.

7 The original intent of this bill was to appropriate funds to the DOH to implement
8 the outstanding recommendations of the HSH security corrective action plan.
9 Specifically, this bill (1) appropriates funds for the purchase of electronic ankle
10 monitoring bracelets and additional metal detector hand wands; (2) appropriate funds
11 for the purchase and installation of additional lighting and closed circuit television

1 cameras; and (3) authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund capital
2 improvement projects at the HSH campus to improve hospital security.

3 The DOH appreciates the generosity of the legislature in prioritizing the need for
4 appropriations for security enhancements at the HSH. As amended, HB2280 HD2
5 recognizes actions taken by the DOH to address safety and security enhancements at
6 the HSH including the erection of fences, the installation of security screens on
7 windows, the rewiring of the fire alarms system, retraining staff, and modifying census
8 procedures. Enhancements underway include additional fencing and the introduction of
9 Global Positioning System (GPS) ankle bracelets. Other enhancements are in the
10 planning stages including relocating the guard shack and upgrading the closed circuit
11 television monitoring system.

12 The DOH has secured funding via current fiscal year resources, released funding
13 restrictions, and through appropriations in the Governor's Supplemental Budget request

14 Section 8 of this bill requires the DOH to submit a report to the legislature that
15 includes (1) An update of the department's progress in implementing the security
16 corrective action plan; (2) The number of elopements, if any, during the previous year;
17 and (3) Any other findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation.

18 The DOH supports this requirement and asks for the committee's support for this
19 information to be included in the existing HSH Report to the Legislature which is
20 submitted annually in accordance with Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS) §334-16. This
21 report summarizes annual data on forensic patients served by the HSH.

- 1 We thank the committee for considering our testimony and appreciate the
- 2 committee's support on this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

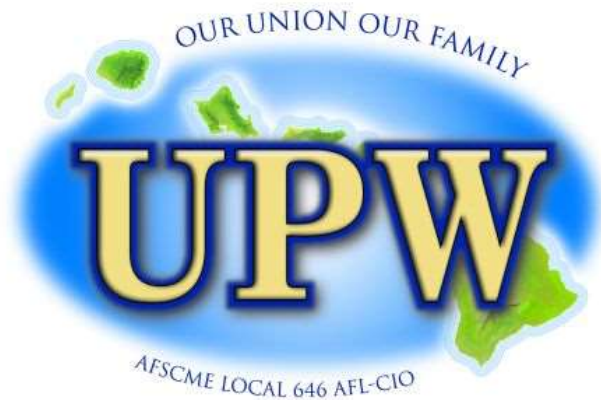
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Testimony for CPH on 3/15/2018 1:30:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:



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TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 2280, HD2 RELATING TO HEALTH

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My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO. The UPW is the exclusive bargaining representative for approximately 12,000 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 various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

HB2280, HD2 appropriates funds to the Department Health to purchase electronic ankle monitoring bracelets, hand wands, lighting, and closed-circuit television cameras for the Hawaii State Hospital. This bill also authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund capital improvement projects at the Hawaii State Hospital to improve security. The UPW **supports** this important bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

