

THE HAWAII STATE SENATE  
The Thirtieth Legislature  
Regular Session of 2020

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

DATE OF HEARING: Wednesday, February 12, 2020  
TIME OF HEARING: 9:00 AM  
PLACE OF HEARING: State Capitol  
415 South Beretania Street  
Conference Room 229

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 2224**  
**Relating to Health**

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,  
State Director of the United Public Workers (UPW),  
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO

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 13,000 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.

SB 2224 appropriates funds for structure improvements for Maui Memorial Medical Center. Requires matching private funds.

The UPW supports this measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



Community hospitals affiliated with KAISER PERMANENTE.

**February 11, 2020**

**Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Consumer Protection and Health**

**RE: SB 2224 – Relating to Health  
Hearing Date: February 12, 2020 at 9:00 am**

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and members of the committee,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the intent of SB 2224 – Relating to Health – and offering comments. This bill would appropriate \$10.5 million of additional CIP funds for the design and construction of a parking facility for Maui Memorial Medical Center (“MMMC”). Currently, an on-site parking structure is one of the biggest needs for the hospital. There is critical need for at least 520 more parking spaces to accommodate the significant number of patients and family members that arrive at MMMC each day. Due to the lack of parking facilities, hospital staff must often park as far away as Queen Kaahumanu center, which is more than a mile away from MMMC. This additional commute substantially increases their daily commute time and concerns for safety.

While we very much appreciate the line item appropriation, which requires matching private funds for release, we estimate that the planning and construction of the facility would cost a minimum of \$21,000,000. We have been exploring different development options for the parking structure, including a public private partnership as contemplated in this measure, but have not yet concluded that this is the development option we will indeed be pursuing. However, we look forward to continuing this dialogue with your committee and our Maui delegation.

Mahalo for your consideration,

Michael Rembis  
Chief Executive Officer

Council Chair  
Alice L. Lee

Vice-Chair  
Keani N.W. Rawlins-Fernandez

Presiding Officer Pro Tempore  
Tasha Kama

Councilmembers  
Riki Hokama  
Kelly Takaya King  
Michael J. Molina  
Tamara Paltin  
Shane M. Sinenci  
Yuki Lei K. Sugimura




Director of Council Services  
Traci N. T. Fujita, Esq.

**COUNTY COUNCIL**  
COUNTY OF MAUI  
200 S. HIGH STREET  
WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII 96793  
[www.MauiCounty.us](http://www.MauiCounty.us)

February 11, 2020

TO: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2020; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2224, RELATING TO HEALTH**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for structure improvements for the Maui Memorial Medical Center.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. The Maui Memorial Medical Center is Maui County's only full-service hospital.
2. This measure will allow the Maui Memorial Medical Center to acquire land, construct facilities, and provide equipment for much-needed hospital improvements.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

ocs:proj:legis:20legis:20testimony:sb2224\_paf20-061(21)\_alkl