



Committee on Finance
Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice-Chair

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Testimony Opposing HB 1607 - Relating to Hawaii Health Systems Corporation
Restructures the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation so the corporate board takes on a new role
as a service and coordination group to assist the regional boards in improving public hospital
services

On behalf of the West Hawaii Region of HHSC, thank you for the opportunity to provide
testimony concerning HB 1607.

Act 290 (2007) established five new regional system boards and changed the composition
of the HHSC Corporate Board. The act shifted authority for custodial control of assets,
operations and authority and at the corporate board level for major policy, strategy and financial
decisions to the regional level. The implementation of Act 290 has required an enormous amount
of work and remains a work in progress. This bill would effectively negate these efforts. Said
another way, we need to allow more time to pass and permit the effort to continue.

I would request that HB1607 be deferred this legislative session and priority given to our
other six primary HHSC bills that have been introduced in the 2009 Legislative Session.

Respectfully submitted,

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