



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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### SB 2535 – RELATING TO HEALTH

Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Chang, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB 2535. The University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo) and the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy fully **supports** this bill to appropriate funds to the Hilo Medical Center (HMC) to help improve cardiac care services.

The HMC is the flagship hospital and a key partner for the pharmacy school's experiential training program in both introductory and advanced experiential practice rotations. Other health professions such as the School of Nursing at UH Hilo and Hawai'i Community College also place students in this facility.

The college places a full time Pharmacy Practice faculty in residence in HMC to teach and mentor our students. Our faculty practice in the intensive care unit and the family medicine patient care floors in multi-disciplinary care teams that include medical students, family medicine residents, nurses and psychologists. In order to provide excellent patient care, hospitals need both excellent care from interdisciplinary medical teams, but also state of the art technology and facilities such as the cardiac catheterization labs. In order to continue HMC's ability to provide these types of "best practice" interventions for our community, we support this bill to provide additional funds.

We appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony and fully support this bill.