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SB 2814 SD1 – RELATING TO THE HILO MEDICAL CENTER

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on SB 2814 SD1. The University of Hawai'i at Hilo and the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy fully **supports** this bill to appropriate funds to the Hilo Medical Center (HMC) for a second cardiac catheterization lab to help improve cardiac care services.

The HMC is the flagship hospital and is a key partner in training our students in both introductory and advanced experiential practice rotations. We place a full time Pharmacy Practice faculty in residence in HMC to teach and mentor our students. Having our students learn about the key components of all aspects of hospital care helps them to better understand the interprofessional complexities of patient care. Our faculty practice in the intensive care unit on the patient care floors in multi-disciplinary care teams that include medical students and residents, nurses and psychologists.

Pharmacists have long been involved in the supportive aspects related to medications utilized in the cardiac catheterization labs. In order to provide excellent patient care, hospitals need both excellent patient care from these types of medical teams, but also state of the art technology and facilities. In order to provide “best practice” patient care standards with one of the fastest growing communities in the state, HMC needs to add a second state of the art cardiac facility to address emergency cardiac events and to provide prompt follow up.

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