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Chair Mizuno, Vice Chair Kobayashi, and members of the committee:

My name is Carolyn Ma, and I am the Dean for the UH Hilo Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP). The DKICP fully supports this bill to appropriate funds to the Hilo Medical Center (HMC) to help improve cardiac care services.

The Hilo Medical Center is the flagship hospital and is a key partner in training our students in both introductory and advanced experiential practice rotations. We place two full time Pharmacy Practice faculty in residence in HMC to not only 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 and residents, nurses and psychologists. 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, HMC needs a state of the art cardiac facility to address emergency cardiac events and to provide prompt follow up.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.