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HB 417 HD1 – RELATING TO HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, Vice Chair Johanson, and members of the House Committee on Finance, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

The UH Mānoa Nursing is in support of this bill, HB 417 HD1, to appropriate funds to the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) primary care training program at the Hilo Medical Center.

We agree that the HHSC primary care training program is an effective way to reduce the impact of the shortage of primary care providers and improve access to healthcare throughout the state. The HHSC interdisciplinary program benefits the Hawai'i Island Family Medicine Residency Program, as well as advanced practice registered nursing students from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, and nursing and pharmacy students from the University of Hawai'i at Hilo.

The UH Mānoa Nursing appreciates your continuing support of nursing and education in Hawai'i. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.