



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I SYSTEM

## TESTIMONY

### SCR 195

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Chairs Chun Oakland and Baker, Vice Chairs Ihara and Chun Oakland and Committee members.

I am William Haning, MD, representing the John A. Burns School of Medicine of the University of Hawai`i and the Acting Dean, Dr. T. Samuel Shomaker, in presenting this testimony.

The resolution correctly identifies many of the difficulties in accessing specialty care on the neighbor islands and in rural areas, in general. The John A. Burns School of Medicine has already joined with the State Health Planning and Development Agency to examine physician workforce issues in the setting of the Hawai`i Medical Education Council, and welcomes the opportunity to work more closely in support of this resolution.

Consequently, the John A. Burns School of Medicine unequivocally supports SCR 195, requesting the State Health Planning and Development Agency to identify and evaluate the barriers to community-based access to specialty care and to make recommendations to improve access to specialty care on the neighbor islands and Oahu.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.