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Subject: [EXTERNAL] re DLNR PSF No.: 24KD-125. Testimony AGAINST the proposed "Cancellation and Conveyance..." affecting TMK: (4) 4-6-014: 112
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Testimony for DLNR PSF No.: 24KD-125, meeting 13 December 2024, from
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I respectfully request that the DLNR table this proposal until the following germane issues can be resolved:

1. DOH should have appropriate public meetings and solicit public input about how the plan and how it will affect the disabled community, which DOH did **NOT** do whatsoever. As far as the disabled citizens of Kaua`i are concerned, this proposal was created completely in secret and only a few of us learned of it just recently by accident
2. The documents that created and financed the building in the proposal, the Hale Hao`oli, should be found and reviewed by the disabled community to determine if the proposal is appropriate and illegal
3. Dialysis should not be allowed under the same roof as Easter Seals clients. This type of arrangement is discouraged by the medical literature and is deemed to be **unsafe**
4. HHSCRR has other land and buildings that can be developed for a dialysis center, therefore, the DOH building created specifically for the disabled should **NOT** be conveyed from the DOH to HHSCRR so they can transform it to a dialysis center or other profit center. For the DOH and HHSCRR, their plan is convenient, but it is wrong for the disabled clients of the DOH
5. DOH and HHSCRR has to communicate directly with the disabled citizens and their families on Kaua`i in issues that affect them. They cannot assume that Easter Seals can speak for the families

BACKGROUND to SUPPORT the ABOVE:

Over the past months, DOH and HHSCRR have been working on the proposal you are considering today. The land that the DOH wants to convey to Hospitals (HHSCRR) includes a building, Hale Hao`oli, that was built in 1999, and dedicated to the use of those with disabilities on Kaua`i.

My disabled son, Lucas Moore, has been provided services by Easter Seals Hawaii for years at the DOH facility being discussed today.

The goal of the proposal is to allow the State to take our Hale Hao`oli from the use of the

disabled under the DOH, and give it to HHSCKR so it can convert it to a dialysis center run by a for-profit business. And the plan is to start dialysis under the same roof of the disabled until they can be moved out, even though having dialysis under roof with such a facility is not advised in the medical literature.

The proposal discusses that advantage of having a dialysis center in our Hale Hao`oli, but it completely ignores the long-term needs of the disabled citizens who have counted on their Hale Hao`oli for over 2 decades. There is no guarantee in the proposal that protects the needs of the disabled. There is not a currently existing equivalent facility for them on the property or nearby. There is no guarantee that HHSCKR will continue Hale Hao`oli's original mission, or that it will provide a facility of equivalent size and quality for the disabled. There have been some verbal promises, but those cannot protect the needs and rights of our disabled family members, especially as time erases memories, or new personnel have other agendas. The needs of the disabled citizens must be protected in writing.

The proposal states there are no records that pertain to this building, but there must be DOH budget records concerning this building, and there are most certainly proposals, written grants, and/or applications to State or Federal agencies that created this building for the disabled. Someone or some group worked hard to create this wonderful facility for the disabled and there must be some record of this. And once these documents are viewed, it may be that this proposal violates existing agreements, or even illegal, if Federal Monies are involved.

For me and our family, one of the most upsetting aspects of this entire process is that the clients of DOH's Hale Hao`oli and the disabled community on Kaua`i were not notified of this plan, nor notified of any meetings pertaining to it, nor asked for our input. It's like we were just invisible or of any value whatsoever - so typical of the pre-ADA mindset. Yes, there were public meetings about the general HHSCKR master plan, but none of the disabled community had any idea that the master plan might end up costing us our Hale Hao`oli. Easter Seals may have known of the plan, but they are not our agents in this matter, the DOH has the responsibility to notify us and solicit our input, not Easter Seals. DOH has power over Easter Seals, not the other way around.

I apologize that I cannot attend this meeting personally, other family obligations have taken me out of state.

Mahalo,
David Moore, MD



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SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of Item D.3

Dear Chairperson Dawn Chang and Honorable Members of the Board of Land and Natural Resources:

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on Item D.3 of the Board's December 13, 2024, Agenda:

Cancellation of Governor's Executive Order No. 4623 to the Department of Health for Health-Related Services and Conveyance by Land Patent Grant to Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) as an Addition to the Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital.

Issuance of Immediate Management Right-of-Entry to HHSC for Hospital Purposes, Kapa'a Kawaihau, Kaua'i, Tax Map Key: (4) 4-6-014:112.

I strongly support the transfer of the parcel from the Department of Health to Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Kauai Region ("HHSCKR") to further its mission of addressing the healthcare needs of Kauai, and in this particular instance, East Kauai. Since 2019, I have been involved with HHSCKR's comprehensive master planning process to envision the potential future of the Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital ("SMMH") campus. This transfer will allow HHSCKR to expand services and meet the community's growing needs in accordance with the SMMH Master Plan.

The land will continue to be used for health-related and health system-related services, in keeping with its historical purpose under the Department of Health. An adult day program for individuals with developmental disabilities will remain operational in the existing building on the parcel.

In the near term, immediate issuance of a Management Right-of-Entry will allow HHSC to facilitate broader access to dialysis care for East Kauai and North Shore residents on this property. Currently, many residents face long commutes to Lihue or to other islands for treatment and some

patients are missing treatment altogether. The current situation presents both health-related and financial hardships for individuals and families facing access predicaments.

Looking further ahead, HHSCKR is committed to expanding its capacity to offer a broad range of healthcare services for Kauai residents, including mental health and substance use disorder treatment. Behavioral health access remains a critical gap on the island. This parcel will provide the opportunity to envision needed office space and facilities to address future pressing needs.

A fee simple transfer of the parcel is essential to efficiently manage the property alongside other HHSCKR assets. The Legislature acknowledged the importance of operational autonomy for HHSC and its regions in Act 262, Section 22(a), Session Laws of Hawaii 1996, in order to create an efficient and cost-effective health care system. This autonomy includes the flexibility to own and manage property, which enables HHSCKR to respond effectively to Kauai's healthcare needs. A fee simple transfer will ensure that HHSCKR operates in the most responsive and efficient manner possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nadine K. Nakamura" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

NADINE K. NAKAMURA
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