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April 7, 2015

TO: The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair  
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor  
  
The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair  
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Mike White  
Council Chair

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Mike White", is written over the printed name and title.

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF APRIL 8, 2015; MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING HB 1075, RELATING TO HEALTH**

At our April 7, 2015 meeting, the Maui County Council unanimously passed Resolution 15-46, which supports the intent and purpose of House Bill 1075 (2015) and urges the State Legislature to pass this bill or other legislation facilitating public-private collaboration for Maui County's public hospitals and health care in Maui County. I have attached a copy of the resolution and urge you to support this measure.

# Resolution

No. \_\_\_\_\_

URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND  
GOVERNOR TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION  
FACILITATING PUBLIC-PRIVATE  
COLLABORATION FOR MAUI COUNTY'S  
PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE

WHEREAS, Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital, and Lanai Community Hospital ("Maui County's public hospitals") collectively serve the healthcare needs of more than 11,000 inpatients and more than 45,000 emergency room patients each year; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation ("HHSC") currently manages these entities pursuant to State law; and

WHEREAS, a public-private partnership may provide advantages over the current structure, as HHSC continues to be plagued with fiscal shortfalls that can only be addressed by serious cuts in services or prolonging the practice of providing ever-larger State subsidies; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1075 (2015), now pending before the State Legislature, is one means of fostering public-private collaboration and facilitating creation of a nonprofit corporation to manage Maui County's public hospitals; and

WHEREAS, certain private parties are actively expressing interest in entering into an agreement to provide management services for Maui County's public hospitals and to absorb various costs associated with such a venture; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 1075 was introduced by nine State legislators, including Speaker of the House Joseph M. Souki of Wailuku and Representative Angus McKelvey of Lahaina, who understand that should these efforts not be successful the only options available to HHSC are to cut medical services at Maui County's public hospitals, as recently proposed by HHSC's board of directors, or receive hundreds of millions of dollars in additional State subsidies; and

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WHEREAS, the House passed House Bill 1075, in an amended form, and the legislation is currently under consideration by the Senate; and

WHEREAS, strengthening healthcare services is a core value for Maui County's residents, as reflected in the 2030 General Plan, which specifically references broadening access to healthcare services and recognizes the importance of expanding and improving local hospitals; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the clear importance of Maui County's public hospitals to local residents, the visitor industry is dependent on the perception and reality of high-quality health care being available in Maui County; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That the Council is in support of the intent and purpose of House Bill 1075 (2015) and urges the State Legislature to pass this bill or other legislation facilitating public-private collaboration for Maui County's public hospitals and health care in Maui County;
2. That the Council urges Governor David Ige to sign such legislation if and when presented to him for approval; and
3. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable David Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Shan Tsutsui, Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Joseph M. Souki, Speaker, Hawaii State House of Representatives; the Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chairwoman, Committee on Finance, Hawaii State House of Representatives; the Honorable Della Au Belatti, Chairwoman, Committee on Health, Hawaii State House of Representatives; the Honorable Mark M. Nakashima, Chairman, Committee on Labor, Hawaii State House of Representatives; the Honorable Donna Mercado Kim, President, Hawaii State Senate; the Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chairwoman, Committee on Consumer Protection, Hawaii State Senate; the Honorable Josh Green, Chairman, Committee on Health, Hawaii State Senate; the Honorable

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Jill Tokuda, Chairwoman, Committee on Ways and Means, Hawaii State Senate; the Honorable Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chairman, Committee on Judiciary and Labor, Hawaii State Senate; all other members of the Hawaii State House of Representatives and Hawaii State Senate; the Honorable Alan M. Arakawa, Mayor, County of Maui; and Wesley P. Lo, Maui Region CEO, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

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