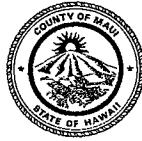


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The Honorable Mike White  
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Dear Chair White:

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING TRANSPARENCY  
REGARDING RATE SETTING FOR PATIENT  
SERVICES (PAF 15-164)**

May I request the attached proposed resolution, entitled "URGING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE MAUI REGION OF HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION TO REQUIRE TRANSPARENCY REGARDING RATE SETTING FOR PATIENT SERVICES," be placed on the next Council meeting agenda.

Sincerely,

*Elle Cochran*<sup>25</sup>

ELLE COCHRAN  
Councilmember

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COUNTY COMMUNICATION NO. 15-221

# Resolution

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

## URGING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE MAUI REGION OF HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION TO REQUIRE TRANSPARENCY REGARDING RATE SETTING FOR PATIENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, Governor David Ige signed Act 103 (2015) into law on June 10, 2015, allowing the Board of Directors for the Maui Region facilities of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (“HHSC”), including Maui Memorial Medical Center, Kula Hospital, and Lanai Community Hospital, to select a private entity as partner for the management or operation of one or more facilities, with assistance from the Governor and the Maui Region CEO; and

WHEREAS, the Maui County Council by a vote of 6-0 adopted Resolution 15-46, entitled “URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION FACILITATING PUBLIC-PRIVATE COLLABORATION FOR MAUI COUNTY’S PUBLIC HOSPITALS AND HEALTH CARE,” on April 7, 2015 ; and

WHEREAS, Hawai`i Pacific Health and Kaiser Foundation Hospitals are the two entities that have expressed interest in partnering with HHSC to manage or operate one or more of the Maui Region facilities; 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, more than 11,000 inpatients and more than 45,000 emergency room patients receive care at the Maui Region facilities each year; and

WHEREAS, improved patient care, including expansion of primary and speciality care services, is a primary goal of any partnership with the Maui Region;

WHEREAS, improved patient care must also include affordability and fairness in rates for patient services; and

WHEREAS, transparency regarding rate setting for patient services can help ensure affordability and fairness; and

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WHEREAS, the selection of any entity as a partner for the Maui Region should be based on a requirement for transparency regarding rate setting for patient services; now, therefore,

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

1. That the Council reiterates its support for public-private collaboration for Maui County's public hospitals and health care, as expressed in Resolution 15-46;
2. That it urges the Board of Directors for the Maui Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation to require transparency regarding rate setting for patient services from any entity selected for a partnership authorized under Act 103 (2015); and
3. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable David Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii; Wesley P. Lo, CEO, Maui Region Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Avery Chumbley, Chairperson, Board of Directors, Maui Region, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; Raymond P. Vara, Jr., President and CEO, Hawai'i Pacific Health; and Bernard J. Tyson, President and CEO, Kaiser Foundation Hospitals.