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Good morning Chair Martin, Vice-Chair Anderson, Councilmembers Pine, Ozawa, Kobayashi, Manahan, Fukunaga, Menor and Elefante! Thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today.

I am Glen Hayashida and it has been my honor and privilege to serve as its President and CEO for the past 20 years.

The compelling reason I am here before you today is that not only are there are more people with chronic kidney disease or CKD in Hawaii than ever before but more people are dying before even getting to dialysis than ever before. In 1995, there were less than 1000 people on dialysis in our State...and today, over 3000. Based on national statistics, there is an estimated 165,000 of our family and friends in Hawaii with CKD. Nationally, 27 million Americans are costing Medicare \$32.9 billion and \$48 billion for CKD (in 2010). The solution to helping people with chronic kidney disease cannot be building more dialysis centers and I am sure all of you have seen this happen in your community. The numbers will only increase affecting health care costs and the quality of life of our loved ones so this highlights the need to develop new interventions to slow the onset and progression of CKD.

The National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii has been part of our community for 28 years. When I came to NKFH in 1995, we had a budget of \$200,000 with 3 employees. With limited resources, our main focus was to increase awareness of the problem. Today, with 26 staff members, with offices on Oahu and Maui and services on the Big Island, our main focus is the identification of chronic kidney disease and the development of innovative services to slow the onset and progression of CKD. One example of this is starting in January earlier this year, NKFH staff have been partnering with primary care physicians.

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As part of the strategic interventions and innovative services, the National Kidney Foundation of Hawaii has dedicated itself to build a facility to address the current and future needs of our residents with CKD. Beyond advising them about being healthy, we plan to build a teaching kitchen to provide hands on ways to prepare meals that match their nutritional needs based on their risk factors and stage of kidney disease. We also plan to provide interactive programs that empower people to self-manage their condition and proactive in their care. We will have the ability to collaborate with the community to identify needs and effectively intervene. Lastly, with the strong and generous support of former Senator Daniel Akaka, we plan to build a Community Center named after him. This center will provide enough space for other community groups to come together.

Funding is also being requested for our work to help healthcare providers in the community become more patient-centered. In working closely with them, we can transform services and extend our reach in order to identify CKD earlier and provide holistic support through educational, nutritional, and physical activities. We will continue to fight kidney disease and build a healthier Hawaii.

We are very appreciative of the Council for this investment in Hawaii's future where we can improve the health outcomes for people in Hawaii.

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify before you today.