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Statement by HGEA Executive Director Randy Perreira regarding Banner Health:

"The prospect of Banner Health's takeover is unsettling. Frankly, it is incomprehensible that the state would willingly relinquish neighbor island healthcare decisions to a mainland facility. This proposal certainly wouldn't be in the best interest of our local communities and our state."

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About HGEA

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