



**Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Higher Education
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**By
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**GM 346: Consideration and Confirmation to the Center for Nursing
Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Agnes P. Cadiz, for a term to
expire 6-30-2012**

Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to recommend the re-appointment of Agnes P. Cadiz to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. Agnes has been a committed member of the Board since its inception in January, 2004, representing the Hawai'i Nurses' Association.

Agnes brings a valuable perspective from the labor environment as well as that of a nurse actively working in our community. She has been committed and involved as a member since her initial appointment, and current serves as Vice Chair of the Board. She was instrumental in the development and revision of the strategic plan and has played an active role in overseeing and guiding the accomplishments of the Center. She participates actively in Center initiatives such as the Nursing Shortage Taskforce and the 2007 Nursing Workforce Summit, and has made significant contributions to our work. It will be highly beneficial for the Advisory Board to continue to have her perspective on labor and the community, her experience on the Board and her knowledge of and commitment to the work being done to ameliorate the nursing shortage.

Thank you for the opportunity to recommend Agnes P. Cadiz for re-appointment to the Advisory Board.

To: Senator Norman Sakamoto
From: Kenneth Zeri, RN, MS President & CPO Hospice Hawai'i
Date: March 6, 2008

Re: **Confirmation of Aggie Pigao Cadiz, RN, BSN to the Hawaii State
Center for Nursing Advisory Board**

It is with pleasure that I wholeheartedly endorse Ms. Aggie Pigao Cadiz, RN, BSN to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Ms. Pigao Cadiz is that rare personification of a true professional. Understanding the obligations of professionals, she works hard to balance the demands of the work environment with the efforts to promote the profession of nursing in our larger community. A career mostly focused on community health, she returns to the Board with the expertise needed to plan for our professional response to the aging community. With most nurses employed in settings outside of a hospital, Ms. Pigao Cadiz brings first hand knowledge of the challenges and future needs in our state.

Thank you for considering Ms. Pigao Cadiz for this position. I may be reached at 924-9255 for additional information.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Zeri, RN, MS
President & CPO



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February 19, 2008

To: Senator Norman Sakamoto
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
Hawai'i State Capitol, Rm. 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Nomination for reappointment to the
Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board of
Aggie Pigao-Cadiz, R.N.

Please accept my strong support for the re-nomination of Aggie Pigao-Cadiz to the Board for the Center for Nursing. Ms. Pigao-Cadiz has been a member of the Center's Board since its inception in 2004. She is an ideal board member for working with our colleagues from various arenas – community, academia – faculty and research, labor, and business to further the nursing profession and workforce. She has the background, professional network, strong intent, and the wherewithal to continue this work. The Center has done a lot in its first four years and I know Ms. Pigao-Cadiz will continue to be a champion for its purposes.

If I can offer any further information in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

March 3, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Senate Confirmation For Agnes Pigao Cadiz, RN, BSN, to the Hawaii State
Center for Nursing Advisory Board

This letter serves to recommend Mrs. Agnes Pigao Cadiz, RN, BSN, to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. Mrs. Cadiz has served one four-year term, and is willing to serve a second term. Mrs. Pigao Cadiz has shown herself to be a valuable member of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board, serving as Board Chair.

I have known Mrs. Pigao Cadiz for about twenty years, working closely with her as members and officers of the Hawaii Nurses' Association. I have known her to be a dynamic nurse leader. Mrs. Pigao Cadiz served as the Hawaii Nurses' Association State President, setting the example for and leading more than 4,000 nurses in Hawaii. Even at that time, she made time from her busy full time job to speak to different nursing groups, encouraging nurses to step up to the plate to work with others to improve the health of our people.

Having served one term on the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board, Mrs. Pigao Cadiz, has demonstrated leadership skills in working with the committee while always looking at our nursing shortage and issues such as nurse recruitment and retention.

In closing, let me say that I am a great admirer of Mrs. Pigao Cadiz, of what she has accomplished in her professional life as well as a member of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. I have no doubt that if she is confirmed to a second term on the Center's Advisory Board, Hawaii's citizens will continue to benefit from her involvement.

If I can answer any questions you may have about Mrs. Pigao Cadiz, please do not hesitate to call me at 1-808-896-0073.

Sincerely,

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February 22, 2008



Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair
Senate Committee on Education
Hawai'i State Capitol, Rm. 230
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RE: Aggie E. Pigao Cadiz

Dear Senator Sakamoto and Members of the Committee:

Aggie E. Pigao Cadiz is not the sort of person that you will want on the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board if you don't want passion for the profession and unending and ethical work.

Ms. Pigao Cadiz is a heroine to nurses across the Hawaiian Islands, and has stood up for them and the profession, time and again. She has great moral strength, and is well known and revered in union circles in Hawaii, and she has the also has the ability to mediate and to bring people together.

I strongly recommend that she be reappointed to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Sincerely,
John H. Radcliffe
Retired Executive Director, HSTA
Retired Associate Executive Director, UHPA