

From: Joan Craft [mailto:jcraft@hinurse.org]
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2008 3:04 PM
Subject: RE: statement center for nursing advisory board

Senator Sakamoto,

I have been informed by the Governors office, the hearing for my re appointment to the Center For Nursing Advisory Board is scheduled March 7, 2008. Our National Union, the United American Nurses AFL-CIO of which I am Vice President, is convening its annual convention March 7-9, 2008. I will be in Denver CO March 7-10, 2008 at that meeting.

I humbly apologize for not being able to attend my confirmation hearing. Please convey my regrets to the other members of the committee.

I would be happy to meet with you or any of the committee members prior to March 7th.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Joan Craft RN
Vice President Hawaii Nurses Association
Vice President United American Nurses AFL-CIO

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testimony

From: Robin Tanner [robin888@clearwire.net]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2008 11:20 PM
To: testimony
Subject: GM347 r/t Center for Nursing Advisory board.- Testimony on behalf of Ms. Joan Craft

To Education Committee:
Norman Sakamoto Chair
Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

Dear Honorable Chair Persons, Norman Sakamoto and Jill Tokuda and members of the Education Committee:

My name is Robin Tanner, MSN, RN, CNN, and I wish to recommend the reappointment of Joan Craft, RN, Vice President of Hawaii Nurses Association and Vice President of the United American Nurses, to a labor seat on the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Joan Craft, RN, is a voice for all nurses in Hawaii in her elected positions on the Hawaii and National Nurses union board. She has a clear vision of the current nursing crisis in Hawaii as well as within the American national healthcare system. She has been an asset for the Center for Nursing, ensuring that the direction of the Center remains focused on the Hawaii nursing shortage issues as well as helping to determine the solutions to those healthcare crisis issues.

She is active in her local and national unions while working full time at Queens Medical Center in the Neuro-Intensive Care unit. Her qualifications and dedication to the nursing profession are realized not only in her day-to-day career as a direct care staff nurse but also in her volunteer time to promote the profession of nursing locally and nationally.

Direct care staff nurses' need a voice that reflects their own needs and Ms. Craft is that person. The nursing shortage in Hawaii may be multi-factorial however; the solutions are limited. Ms. Craft's dedication to improving not only the working conditions for nurses in Hawaii in the light of a nursing shortage but also on improving the overall professionalism in nursing is tantamount to her success as a union officer and a voice for nurses in Hawaii.

I urge you to reappoint Ms. Craft to the labor seat of the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of reappointment of Ms. Joan Craft, RN to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Robin Tanner, MSN, RN, CNN

From: Judy McGuire [mailto:judy.mcguire2@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 1:08 PM
Subject: Rose Ann Poyzer's appointment to Center for Nursing Board

Dear Senator Sakamoto,

I am delighted to support Rose Ann's reappointment to the Center for Nursing Board. I lived in Hawaii for most of the past 20 years, working at Kuakini Medical Center and most recently Castle Medical Center directing their home care programs. I also was the Administrator at Kokua Nurses at one time. I am a nurse and have known Rose Ann for 20 years. I have been living in Oregon since March, 2007.

Rose Ann is always a very committed member of any committee or organization and adds a viewpoint of one with years of history in Hawaii nursing. She is well known in the health care community and represents nursing very well. Rose Ann will tackle any job given her with zeal and dedication. Her integrity is above reproach.

I appreciate the opportunity to support this re-appointment. Please contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,
Judith McGuire BSN, MHA

testimony

From: vicky poland [poland001@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 26, 2008 3:20 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Education Committee. GM347 r/t Center for Nursing Advisory Board

Honorable Chair Sakamoto, Vice Chair Tokuda, and Committee Members,

My name is Vicky Poland and I am a staff nurse working at the Kuakini Medical Center in the Coronary Care Unit. I am also on the Hawaii Nurses Assn. Board of Directors and the Center For Nursing Advisory Board.

I would like to urge you to appoint Joan Craft RN to the vacant labor seat on the Center for Nursing Advisory Board. She has been a valuable member of this Advisory Board for more than a year and I believe her bedside nursing experience is invaluable to this board in its endeavors to find solutions to the nursing shortage.

Thank you for allowing me to give testimony in support Joan Craft RN for the Center For Nursing Advisory Board seat.

Vicky Poland CCRN

February 29, 2008

Education Committee:

Senator Norman Sakamoto Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senator Susan Chun Oakland
Senator Clayton Hee
Senator Fussell S. Kokubun
Senator Gordon Trimble

Dear Senator Sakamoto:

I am writing on behalf of Joan Craft, RN and Vice-president of the Hawaii Nurse's Association (HNA) as well as Vice-president of the United American Nurses, AFL-CIO (UAN). RN Craft currently holds one of Labor's seats on the Center for Nursing Advisory Board and she is irrefutably qualified to represent Labor on the Board.

As Vice-president of HNA she is the Chair of the Collective Bargaining Committee. This Committee is charged with over-seeing all collective bargaining issues for HNA thus making it the driving force, the heart of HNA in representing nurses throughout the State of Hawaii. She is personally involved in all negotiations that take place, all grievances that proceed to arbitration, and all issues that affect working conditions of nurses in all types of facilities, from acute care hospitals, nursing homes, to dialysis centers.

As Vice-president of the UAN she has been nationally recognized for the advocate she has become on behalf of union staff nurses. She is directly involved in shaping the agenda for the largest RN union in the country and strengthening the voice of union nurses in Congress and their work place to bring improvements that will provide better patient care for all.

Through these positions she has experienced the correlation between working conditions and the nursing shortage. It is this empirical evidence which she brings to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board that enhances the Board's mandate: bring recommendations to the Legislature that addresses the nursing shortage thus safe guard citizens in that health care in Hawaii will not diminish in quality and accessibility.

On a personal note I have the unique distinction of working closely with Ms. Craft and have witnessed her passion for her patients and her facility. She has expressed profound concerns about the need to solve the nursing shortage for patient's health care sake, her love for nursing, and the relief and gratification she has experienced as a nurse. She has embarked on channeling this passion to improve working conditions as her contribution to stem the exodus of nurses from the profession.

I strongly recommend her re-appointment to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board since her dedication and life long commitment to nursing, patients and nurses augments the compositions of the Board and enhances it's ability to meet the directive given when it was created.

Sincerely,

Hector R. Ramos,
Interim Executive Director of HNA

testimony

From: marina robinson [robinsonm042@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, February 29, 2008 5:47 AM
To: testimony
Subject: GM347 r/t Center for Nursing Advisory board-Testimony on behalf of Ms. Joan Craft

To Education Committee:
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Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
Susan Chun Oakland
Clayton Hee
Russell S. Kokubun
Gordon Trimble

Aloha, Chair Norman, Vice Chair Kokubun and Honorable Committee members.

My Name is Marina Robinson, RN and I wish to recommend the reappointment of Joan Craft, RN, Vice President of the Hawaii Nurses Association and Vice President of the United American Nurses, to a labor seat on the Center for Nursing Advisory board.

Ms. Joan Craft is one of our most dedicated and strong voice for nurses in Hawaii in her elected positions on the Hawaii and National Nurses union board.

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She is very active in her volunteer work in our local and national nurses union while working full time as a staff nurse at Queens Hospital in the Neuro Intensive Care Unit. Her dedication to improving not only the working conditions for nurses in Hawaii in light of the nursing shortage, but also improving the overall nursing profession is extremely important to her success as a union officer and voice for Hawaii nurses. Therefore, I urge you to reappoint her to the labor seat on the Center for Nursing Advisory board.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of Ms. Joan Craft to her reappointment to the Center for Nursing Advisory board.

GM 347

March 7, 2008

Education Committee:

Senator Norman Sakamoto Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senator Susan Chun Oakland
Senator Clayton Hee
Senator Fussell S. Kokubun
Senator Gordon Trimble

Aloha! Senator Sakamoto and Honorable Committee members,

I am writing on behalf of Joan Craft, RN and Vice President of the Hawaii Nurse's Association (HNA) as well as Vice President of the United American Nurses, AFL-CIO (UAN). Joan Craft currently holds one of the Labor seats on the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Over these past four years, Ms Craft has served on the Center for Nursing Advisory Board. In keeping with continuity of service, and with the added value of her knowledge and experience as Vice President of a national nurses' organization, the UAN, I strongly recommend her re-appointment to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Mahalo nui loa for your consideration in Joan Craft's reappointment to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

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