



GOV. MSG. NO. 373

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

February 5, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea:**

Wayne Sachio Higaki

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE

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Senate Testimony

Bill: **GM 373 -** Governorial Nominee **WAYNE SACHIO HIGAKI**, Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea.

Hearing: Committee on Health

Chair: Senator David Y. Ige

Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Time: 1:15 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 016

Testimony By: **Wayne Sachio Higaki**, Vice President, North Hawaii Community Hospital

Chair Ige, members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to present background information about myself in your consideration of my confirmation and reappointment to the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea. Regretfully, I will not be able to personally attend the confirmation hearing due a previously scheduled meeting of the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea here on the island of Hawaii.

I was born and raised in Hawaii. I attended and graduated from Honokaa High School and Kapiolani Community College. I then completed a Fellowship at Sutter Memorial Hospital, through the University of California, Davis.

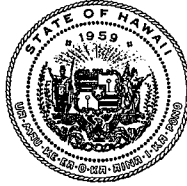
I have been in the health care field for 28 years with the last 17 years here in Hawaii. I have been with North Hawaii Community Hospital since it's opening in 1996. I also serve as President of the Board of Directors at the Hamakua Health Center in Honokaa.

I have served on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council for the last 6 years and the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea for the last 8 years. A reappointment to the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea would give me further opportunities to work with the State Health Planning and Development Agency in promoting more effective use of the existing health care resources and to assure that new services and equipment truly add value to the existing network of care. I believe that our work will assist in assuring high quality health care and reasonable costs.

I ask for you to support my nomination to the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea.

Thank you.

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D.
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In reply, please refer to:
File:

Senate Committee on Health

**, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii County
Subarea Health Planning Council, Gubernatorial Nominee,
Wayne S. Higaki**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health**

April 2, 2008

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation of

2 Wayne S. Higaki.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Wayne Higaki comes with a strong background in healthcare. He currently
5 serves as Vice President, Clinical and Support Services, of North Hawaii Community Hospital. Prior to
6 returning to Hawaii in the late 1990's, Wayne was a Department Manager at Hoag Memorial Hospital
7 Presbyterian and also Department Manager at Fresno Community Hospital and Medical Center. He has
8 a degree in radiology technology. Wayne is the President of the Board of Directors for the Hamakua
9 Health Center, Vice Chair of the County of Hawaii Workforce Investment Board and a member of the
10 North Hawaii Rotary Club.

11 We ask for your support in the confirmation of Wayne S. Higaki to serve on the Hawaii County Subarea
12 Health Planning Council.