



GOV. MSG. NO. 375

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, Honolulu Subarea:**

Joan C. Dobbs PhD, CNS

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

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**Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Health
April 2, 2008
Joan C. (Joannie) Dobbs
for reconfirmation to Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea (GM 375)**

Chair Ige, members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to present my background in consideration of my reconfirmation to the Health Planning Council for the Honolulu SubArea.

My name is Joannie Dobbs, Ph.D., C.N.S., and I was born and raised in Maryland. Since high school, I have lived in Pennsylvania, Michigan, New York, California and South Africa. In 1989, Oahu became my home and in 2003 I moved my parents to the Hawaii Kai Retirement Community. Hawaii is my home.

I received my Bachelors in Dietetics from Michigan State University and my Ph.D. in Nutrition from University of California Davis. I then lived five years in South Africa doing my post-doctoral work in Zoology/Ecology at the University of the Witwatersrand.

Presently I am a faculty at the University of Hawaii in the Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences Department with additional responsibilities working as a Clinical Nutritionist for the University Health Services at Manoa.

Since 1997, I have co-authored over 380 Health Options columns for the Honolulu Star Bulletin with Dr. Alan Titchenal in an effort to provide accurate and balanced nutrition messages to the public. My research focus has been geared toward iron deficiency – a common nutrient deficiency which is frequently overlooked in medical practice and in turn causes unnecessary costs to an already overburdened healthcare system.

Due to the complexity of factors affecting health, good health planning requires a broad and multi-discipline approach. I have worked in health care, the food industry, and the academic setting teaching nutrition to upcoming nursing, premedical, and dietetics professionals.

My philosophy about achieving and maintaining health is to be sure that we "Treat the Patient, Not the Symptom." For example: we need to keep in mind that the goal of reducing the risks of obesity should not be strictly weight loss, but more importantly increasing fitness and lifelong health.

My interest and dedication in continuing with the Subarea Health Planning Council) is shown by my active participation over the past 4 years and my present role as co-chair of the Honolulu SAC committee. It is important that community members are involved in healthcare to ensure that our state is moving toward the goals of the Hawai'i Health Performance Plan (H2P2) and I welcome the opportunity to continue to be an active contributor to health and wellness in Hawaii and to work on the multiple layers of health challenges that Hawaii faces.

I ask you for your continued support of my nomination to the Health Planning Council for the Honolulu SubArea.

Mahalo.



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In reply, please refer to:
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Senate Committee on Health

Joan C. Dobbs

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

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation of
2 Joan C. Dobbs to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Joan C. Dobbs, PhD, CNS, is an Assistant Specialist at the University of
5 Hawaii at Manoa. She is a nutritionist, researcher, and educator who specializes in food composition
6 and health education. She has held numerous health-related positions; extensively publishes and co-
7 authors a health options column in the Star Bulletin. She is currently the Co-Chair of the Honolulu
8 Subarea Health Planning Council.

9 We ask for your support in the confirmation of Joan C. Dobbs to serve on the Honolulu Subarea Health
10 Planning Council.

To: Chair, Senator Ige, Vice-Chair Senator Fukunaga, and Senate Committee on Health

From: Barbara Yee
Professor and Chair, Family and Consumer Sciences

RE: Personal Testimony for the SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

Wednesday April 2, 2008 at 1:15 p.m.

Conference Room 016

Thank-you for this opportunity to provide personal testimony on GM 375, that seeks to confirm Joan C. Dobbs, Ph.D., C.N.S. for the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, for a term to expire 06-30-12.

My name is Barbara Yee, Professor and Chair, Ph. D. I am testifying today as a private citizen and not as a representative of the University of Hawai`i. My research examines health beliefs and life style practices of Asian and Pacific Islander populations, past experience as a tenure faculty member at a Health Science Center for 16 years, and my current national public service at the NIH, Office of Research on Women's Health, and Department of Health and Human Services Bright Futures for Women's Health and Wellness, and we seek promotion of important nutritional lifestyles during the life span. Some important life stages that have critical health implications and outcomes are pre-adolescence to adolescence, young adulthood, and the transition from middle to elderly years. Target life-span nutritional and lifestyle interventions are critical to the promotion of health of Hawaii's citizens.

I am testifying in support of GM 375 and of the proposed nominee JOAN C. DOBBS to serve on the Health Planning Council. Dr. Dobbs is a Certified Nutrition Specialist with a joint appointment in the Department of Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences and in the Student Health Services Center at the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa, She has a broad understanding of the nutritional issues involved in human health outcomes with. Her expertise will be invaluable as Hawaii faces chronic and acute health conditions such as diabetes, obesity and anorexia.

Barbara Yee, dragonboomer@aol.com, Honolulu, HI 96816

College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources
Department of Molecular Biosciences and Bioengineering



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To:

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health

And Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Health

From:

Harry Ako

Subject: Testimony on GM 375, confirmation of Dr. Joan Dobbs for the Health Planning
Council, Honolulu Subarea

Dear Committee members,

I testify as a person with some experience in academic matters having spent the last 30 years or so as a University of Hawaii professor. I testify as a person in a professional area (biochemistry) that is a kissing cousin to medicine and as a person who has mentored more than 30 young Hawaii students who went on to become doctors in my community. But I do not speak on behalf of the University.

I have known Joanie Dobbs for many years and have watched her grow professionally in those years. She has always been very vocal and enthusiastic. These are good qualities for a person on a public council. Over the years she has rounded herself out and has learned to check her sources with other sources. I believe that her newspaper column has helped round out her scholarship. She has my endorsement. She would be one of the most qualified people I can think of for the council.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harry Ako".

Harry Ako, Ph.D.

Professor and Department Chair

Tuesday, April 2, 2008

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Conference Room 016
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Regarding Governor's Message 375

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Qing X. Li, Ph.D. and I am a professor in the Department of Molecular Biosciences and Bioengineering, the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. I am pleased to testify in support of GM 375 and of nominee JOAN C. DOBBS for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council for a term to expire 06-30-12. This testimony is presented from the perspective of a private citizen and a colleague of Dr. Dobbs, but not as a representative of the University of Hawai'i.

I have known and worked with Dr. Dobbs for over thirteen years.

I strongly support the confirmation of Dr. Joan Dobbs to the Health Planning Council.

Dr. Dobbs is a Certified Nutrition Specialist with a joint appointment in the Department of Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences and in the Student Health Services Center at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Over the past ten years, a sample of the courses Dr. Dobbs has taught includes nutrition assessment for dietetics majors and nutrition for health professionals (primarily nursing and pre-medical students). Dr Dobbs has also taught physiology offered in the Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences Department. Dr. Dobbs' research includes seeking out ways to identify subclinical nutrient deficiencies before they become costly medical conditions. She brings to the Health Planning Council her extensive knowledge and experience of both nutritional and healthcare issues.

Dr. Dobbs is one of the most pleasant, positive and engaging persons whom I have ever met. She truly cares about people's health and health care. Her excellent communication skills and sincere commitment to having a sound scientific basis for health care will be a great asset to the council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

SEN. DAVID Y. IGE, CHAIR
SEN. CAROL FUKUNAGA, VICE-CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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Tuesday, April 2, 2008

Testimony in support of GM 375 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee JOAN C. DOBBS, PHD, CNS, for a term to expire 06-30-12.

My name is Mele K. Fernandez. I am currently a MS candidate in Nutritional Sciences. I am testifying in support of GM 375 and of nominee JOAN C. DOBBS for the Health Planning Council.

During the past 4 years as a student in the Food Science and Human Nutrition program at the University of Hawaii, Manoa, I have studied under the guidance of Joan C. Dobbs. I have worked closely with her in two student research projects and presently as my thesis advisor.

I strongly support the nomination of Dr. Dobbs to the Health Planning Council. Dr. Dobbs is knowledgeable in the science of nutrition and nutrition-related health issues, and has the ability to articulate this understanding to a diverse public. She remains up-to-date on scientific research in the nutrition area, making herself a valuable resource for current nutrition-related information. She is also a caring person, dedicated to using her knowledge for the well-being of the community.

For these reasons I support the nomination of Dr. Joan C. Dobbs as a member of the Health Planning Council.

**SEN. DAVID Y. IGE, CHAIR
SEN. CAROL FUKUNAGA, VICE-CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

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Testimony in support of GM 375 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee JOAN C. DOBBS, PHD, CNS, for a term to expire 06-30-12.

My name is Halina M. Zaleski, Ph. D. I am testifying today as a private citizen and not as a representative of the University of Hawai`i. I am testifying in support of GM 375 and of nominee JOAN C. DOBBS for the Health Planning Council.

Through my position as an Extension Specialist in the Department of Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences at the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa, I have known and worked with Joan C. Dobbs for over fourteen years.

As a Certified Nutrition Specialist with a joint appointment in the Department of Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences and in the Student Health Services Center at the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa, Dr. Dobbs has a broad understanding of the nutritional issues involved in human health. Her experience and understanding will be invaluable as the state faces health issues such as diabetes, obesity and anorexia that are very much nutrition related.

One of Dr. Dobbs outstanding qualities is her commitment to having a sound scientific basis for what she says. She will take the time to research what is known (and what is not known) before addressing an issue. To balance her scientific mind, Dr. Dobbs has a very warm and human heart and cares very deeply about the people she serves.

For these reasons I strongly support the nomination of Dr. Joan C. Dobbs to the Health Planning Council.

SEN. DAVID Y. IGE, CHAIR
SEN. CAROL FUKUNAGA, VICE-CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Personal Testimony by Dr. Douglas L. Vincent
Special Program Director for Contracts and Grants
College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources

Tuesday, April 2, 2008

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Chair Ige and Vice-Chair Fukunaga, my name is Dr. Douglas L. Vincent. I serve as the Special Program Director for Contracts and Grants in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources and am a former Department Chair of the Department of Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences. Please accept this personal testimony on behalf of Dr. Joan C. Dobbs in support of GM 375 and of nominee JOAN C. DOBBS for the Health Planning Council. This personal testimony does not represent the position of the University of Hawaii nor of the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources.

Dr. Joan C. Dobbs has been a colleague and a faculty member in Department of Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawaii at Manoa. I have known her since when I took over as Interim Department Chair of the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition in 1998.

Dr. Dobbs holds a joint appointment as a Certified Nutrition Specialist in the Department of Human Nutrition, Food and Animal Sciences and in the Student Health Services Center at the University of Hawai`i at Mānoa. Dr. Dobbs has a broad understanding of the nutritional issues involved in human health. Her work as the staff nutritionist at the UH Student Health Services Center puts her in a unique position to see first hand health issues as it relates to poor nutrition and the resulting effects such as obesity, nutritional deficiencies, diabetes mellitus and eating disorders such as anorexia and bulimia. Her work academic training and work experience in these critical health areas makes her extremely useful to the Health Planning Council as it faces future demands for health care affecting the State. Dr. Dobbs has a proven record of strong scientific inquiry and of translating the science into words we can all understand through her column "Health Matters" in the Honolulu Star-Bulletin. She brings strong credentials and an objective, unbiased views to health issues to the Health Planning Council. Knowing that she cares about Hawaii and her people and is willing to work hard to help make recommendations for health policy going forward, I offer my strongest support for the nomination of Dr. Joan C. Dobbs to the Health Planning Council