



GOV. MSG. NO. 481

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

March 3, 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, Tri-Isle Subarea:**

Kathleen K. Suzuki

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE

March 31, 2008

Committee on Health
Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 016
415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

Please accept my sincere apology for being unable to present my testimony in person during your hearing process for the Subarea Health Planning Council nominations.

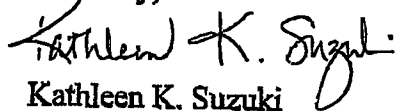
I am a Clinical Laboratory Scientist by profession, and have worked in the field for 30 years in the state of Hawaii prior to my retirement on October 31, 2007. I supervised Kaiser Permanente's seven Neighbor Island laboratories on Maui and the Big Island. During my employment, I served on many laboratory and interdepartmental committees and teams including the Regional Laboratory Leadership Team, the Regional Competency Leadership Team and the Neighbor Islands Safety/Infection Control Committee. Prior to my employment with Kaiser Permanente, I worked in the laboratory at the then, Maui Memorial Hospital.

My employment history has afforded me experiences providing healthcare in both the hospital and clinic settings on our Neighbor Islands. In the last two years, I have also experienced firsthand, the healthcare needs of the elderly. My father-in-law currently receives long term care at Hale Makua Kahului.

I have experienced the difficulties of recruitment and retention of qualified healthcare personnel on the Neighbor Islands, and understand the concerns regarding timely access to emergency and specialty care in our rural areas - especially areas such as West Maui and Hana. In my current position as a consumer, I feel that I can contribute effectively to discussions which address these needs.

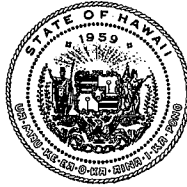
Thank you for considering my nomination to the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council.

Sincerely,



Kathleen K. Suzuki
2062 Kolo Place
Wailuku, HI 96793
wnksuz@hawaiiantel.net
(808) 242-9567

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D.
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
P.O. Box 3378
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96801-3378

In reply, please refer to:
File:

Senate Committee on Health

Kathleen Suzuki

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 Kathleen Suzuki to the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council.
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** Kathleen Suzuki has over 30 years of experience in the healthcare arena.
5 For over two decades, she served as a medical technologist at Kaiser Permanente. She also served at the
6 Maui Memorial Medical Center. She is a member of the American Society for Clinical Laboratory
7 Science; Hawaii Society for Clinical Laboratory Science; and American Society for Clinical Pathology.
8 We ask for your support in the confirmation of Kathleen Suzuki to serve on the Tri-Isle Subarea Health
9 Planning Council.