



GOV. MSG. NO. 526

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 17, 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, Kaua'i Subarea:**

Ken M. Shimonishi

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

Presentation Before the Senate Committee on State Health Planning and Development Agency  
March 28, 2008  
Ken M. Shimonishi  
Kauai Sub Area Health Planning Council

Chair Ige, thank you for the opportunity to present background about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Kauai Sub Area Health Planning Council.

I was born and raised here on the island of Kauai. Growing up in Kauai's "biggest little town" of Hanapepe, I attended Waimea High School and later Kauai Community College where I majored in Accounting, and currently reside in Kapaa with my wife and three children.

For some 20 years, I worked in the health care field, first at what was known as Kauai Medical Group, Inc., then Kauai Medical Clinic, Wilcox Health Systems, and finally under Hawaii Pacific Health. Through my tenure, I have fostered relationships and established rapport with the various CEO's and many of physicians that account for the majority of health care services to our island. I have had what I feel is the unique experience to learn the complexities and challenges that face the health care industry, especially those associated with our rural setting here on Kauai. Although no longer employed in the health care field, I continue to follow current events and remain interested in the overall services being provided to the community of Kauai.

I am confident that with my experience and background, I can provide valuable input and guidance to the issues that arise from the ever changing needs of health care services here on our island. I humbly ask for your support in my nomination to the SHPDA – Kauai Sub Area Health Planning Council.

Sincerely,



Ken M. Shimonishi

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:

**Kenneth M. Shimonishi**

**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 Kenneth M. Shimonishi to the Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Shimonishi has nearly two decades of working experience in the health  
5 care arena. This includes serving as accountant, director of accounting services, and financial planning  
6 supervisor at the Kauai Medical Group and Hawaii Pacific Health. He currently is Accounting Manager  
7 for Princeville Operating Company, LLC. Born and raised on Kauai, Mr. Shimonishi offers a good  
8 perspective of the issues and concerns relating to health care services of the island. Mr. Shimonishi is  
9 also being confirmed to represent the Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council at the Statewide Health  
10 Planning Council.

11 We ask for your support in the confirmation of Kenneth M. Shimonishi to serve on the Kauai Subarea  
12 Health Planning Council.

**COUNTY COUNCIL**

Bill "Kaipo" Asing, Chair  
Mel Rapozo, Vice Chair  
Tim Bynum  
Jay Furfaro  
Shaylene Iseri-Carvalho  
Ron Kouchi  
JoAnn A. Yukimura



**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK**

Peter A. Nakamura, County Clerk  
Ernesto G. Pasion, Deputy County Clerk

Telephone (808) 241-6371  
Fax (808) 241-6349  
Email [cokcouncil@kauai.gov](mailto:cokcouncil@kauai.gov)

**Council Services Division**  
4396 Rice Street, Room 206  
Līhu'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i 96766-1371

January 22, 2008

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Health Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige,

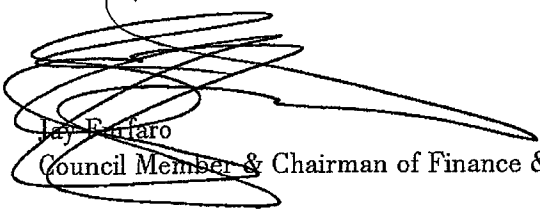
The purpose of this letter is to introduce and endorse Mr. Ken Shimonishi. It is a personal pleasure to write this letter of reference for Ken. I have known Ken both in his capacity as Controller for Princeville at Hanalei as well as the years he has worked at the Wilcox Hospital campus.

Ken has an extensive understanding of the health care industry since spending twenty years in the field. He understands the complexities and challenges faced in health care in rural settings. Ken has worked for various health care executives and physicians. His financial knowledge is extremely valuable and he gives a sense of confidence to everyone he works with.

Most recently I had the pleasure of working directly with Ken in his role as Controller at Princeville at Hanalei. From this experience and working with the Human Resources department he has acquired a keen understanding of the hospitality industry as well as unique situations faced by clients, managers and the insurance industry.

I would gladly recommend Ken Shimonishi's appointment to the Kauai Sub Area Health Planning Council and consider him a valuable asset to the committee. I highly support his nomination and potential appointment to the committee.

Sincerely,



Jay Furfaro

Council Member & Chairman of Finance & Economic Development



Princeville at Hanalei

---

January 24, 2008

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Health Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Confirmation of Ken Shimonishi to the State Health Planning and  
Development Agency - Kaua`i Sub Area Health Planning Council**

Dear Committee Chair and Members:

**I am writing to convey my STRONG SUPPORT for the confirmation of Ken  
Shimonishi to the State Health Planning and Development Agency – Kaua`i Sub  
Area Health Planning Council.**

Mr. Shimonishi has been in the health care field on Kaua`i for more than two decades. This longevity has given him a wide breadth of experience and knowledge of the needs of Kaua`i's health care professionals coupled with the service needs of Kaua`i's rural community.

In addition, Mr. Shimonishi's professional alliance with Kaua`i's health care senior managers and physicians will help to further strengthen a critically important relationship between providers and patients.

Because of the reasons listed above, it is with great confidence that I support Mr. Shimonishi's confirmation to the Kaua`i Sub Area Health Planning Council.

Sincerely,

Mame Cummings Graham  
Director of Resort Marketing  
Princeville at Hanalei  
P. O. Box 223040  
Princeville, HI 96722



---

Princeville at Hanalei

---

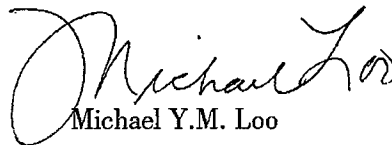
January 22, 2008

Senate Health Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing in support of Mr. Ken Shimonishi's nomination to the Kauai Subarea Planning Council of the State Health Planning and Development Agency. I have only known Mr. Shimonishi since he joined Princeville at Hanalei two years ago. During this brief time, I have had the honor to work with him on various company and community projects. He continually impresses me with his knowledge, perseverance and drive to do what is right. He is forthright and can be serious, and fun to be around. He is a great family person and as a lifelong resident of Kauai and someone who has been an active participant in the healthcare industry for more than 20 years, he strikes me as someone who can make a significant contribution to the Kauai Council. We wish him well and hope that you will allow him to serve the community he loves and cares about.

Sincerely,



Michael Y.M. Loo