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LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 28, 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 **Statewide Health Coordinating Council**:

Frederick William Rohlfing

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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

LINDA LINGLE

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Testimony Before the Senate Committee on Health (HTH)

April 9, 2008

Frederick W. Rohlfing

Statewide Health Coordinating Council

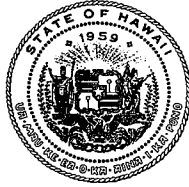
Chairman Ige and members of the Senate Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present data relevant to your consideration of my appointment by the Governor (GM 592) to the above referenced most important State commission. I received notice of your hearing at my home in Kula, Maui late on Friday (April 4) and as of this writing unfortunately won't be able to appear in person on April 9<sup>th</sup> due to prior public service commitments. Therefore I take this means of seeking to assist you in your confirmation duties. (I have also attached a Summary Resume' for your review).

I am a local boy— born and raised in Manoa, and am a graduate of Punahou, Yale University and George Washington Law School. As my resume' reveals during my post law school life in Honolulu and for a few years on Maui, I was engaged in three overlapping careers, e.g. law practice, the legislature, and the US Naval Intelligence Reserve. It was 1984 when I retired from the legislature and my wife and I moved to Maui. On arrival I joined the Corp Counsel's Office and ultimately became Corporation Counsel for Mayor Hannibal Tavares. I then served as a US Magistrate Judge (Part time), then on the Maui Advisory Committee to the Reapportionment Commission, and most recently as Commissioner on the Maui County Salary Commission (term ended 3/31/08). I found that most recent County assignment to be challenging and fulfilling and as it came to an end offered myself for service on several significant state commissions.

While I am not a medical professional, I have followed the Maui controversy over Malulani , and other proposed facilities closely in the press. My daughter in law is a member of the Maui Medical Center Foundation and I know many others (doctors, nurse , and just plain citizens) involved in attempting to improve medical and hospital services in our county. The loss of Dr. Ron Kwon to Boston is symbolic of how we are losing key people in our Health system.

Back in the late 60's - 70's for at least 7 years I was attorney for the Hawaii Nurses Association and participated in numerous collective bargaining sessions as well as the first ever Hawaii nurses strike. (I was made an honorary RN by resolution of the HNA). In this capacity I learned a great deal about personnel and management matters at major hospitals in Honolulu. Good health care nationally as well as locally is under severe pressure from various parties in interest and in some cases nationally from overly aggressive politicians. Calm, cool planning by our state is a better way to attack problems, make thoughtful decisions, and secure healthy outcomes for our people. As this is the job of the commission I have been appointed to I believe I can contribute to this process by reason of background, education and experience. At my age I can assure you of one thing...mature judgment! Thank you for your consideration..

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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In reply, please refer to:  
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**Frederick William Rohlfing**

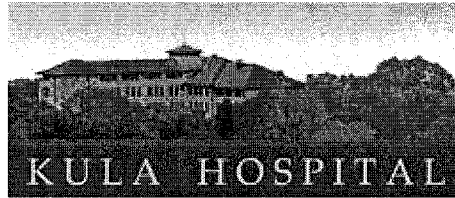
**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation of  
2 Frederick W. Rohlfing to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Frederick Rohlfing is a retired lawyer and a former member of the Hawaii  
5 State Legislature (Minority Floor Leader and Minority Leader). He served in Viet Nam as a Naval  
6 Officer. He is active in community services – he was past president of Kula Community Association;  
7 member of the Kula CA Community on commercial bike tours; and member of the Maui County Salary  
8 Commission. He has received letters of commendation as a Naval Officer; and received numerous  
9 awards, including the Maui Affordable Housing Alliance Meritorious Service award; The Maui News  
10 award for “who made a difference in 2001”; and competitive swimming medals.

11 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Frederick W. Rohlfing to serve on the Statewide Health  
12 Coordinating Council.



Testimony Before the Senate Committee on Health (HTH)

April 9, 2008

**Frederick W. Rohlfing**

Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Chairman Ige and members of the Senate Health Committee,

I am writing to recommend Mr. Rohlfing's for the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. As you are aware, the Statewide Health Coordinating Council is responsible for putting together the state's master facilities plan " Hawaii Health Performance Plan (H2P2) and also for reviewing new facility applications. Mr. Rohlfing is an excellent choice for this position. I have discussed health policy with him and he is well aware of the health needs of Maui's upcountry population and how they relate the statewide health care system. He also understands how the different service sectors relate to each other, most especially the need to provide more long term care services which not only help with our aging population, but free up acute care beds. His long history of public service, dedication to our community, and sharp analytical ability will produce better health facility and program planning. He will make a valuable and hard working member of the Coordinating Council.

Mahalo,

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Lee Johnson FHFMA  
Administrator

## **dige2 - Joyce K**

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**From:** Alan Kaufman [kaufman@maui.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 06, 2008 8:52 AM  
**To:** dige2 - Joyce K  
**Subject:** Statewide Health Coordinating Council

To: Mr. David Ige, Health Committee Chairman

Dear Chairman Ige,

I contact you as a private citizen pleased to learn of Mr. Fred Rohlfing's recommendation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

I worked with Mr. Rolfing while I was president of the Kula Community Association. His input was constructive and essential for our association's position on downhill bicycle tour regulations. The legislation he successfully spearheaded enables Maui County to regulate this industry as it affects our residents. He has been and continues as a valuable asset to our organization.

I am also aware of his work on the Maui County Salary Commission. He did a good job of balancing needs while offering practical solutions. I know the Commission will miss his service. I enthusiastically support Mr. Rohlfing for a position on the Health Coordinating Council. His public policy knowledge and commitment to community is outstanding. I am impressed by his ability to examine issues objectively from both a practical and public service perspective. He will perform his duties with dedication and a commitment to bringing the highest level of health care to Hawaii.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to call me.

## **Alan Kaufman, DVM**

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Chairman David Ige and Vice-Chair Carol Fukunaga  
Senate Committee on Health  
Conference Room 016  
State Capitol

Re: Testimony in support of Nomination of Frederick Rohlfing to Statewide Health Coordinating Council

For: Senate Committee on Health (HTH) Hearing on April 9, 2008

Aloha Chairman Ige, Vice-Chair Fukunaga and members of the Senate Health Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the nomination of Frederick Rohlfing to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. Mr. Rohlfing is an outstanding choice for this position. He has a long history as a public servant and serving positions with objectivity, a respect for the law and bringing quality of life improvements to his community. In my time working with him, I have found him to be a hard worker, valuable team player, and an exceptionally experienced public policy analyst. He has a well deserved reputation for practicality, effectiveness and bringing unity. I truly believe he will be able to translate his service into better health care for the entire state of Hawaii and all of its communities and individuals.

The Statewide Health Coordinating Council has the task of overseeing statewide facility and program planning and as part of this function reviews applications for new medical facilities. It takes a special person with training in statewide public policy, local community planning and expertise in government regulations. Mr. Rohlfing's years of public service at the federal, state, and county level, and legal expertise makes him an ideal candidate. I have worked with Mr. Rohlfing on Kula Community Association issues and found his unique ability to understand government planning at all levels invaluable. His approach to Kula Community Association issues often includes a recognition of the interplay of all three levels of government and a strong reliance on working with-in the system to bring improvements down to the local level. On health care, he has demonstrated a clear understanding of Upcountry's health care needs and how they fit into statewide planning.

His approach, knowledge, and experience will be invaluable in the upcoming update of the Hawaii Health Performance Plan which lays out all of the state's health services and facilities policies. I believe he will strengthen the document's effectiveness at bringing state policies to the local level where care is received.

Working for the Statewide Health Coordinating Council also requires someone able and dedicated to learning the myriad of specific regulations governing medical facilities and a commitment to follow the law as laid out by elected and civil policymakers. Mr. Rohlfing has continually shown a respect for the law and a recognition of the importance in following procedure when representing governing bodies. He also has one of the sharpest and most analytical minds I have encountered. It is not often to find someone able to understand not only complicated policy issues, but also able to translate them into practical effective government policy. In my conversations with him about health care, I have been impressed by his understanding of such a complex issue and his objective approach. He is also an avid learner and I'm sure he will dedicate himself to learning all of the rules and regulations governing medical facilities and to understanding any part of the healthcare system he hasn't already mastered. Again, he receives my highest recommendation and confidence that all citizens will benefit from his work on this important Council. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Mahalo,  
Gina Flammer  
President, Kula Community Association  
Vice-Chair, HHSC Maui Region Governing Board



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII  
STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 9, 2008

Senate Health Committee  
David Ige, Chair  
Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair  
Roselyn Baker, Member  
Ron Menor, Member  
Paul Whalen, Member

Dear Senator Ige and Committee Members,

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Frederick W. Rohlfing to the Health Coordinating Council, Statewide.

Former Senator Fred Rohlfing's desire to serve on the Health Coordinating Council stems from his commitment to improving medical services. Fred is keenly aware of the risks to the quality and availability of healthcare for the citizens of Hawaii.

Fred's personal experience will provide a great resource to the Health Coordinating Council. In addition to being counsel for health professionals for many years, Fred has served in the Legislature giving him an in depth understanding of how the state can work with the various agencies and resources to provide healthier outcomes for the citizens of Hawaii.

Fred Rohlfing is a true asset to this community and will make an excellent addition to the Health Coordinating Council, Statewide!

Sincerely,

**Representative Barbara Marumoto**  
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**Kanoe Kamanao**

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**From:** mauidatabook@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 08, 2008 5:17 PM  
**To:** Sen. David Ige  
**Subject:** Senate Committee on Health, April 9, 2008

To: Senator Ige:  
From Mark Andrews  
Subject: Senate Committee on Health, April 9, 2008  
Appointment of Frederick W. Rohlfig – Statewide Health Coordinating  
Council

I offer my full support to the appointment of Frederick W. Rohlfig to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

I have known Fred for over 25 years, having served with him as a member of the State of Hawaii House of Representatives in the 1980s, as a member and president of the Kula Community Association in the 1990s and most recently as a member of a committee involved in the review of activities of commercial bike tours on Haleakala.

Mr. Rohlfig has been involved in a number of Boards and Commissions in Maui County throughout the years I have known him. He has always served honorably and taken his commitment to the community of Maui County very seriously. I am certain that he will become an outstanding member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. He will bring to the Council a wealth of experience that few in our community have achieved.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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