

## GOV. MSG. NO. 373

### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

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,

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### Senate Testimony

Bill:

GM 373 - Gubernatorial 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



In reply, please refer to:

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



## GOV. MSG. NO. 374

## EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

LINDA LINGLE

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**:

Gail M. Walker

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

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### dige2 - Joyce K

From: Gail.Walker@kp.org

Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 10:14 AM

To: dige2 - Joyce K

Subject: confirmation hearing

I will not be able to attend the confirmation hearing for commissions this Wednesday at 115pm for the Hawaii Subarea Council commission seat. I am, however, still interested in being considered for this seat.

Please let me know if there is anything else I need to do. Thank you for your consideraion.

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LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAI



In reply, please refer to:

#### **Senate Committee on Health**

### , Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Gail

# 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 Gail Walker to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 Purpose and Justification: Gail Walker has a rich background in nursing and community service. She
- 5 currently serves as Clinic Manager at Kaiser Permanente in Hilo. Her prior experience includes serving
- as Executive Director of the Hamakua Health Center; Director of Nursing at Kapiolani Women's and
- 7 Children's; and Nursing Supervisor; and staff nurse. In addition, she has received numerous
- 8 professional and community awards including the Robert Wood Johnson Community Leadership award;
- 9 Weinburg Foundation Aim for Excellence award; and Outstanding Citizen Hawaii County. She
- currently works with East Hawaii Coalition for Homeless and the Hawaii Island Adult Day Care.
- We ask for your support in the confirmation of Gail Walker to serve on the Hawaii County Subarea
- 12 Health Planning Council.



### To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Gail Walker for the last six years since moving to the Big Island to support Kaiser Permanente's Big Island Clinics.

While working with Gail, I observed her to be organized, efficient, and extremely competent and she has an excellent rapport with people of all ages. She is highly respected, as both a person and a professional, by employees, colleagues, vendors and patients alike.

I highly recommend Gail as a member of the Hawai'i County Subarea Council. With her background as a nurse and a medical clinic manager, I believe Gail will bring a wealth of healthcare knowledge to the Planning Council and be a valuable asset as a member.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 982-9214.

Sincerely,

Jamie K. Cameros

Senior Planning Analyst, Kaiser Permanente



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LOCAL 142

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Gail Walker, Candidate for the Hawaii County Subarea Council

It is with much pleasure that I take this opportunity to endorse Gail Walker to become the Hawaii County Subarea Council commissioner.

I first met and worked with Ms. Walker 15 years ago when I was the ILWU Business Agent and she the Hamakua Health Center Administrator. My working relationship with her intensified during the closure of Hamakua Sugar Co. We spent many hours working on keeping Hamakua Health Center operating in spite of the loss of its primary funding source.

By her actions, she demonstrated her compassion, dedication and love for the work she was charged with—to provide the best health care service for the community with a strong supporting staff of professional and non-professional employees and all the while maintaining a viable operation. With hard work and perseverance she was successful in acquiring the necessary funding to keep Hamakua Health Center operating. With her nursing background and administrator experience she is very knowledgeable of the health care business and its responsibility to the community. She has great skill in dealing with difficult people and situations. She has superb work ethics and conscientious of the product of her labor. By and large, she was appreciated and respected by the people she managed and the community whom she served.

Hawaii County will be well served and I fully endorse and recommend that Gail Walker be selected as the Hawaii County Subarea Council commissioner. Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely,

Fred Galdones

President

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### To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Ms. Gail Walker to the Hawaii Sub-Area Council for the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

Ms. Walker is employed by Kaiser Foundation Health Plan as the East Hawaii Clinic Manager, located at Kaiser's Hilo Clinic. Prior to joining Kaiser, she was the Executive Director of Hamakua Health Center and a Weinberg Foundation Fellow. She would be an excellent SAC member, as she has devoted her entire career to health care, first as a registered nurse, then progressing to responsible management positions. She grew up on the Big Island and is very familiar with the community and its resources.

In her position, she works with 7,500 Hilo residents who are Kaiser members as well as physicians and nursing/clerical staff from both Hawaii and Oahu. Her effectiveness can be attributed in part to her skill in building personal relationships at all levels of the organization. In addition, she is an excellent operational manager responsible for the overall functioning of Hilo Clinic. Her personal attributes include compassion, intelligence, timeliness, hard worker, dedication and dependability - all characteristics which she would bring to the Hawaii SAC.

Thank you for considering her application for appointment to the Hawaii SAC. Please feel free to contact me at (808) 243-6618 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mary M. Hew

Clinics Manager, Neighbor Islands

Mary M. Hew

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Juliette M. Tulang P.O. Box 1119 Hilo, HI 96721

March 26, 2008

The Honorable David Ige Chair, Senate Health Committee Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Britannia Street Honolulu, Hi 96813

Dear Senator Ige,

### Re: Letter of Support for Gail Walker's appointment to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council

Gail Walker has been involved in health care at various levels in Hawaii and on the mainland for more than twenty-five years. She is very knowledgeable about the health needs in rural communities through her work in establishing the Hamakua Community Health Center and in her current position with Kaiser Permanente Clinic in East Hawaii. She has been involved in several innovative programs that addressed health care in rural communities, and at a metropolitan hospital on the mainland. Gail has received national recognized for her innovations and attended the award ceremony in Boston. She has an excellent perspective on the needs for staffing, facilities, the balance of services in an institutional setting and community based. Ms. Walker is an advocate for preventive care through education by helping patients and the greater community to make informed decision about their individual care.

Ms. Walker, a register nurse and administrator, is an active member of our community who cares about the health of all citizens. She will be a great asset to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council.

Sincerely,

Juliette M. Tulang

Chair, Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council



## GOV. MSG. NO. 375

#### **EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS**

HONDLULU

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'l 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.

LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



In reply, please refer to: File:

### **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
- and health education. She has held numerous health-related positions; extensively publishes and co-
- authors a health options column in the Star Bulletin. She is currently the Co-Chair of the Honolulu
- 8 Subarea Health Planning Council.
- 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



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,

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.

Mele K. Fernandez, Master's of Science Candidate, Nutritional Science.

Ph: 808-554-9390

Email: melef@hawaii.edu

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.

James R. Carpenter, Ph.D.

Assoc. Professor (Research and Instruction) and Department Chairman

Ph: 808-956-8393 Fax: 808-956-4024

Email: cjim@hawaii.edu

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 James R. Carpenter, 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 a Researcher, Instructor and Department Chairman 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 many 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 extensive experience and understanding of nutrition will be invaluable as the state faces health issues that are very much related to the areas of nutrition such as diabetes, obesity and anorexia.

One of Dr. Dobbs outstanding qualities is her commitment to having a sound scientific basis for what she says. She is genuinely concerned about the health and well-being of the people in the State of Hawai'i and she will take the time to research what is known (and what is not known) before addressing an issue. Her deep concern for the people she serves and her passion for excellence, and desire to educate and/or inform our citizens are most commendable. I have found Dr. Dobbs to be highly motivated and she always takes the initiative to ask questions or seek additional assistance and acquires reading materials to get answers and broaden her knowledge.

For these reasons I strongly support the nomination of Dr. Joan C. Dobbs, Ph.D., C.N.S. to the Health Planning Council.

Halina M. Zaleski, Ph.D.

Extension Specialist

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Tucsday, 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 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.

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

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.

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



## GOV. MSG. NO. 480

### **EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS**

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

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**, **Honolulu Subarea**:

Lloyd Lim

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLI

LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



In reply, please refer to: File:

#### Senate Committee on Health

### , Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Lloyd Lim

### 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 Lloyd Lim to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 Purpose and Justification: Lloyd Lim is the Health Branch Administrator for the Hawaii Insurance
- 5 Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. He supervises health insurance regulation,
- 6 including rate regulation, financial surveillance, complaints, investigations, licensing, legislative
- 7 matters, and external reviews of health plan coverage denials. He implements the loss mitigation grant
- 8 program. He also has experience in loss and debt financing.
- 9 We ask for your support in the confirmation of Lloyd Lim to serve on the Honolulu Subarea Health
- 10 Planning Council.

TESTIMONY OF JAMES NAGLE 55 S. Judd St. # 1507 Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Date:

Wednesday, April 2, 2007

Time:

1:15 P.M.

Place:

Conference Room 016

State Capitol

Re: GM 480 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee Lloyd Lim, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

Written Testimony Only

Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

I fully support the confirmation of Lloyd Lim to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea. I have known Lloyd for at least a dozen years. He has a wealth of knowledge in the health insurance area and is intimately involved with the daily workings of health insurance in Hawaii. Because Lloyd is the head of the Health Branch of the Insurance Division, I'm certain that he'll prove to be an invaluable asset for the council. Thus, I fully support his nomination and confirmation to the council.



#### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

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**, **Honolulu Subarea**:

Jonagustine Lim

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGUE

From:

Jonagustine Lim

501 Hahaione St 6H Honolulu, HI 96825

Date:

March 31, 2008

To:

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

Subject:

Testimony regarding Governor's Message 524

Nomination of Jonagustine Lim to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea

Hearing Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2008

Dear Senator Ige and members of the Committee on Health:

Thank you for the opportunity to present a background about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea.

I am a Chinese immigrant from the Philippines and have lived in Hawaii since 1993. I have a very diverse background, my strongest being in the areas of information technology and business management.

During my professional career, I worked in small and large private companies alike, worked for the executive branch of State government and served in boards of several not-for-profit organizations. My strength lies in my professional work ethic and ability to analyze information while not losing track of the bigger picture and organizational objectives.

Regarding health care in Hawaii, I believe it is important to use a quantitative approach tracking measurable outcomes to analyze Hawaii's progress in providing quality health care and its delivery for our citizens. With increasing health care costs, growing aging population and increasing stress on our State's health care system, we need to find ways to make health care accessible and affordable for everyone in the State and help our familes and communities live healthier lives.

By being part of the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council, I would be honored to serve my community and provide prudent oversight on the delivery and quality of health care for our citizens, our growing elderly population and our children.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my nomination to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council (Honolulu SAC).

Respectfully submitted,

Jonagustine Lim



### **About Jonagustine Lim**

Mr. Jonagustine Lim currently serves as the President and CEO of LimPacific, Inc, a Hawaii-based technology consulting company he founded in 2007, to help private businesses, charitable organizations and government entities utilize technology better.

Prior to that, Mr. Lim worked as an Associate Technology Engineer in 1998 for GTE Hawaiian Tel. In

1999, he left GTE to lead the technology team of Pixelworld Networks, a startup Hawaii-based Internet company. In this role, Mr. Lim was directly involved in a couple of "firsts" for Hawaii -- the first worldwide musical Internet webcast featuring Hawaii's top musical talents in 1999, and the first worldwide Internet webcast of Governor Benjamin Cayetano's State of the State address in 2000. Mr. Lim consulted for private, not-for-profit and government clients in Hawaii, California, New York and Florida from 2001-2003. From 2001 to 2006, Mr. Lim joined the State of Hawaii Egovernment Team where he worked on technology-related projects for the State of Hawaii Information and Communication Services Division. He was directly involved in the development of the State of Hawaii Intranet Portal and in mentoring the support infrastructure that develops leading-edge Internet-related technologies for the State.

In addition to managing LimPacific, Mr. Lim actively participates in organizations that serve Hawaii's community. Mr. Lim is a board member of the Alliance for Drama Education, a not-for-profit organization that mentors hundreds of Hawaii students statewide since 1980 to express themselves courageously and win jobs, justice and joy. Mr. Lim also participates in Waianae Care, a group of diverse individuals who have come together to organize programs that empower homeless individuals in Waianae to live self-sufficient lives and become contributing members of society.

Mr. Lim earned his Information and Computer Science Bachelors of Science degree from the University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) in 1997, and then obtained his Executive Masters in Business Administration (EMBA) degree from the Shidler College of Business in 2005.

While Mr. Lim and his wife live in Hawaii, they frequently travel to Asia for business. Mr. Lim hopes to create business opportunities between Hawaii and the Asia-Pacific rim. Mr. Lim is conversant in Mandarin and Hokkien (a Chinese dialect), and is fluent in Tagalog and Ilonggo (a Filipino dialect).

LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



In reply, please refer to: File:

### 524, Jonagustine Lim

### 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 Jonagustine Lim to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 Purpose and Justification: Jonagustine Lim is a Senior Information Technology (IT) Consultant for
- 5 the American Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai, China. He is also CEO and President of LimPacific,
- 6 Inc., Honolulu, Hawaii. He has over seven years of IT consulting and project management experience
- for government, tourism, and non-profit industries. He also volunteers in several community-related
- 8 activities such as Alliance for Drama Education, Ohia Productions, Pacific & Asian Affairs Council, and
- 9 the Filipino Chamber of Commerce in Hawaii.
- We ask for your support in the confirmation of Jonagustine Lim to serve on the Honolulu Subarea
- 11 Health Planning Council.



March 27, 2008

Sent via Electronic Mail

Committee on Health
The Senate
testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov.

Attention: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

Re:

Testimony in Support - GM 524

Nomination of Jonagustine Lim to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea

Hearing Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2008, 1:15 p.m., Room 016

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Jonagustine Lim to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea.

I first met Jon while working in the Executive Chambers as the Governor's Special Advisor for Technology. Jon was a key member of ICSD's special technology workgroup and was responsible for helping implement many of the State's *B2B* and *B2G* initiatives. As key implementers of these initiatives, I specifically located Jon and his colleagues on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Capital. For over 3 years, I had an opportunity to work very closely with Jon.

Jon is very well educated and excels in a wide variety of subjects and fields. Jon has an outstanding work ethic, and possesses strong leadership qualities and a strong civic-minded spirit demonstrated by his active involvement in organizations that serve our community. If confirmed by the Senate, I am very confident that Jon will serve with honor and distinction. Without hesitation, I give Jon my highest and best recommendations.

Towards that end, I respectfully ask that the Committee on Health to please look favorably on Jon's nomination.

With warmest regards

Joseph F. Blanco

### testimony

From: Evan Leong [evan@greatergoodradio.com]

Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 3:19 PM

To: testimony

Cc: 'Jonagustine Lim'

Subject: HTH Committee Testimony Submittal - GM 524

Attached is a testimony in support – GM 524

Nomination of Jonagustine Lim to Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea

Committee: Senate Committee on Health

Hearing Date: April 2, 2008, 1:15 pm, Room 016

Date:

March 31, 2008

To:

Senator Ige, Chair

Subject:

Testimony in Support – GM 524

Nomination of Jonagustine Lim for the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support Jonagustine Lim's nomination for the Health Planning Council sub-area.

I first met Jon back in 2003 when we started the Executive MBA program at UH Manoa. Since then, Jon has become a close friend. I remember the conversations that Jon and I shared about the difference we can make through community service and entrepreneurship. Jon is not originally from Hawaii, although he contributes in so many different ways to the people of our State. Jon is not a talker. He is a doer. He is following through on his passion of serving others, takes on a leadership roles and volunteers his time and talents to help Hawaii organizations that provide service to our community.

In my line of work I've met many young, talented people his age that make the excuse that they don't have enough time to get involved in the community. Jon has never used that excuse. He volunteers time while raising his newborn son and running a young entrepreneurial venture.

Jon has many talents and his strengths lie in truly caring about helping the people and organizations he deals with no matter the circumstance and getting things done. Jon is one of the rare people that does what he says he's going to do. In all his works, he has always given 110% and I am certain that he will bring his best efforts to the Health Planning Council.

Thank you for your consideration.

Aloha, Evan Leong www.greatergoodradio.com 808.554.2622 mobile 928.563.4428 fax

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TO: Senate Committee on Health

Senator David Ige, Chair

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice-Chair

FROM: Lester M. Nakamura, President and CEO

Agility Solutions, LLC

RE: Testimony In Support of GM 524, Nomination of Mr. Jonagustine Lim

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to support the nomination of Mr. Jonagustine Lim to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea. I had the privilege of working with Jon during my tenure as Administrator of the Information and Communication Services Division. He was a key member of the eGov Team, whose mission was to work on special projects, assist the staff with research on technologies needed for immediate application, and strategic research and feasibility assessments of leading edge and emerging technologies.

Jon is bright with a great attitude, and demonstrated an unwavering dedication to the mission of the eGov Team, a can-do work ethic, creativity and resourcefulness, robust technical and analytical capacities, and excellent people skills.

Jon would be a tremendous asset to the Council and state. I highly recommend approval of his nomination and passage of GM524.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to submit this recommendation.



### GOV. MSG. NO. 376

#### **EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS**

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

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**, **Kaua'i Subarea**:

Alan R. Kimura

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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

Dear Senator Ige,

I wish to continue what I have been doing for the past 6 3/4 years on the Kauai County Subarea Health Planning Council, the last 3 3/4 years as Chairman. As I understand it, I have 1 more year eligible; please consider my confirmation and continuation on SHPDA.

Sincerely,

Alan Kimura

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In reply, please refer to: File:

### Alan Kimura

### 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 Alan Kimura to the Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 Purpose and Justification: Alan Kimura is the current chair of the Kauai Subarea Health Planning
- 5 Council and has been a valuable contributing member for the last seven years. He will represent the
- 6 community of Kauai well because he is active in the community, including coaching soccer and
- basketball and participating in the North Shore Community Planning Association for Princeville. As an
- 8 employee of the Princeville Corporation, Alan was recognized as Employee of the quarter at Princeville
- 9 Corporation. He attended Kauai Community College.
- We ask for your support in the confirmation of Alan Kimura to serve on the Kauai Subarea Health
- 11 Planning Council.

March 11, 2008

To: Senate Committee on Health

RE: Letter of Recommendation: **Alan Kimura**, Confirmation to Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council

I ask for your support for the confirmation of Mr. Alan Kimura to serve on the Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council.

I have worked with Mr. Kimura on the Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council for the last six and a half years and recommend that he be appointed for another year to continue his valuable contribution.

He represents the community of Kauai well as Employee f the Quarter at Princeville Corporation and as a volunteer soccer and basketball coach.

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Senate Committee on Health

RE: Support for Gubernatorial Nominee, Alan Kimura to the Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council

I have worked with Mr. Alan Kimura on the Kauai Subarea Health Planning

Council for the last six and a half years and recommend that he be appointed for

another year to continue his valuable contribution.

He represents the community of Kauai well as Employee f the Quarter at Princeville Corporation and as a volunteer soccer and basketball coach.

I ask for your support for the confirmation of Mr. Alan Kimura to serve on the Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council.

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## GOV. MSG. NO. 377

#### **EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS**

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

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**, **Kaua'i Subarea**:

Zachary J. Octavio

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

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

Fax: 808-586-6231

Dear Senator Ige,

I wish to continue as a member of the Kauai County Subarea Health Planning Council, as I have been for the past 6 and a half years. As I understand it, I have 1 more year eligibility; please consider my confirmation and continuation on SHPDA.

Sincerely,

Zachary Octavio

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In reply, please refer to: File:

#### **Senate Committee on Health**

#### GM 377, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council Gubernatorial Nominee, Zachary Octavio

## 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 Zachary Octavio to the Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Zachary Octavio has been a valuable contributing member of the
- 5 Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council for the last seven years. He is active in the community --
- 6 he provides paramedic medical support to the Kauai Pop Warner Association and is a car seat technician
- 7 for the Kauai Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition. He is a Paramedic and Operations Manager for
- 8 American Medical Response on Kauai. He is a graduate of Kapiolani Community College where he
- 9 received an Associate Degree.
- We ask for your support in the confirmation of Mr. Zachary Octavio to serve on the Kauai Subarea
- 11 Health Planning Council.

March 11, 2008

To: Senate Committee on Health

RE: Support for **Zachary Octavio** for confirmation to the Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council

I ask for your support for the confirmation of Mr. Zachary Octavio to serve on the Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council.

I have worked with Mr. Zachary Octavio on the Kauai Subarea Health
Planning Council for the last six and a half years and recommend that he
be appointed for another year to continue his valuable contribution.

He represents the community of Kauai well as our EMS manager and as a
volunteer to the Kauai Pop Warner Association and the Kauai Keiki Injury

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Prevention Coalition.

March 11, 2008

Senate Committee on Health

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Gubernatorial Nominee, <u>Zachary</u>
<u>Octavio</u> for consideration and confirmation to the Kauai Subarea
Health Planning Council

I have worked with Mr. Zachary Octavio on the Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council for the last six and a half years and recommend that he be appointed for another year to continue his valuable contribution.

He represents the community of Kauai well as our EMS manager and as a volunteer to the Kauai Pop Warner Association and the Kauai Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition.

I ask for your support for the confirmation of Mr. Zachary Octavio to serve on the Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council.

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#### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

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**:

Betty J. Moore

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



In reply, please refer to: File:

### Betty J. Moore

## 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 Betty J. Moore to the Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 Purpose and Justification: Betty Moore is a retired real estate agent. She is very active in the
- 5 community. She has been serving on the Wilcox Foundation Board since 1992. Ms. Moore is a
- 6 member of the Wilcox Auxiliary; is President of the Sun Village Community Association; is active with
- the Kauai Police Department in their First Responders for Sudden Deaths; and is an active member with
- 8 the Office of Elderly Affairs for approximately 20 years. She also served in previous years on the
- 9 YWCA Board.
- We ask for your support in the confirmation of Betty J. Moore to serve on the Kauai Subarea Health
- 11 Planning Council.



#### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

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,

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

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In reply, please refer to:

#### 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
- 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
- also being confirmed to represent the Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council at the Statewide Health
- 10 Planning Council.
- We ask for your support in the confirmation of Kenneth M. Shimonishi to serve on the Kauai Subarea
- 12 Health Planning Council.

#### COUNTY COUNCIL

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

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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,

Council Member & Chairman of Finance & Economic Development



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 <u>Ken Shimonishi</u> 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



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. Shimonish 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

# GOV. MSG. NO. 481

#### **EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS**

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

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

CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D. DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

LINDA, LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



In reply, please refer to:

#### 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.
- We ask for your support in the confirmation of Kathleen Suzuki to serve on the Tri-Isle Subarea Health
- 9 Planning Council.

## GOV. MSG. NO. 482

#### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

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**:

William L. Thomas Jr. MD

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGDE

#### Kanoe Kamanao

From:

William Thomas [wthomasmd@hotmail.com]

Sent:

Saturday, March 29, 2008 1:03 PM

To:

Sen. David Ige

Subject:

Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council Hearing

Attachments: ThomasCV[1].rev3.08.doc

March 29, 2008

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige 415 South Beretania Street, Room 215 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 sendige@capitol.hawaii.gov

#### Dear Senator Ige,

I have applied to be a member of the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council, and I received notice yesterday from Shirley Kidani that there will be a hearing on Wednesday April 2, 2008. I will not be able to attend the hearing as I am a physician on Moloka'i and I have a full patient load already scheduled for next week.

I am quite interested in serving on this council having reviewed the recommendations presented in a document dated February 21, 2008 that I received from Ms. Kidani.. I grew up in Kailua, but moved to Moloka'i six years ago to practice after completing my residency in internal medicine at the University of Hawai'i. Since then I have been very involved in the healthcare of this beautiful island. As Chief of Staff and Medical Director, Clinical and Internal Affairs at Moloka'i General Hospital, my focus has been on expanding services and improving the quality of healthcare that is provided to our residents. I am excited with the direction the council has laid out in its recommendations and would like to be a part of that movement.

I regret not being able to attend the hearing. I have attached my CV for your review. Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions at 808.553.3121.

Sincerely,

**Bill Thomas** 

William L. Thomas, Jr.,MD
Internal Medicine
Medical Director, Clinical and Internal Affairs
Chief Of Medical Staff
Molokai General Hospital
808.553.3121 w
thomas@queens.org
wthomasmd@hotmail.com

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In reply, please refer to:

#### **Senate Committee on Health**

#### William L. Thomas, Jr., M.D.

# 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 William L. Thomas, Jr., M.D. to the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 Purpose and Justification: Dr. William L. Thomas, Jr. is an internist and currently serves as Medical
- 5 Director, Clinical and Internal Affairs, Chief of Staff, Director of Long-Term Care at the Molokai
- 6 General Hospital. He is an alumni of Kamehameha Schools, University of Hawaii, and John A. Burns
- 7 School of Medicine. He has received numerous honors and awards including "Resident of the Year"
- 8 from the University of Hawaii Internal Medicine Residency Program, 2002; and "Most Compassionate
- 9 Resident of the Year/Mother Marianne Award" from St. Francis Medical Center.
- We ask for your support in the confirmation of Dr. William. L. Thomas, Jr. to serve on the Tri-Isle
- 11 Subarea Health Planning Council.



## GOV. MSG. NO. 379

#### **EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS**

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

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**, **West Oahu Subarea**:

David J.W. Chang

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D. DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



In reply, please refer to:

#### Senate Committee on Health

#### , Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, David Chang

### 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 David Chang to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 Purpose and Justification: David Chang is Assistant Vice President –Business Integration and
- 5 Intelligence Services at the Hawaii Medical Services Association. Over the past year, his working
- 6 experience has focused around discovering and implementing high technology solutions. Previously, he
- 7 served as an Executive Vice President in charge of technology and special projects, as well as running
- the Retail Division at Central Pacific Bank. He also served at Bank of Hawaii for a number of years.
- 9 He has a bachelor's of science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Hawaii Manoa.
- He is active in various community organizations, including serving on the board of a church in the
- 11 Kalihi-Palama area.
- We ask for your support in the confirmation of David Change to serve on the West Oahu Subarea Health
- 13 Planning Council.

#### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

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**, **Windward Oahu Subarea**:

Christopher P. Sibley

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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# Presentation Before the State Boards and Senate Commissions Confirmation TBD Christopher Paul Sibley Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council

Chair Ige and members of the Senate Committee for the State Boards and Senate Commissions Confirmation, mahalo for this opportunity to present myself for consideration of my confirmation to the Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.

As a resident of Kailua, I am concerned with the healthcare issues that are faced by my neighbors. The healthcare system can be confusing to many people. When you need services, understanding the system is difficult, challenging and can become frustrating.

In Hawaii, we are blessed with many differences compared to the mainland. Our healthcare system has its differences but is not unique. We are faced with similar challenges, but our approach can provide better outcomes than other states.

Our sense of community creates change, and our innovative spirit introduces opportunity. Sometimes, this change is slow and innovation falls short. But our health issues do not disappear. I can speak to this first hand.

As a member of the Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council this past term, I was allowed to participate in many committee meetings and learn from some extremely knowledgeable people. As we complete our priority setting, I am invigorated to continue to serve my community on the Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council working to produce positive healthcare change.

Although there are challenges ahead, my strong experience and work ethic are valuable skills that will benefit our Windward community.

Christopher Paul Sibley March 31, 2008

Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea List of Potential Conflicts

- Courtney Susan Sibley, spouse, RN at Queen's Medical Center
- Dr. Michael Meagher, radiologist at Radiology Associates

CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D. DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAI



In reply, please refer to: File:

#### **Senate Committee on Health**

# 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 Christopher Sibley to the Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 Purpose and Justification: Christopher Sibley is Program Manager at HMSA. He previously served
- as Senior Consultant, Primitive Logic Inc. (technology consulting firm); Vice President of Originations
- at Deutsche Bank Mortgage Capital; Real Estate Project Manager, University of San Francisco; and
- 7 Senior Credit Officer at Hibernia National Bank. He holds a MBA from the University of San Francisco
- 8 and Bachelor of Science in Finance from Louisiana State University. He is active in community work
- 9 including HMSA community events, Na Ala Hele, American Cancer Society and Make-A-Wish
- 10 Foundation.
- We ask for your support in the confirmation of Christopher Sibley to serve on the Windward Oahu
- 12 Subarea Health Planning Council.



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February 19, 2008

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

Dear Senator Ige:

Re: Christopher Paul Sibley, Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council

I respectfully submit this letter of recommendation on behalf of Christopher Paul Sibley for re-appointment to the Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.

Mr. Sibley is an active participant in health care issues and recently led the Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council through their priority setting process. His leadership and facilitation skills demonstrated at HMSA transfer to his role as Chair of the Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council. Mr. Sibley is active in the local community through the American Cancer Society and demonstrates tireless energy in his willingness to help others.

Please consider Mr. Sibley for a second term on the Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.

Sincerely,

Linda J. Katagiri

Senior Vice President

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# GOV. MSG. NO. 371

#### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

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 **Statewide Health Coordinating Council:** 

Terri Fujii

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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#### Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Health Tuesday, April 2, 2008 Terri Fujii Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Chair Ige and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to present information for your consideration of my confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

I am the Managing Partner of the Honolulu office of the public accounting firm of Ernst & Young LLP and am the partner overseeing the healthcare practice in the Honolulu office, which includes both our audit and advisory services for healthcare. I hold both a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in accounting from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am a Past President of the Healthcare Financial Management Association. I am also the Board chair of Easter Seals Hawaii and a Board member of Hospice Hawaii, both organizations that utilize my healthcare experience and knowledge.

I have been a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council since 2001.

Healthcare cost and finance continue to be among one of the bigger challenges for healthcare providers in Hawaii. One of the many functions of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council is to advise SHPDA on cost and finance issues pertaining to the healthcare industry in general and also as part of the review of the certificate of need applications. Through my experience in healthcare accounting and finance, I believe that I will be able to provide valuable input to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council and to SHPDA in this regard. I have enjoyed my past association with the Council and look forward to serving for another term.

I ask for your support in my nomination to a second term on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Thank you.

LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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

In reply, please refer to: File:

#### **Senate Committee on Health**

# 371, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Terri Fujii

# 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 Terri Fujii to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 Purpose and Justification: Terri Fujii is the Managing Partner of Ernst & Young's Honolulu office
- and a Partner in its Assurance and Advisory Business Services practice. Her background includes
- 6 managing and working with clients in the healthcare, not-for-profit, airline, insurance, retail and
- 7 government industries. She manages the audits for the majority of Hawaii's leading hospital providers,
- 8 many not-for-profit organizations including Hawaii's leading private university, Hawaii's newest
- 9 publicly held company, one of Hawaii's major airlines and many other companies and organizations in a
- range of industries. Terri has been an active and contributing member of the Statewide Health
- 11 Coordinating Council. In addition to being a CPA, she is a Certified Healthcare Financial Professional
- through the Health Care Financial Management Association.
- 13 We ask for your support in the confirmation of Terri Fujii to serve on the Statewide Health Coordinating
- 14 Council.



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COL Derick Ziegler Military Liaison Tripler Army Medical Center March 4, 2008

The Honorable David Ige Chair, Senate Committee on Health State Capitol Honolulu, HI

Dear Senator Ige:

Re: Nomination of Terri Fujii to SHCC.

On behalf of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii I would like to endorse Ms. Terri Fujii, who has been nominated to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council of the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Fujii on a variety of health care issues over a number of years. In all of my experiences, Ms. Fujii has demonstrated the highest professional standards, an understanding of the complex health care environment, a capacity to see different sides of an issue, and an ability to work with other people with different interests.

I am sure that her experiences, her knowledge, and her ability to work with others will make her a valued asset to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

With warmest personal regards and Aloha,

RICHARD E. MEIERS
President and CEO



SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH Senator David Ige, Chair

Conference Room 016 April 2, 2008 at 1:15 p.m.

#### Testimony in support of GM 371.

I am Rich Meiers, President and CEO of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, which represents the entire spectrum of health care, including acute care hospitals, two-thirds of the long term care beds in Hawaii, as well as home care and hospice providers. I regret that I shall not be able to testify in person due to a mainland trip. However, I appreciate this opportunity to submit written testimony in support of GM 371, which nominates Terri Fujii to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

I have worked with Ms. Fujii on various health care issues over a number of years. Without exception, Ms. Fujii has demonstrated high professional standards, a broad knowledge of the complex health care environment, a capacity to see different sides of an issue, and an ability to work with other people with different interests. I am sure that she would continue to be a valued member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

For the foregoing reasons, the Healthcare Association supports GM 371.



# GOV. MSG. NO. 372

## EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

LINDA LINGLE

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 **Statewide Health Coordinating Council:** 

Keith Alan Lee

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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To: Senator David Y. Ige

Chair, Senate Committee on Health

Re: Keith Alan Lee Nomination to Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Dear Senator Ige,

You have asked me for a "brief letter stating why you are interested in serving on this particular board or commission versus another board/commission, including a statement of your understanding of what this board/commission's purpose is and how you intend to uphold the letter and spirit of the law which governs this board/commission."

I am interested in serving on this particular board/commission because I feel I can make a unique contribution to the community through it--a contribution more substantial than might well be the case if I were to serve on another board/commission. I have been a lawyer for over 20 years. I have been an employee of major health care organizations serving Oahu and the State of Hawaii for almost 18 years. I was born and raised in Hawaii; my family has been here for over 130 years. My background in law, health care, and our Island community should be helpful in fostering the Councils' efforts to ensure facilities and services that provide access to quality health care at reasonable costs for our citizens.

I have been a member of the Council for almost a year. I think I now have a working knowledge of the Council's role in carrying out the State's statutorily mandated health services and facilities plan.

Through effort and attention, I plan to do my utmost to carry out the letter as well as the spirit of the law which governs the Council.

Thank you for your interest and involvement in my nomination.

Sincerely yours,

Keith Alan Lee

LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



In reply, please refer to:

#### , Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Keith Alan Lee

# 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 Keith Alan Lee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 Purpose and Justification: Keith Lee is Vice President of Legal Services/Regional Council for Kaiser
- 5 Foundation Health Plan, Inc., since 1999. He has worked for healthcare organizations for over 16 years.
- 6 His experience and commitment to volunteerism as a provider representative to the Statewide Health
- 7 Coordinating Council and to the Honolulu Subarea Health Coordinating Council are outstanding. In his
- 8 view, the most critical responsibilities of the Councils are to provide reasonable community access to
- 9 services and benefits and to present health care in the most accurate, truthful and complete light to our
- 10 community. He humbly asks for your support in this community involvement and a commitment to
- 11 work with promoting healthcare in the community.
- We ask for your support in the confirmation of Keith Alan Lee to serve on the Statewide Health
- 13 Coordinating Council.



LINDA LINGLE

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 **Statewide Health Coordinating Council:** 

S. Peter Kim MD, PhD, MBA

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

#### Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Health April 1, 2008

#### S. Peter Kim

#### Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Chair Senator Ige, members of the Senate Committee on Health, I thank you for this opportunity to present background about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

I was born and grew up in Seoul, Korea. I attended and graduated from Seoul High School, Seoul National University College of Arts and Sciences and College of Medicine. I came to U. S. A. in 1967 to pursue further in research, graduate study and clinical training. I have completed a series of several post-graduate and degree works as well as clinical trainings in Connecticut and New York. After completing my final fellowship at New York University School of Medicine and NYU-Bellevue Hospital Centers in New York City in 1972, I have had my career as full-time medical school faculty, from assistant professor to full professor in past 36 years until 2006 when I retired from University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine. I am still teaching as a voluntary faculty at UH and NYU periodically, carrying out part-time clinical work and have been engaged in community services through various public and non-profit organizations.

A position on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council would allow me an opportunity to work on a wide range of issues in the areas of health care planning and implementation, and also to work with diverse constituencies to learn about the needs and challenges in the present and future health care services in planning and implementation strategies and health care service delivery for the people of Hawaii. More importantly I will be given a valuable opportunity to pay back to my adopted country, as a proud citizen, that have enabled me to fulfill my personal and professional dreams and goals.

It is an honor for me to have this opportunity to serve on the council. My personality, education and expertise in my fields, experiences and determination will make my work in the council successful and beneficial to the people of Hawaii.

I am humbly and sincerely asking for your supporting my nomination to the Council. Many thanks to you and your committee members.

Sincerely,

S. Peter Kim, M.D., Ph.D., M.B.A.

LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



In reply, please refer to: File:

#### S. Peter Kim, M.D., PH.D., MBA

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

- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation of S.
- 2 Peter Kim, MD, PHD, MBA, to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 Purpose and Justification: Dr. S. Peter Kim a retired Professor of Psychiatry at University of Hawaii
- of Medicine and is in part-time private practice. He is currently a Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and
- 6 Program Director, Child and Adolescent Forensic Residency Program at the University of Hawaii
- 7 JABSOM. Dr. Kim graduated from Seoul National University of College of Medicine with a degree in
- 8 Doctor of Medicine; Ph.D. in Medical Science-Psychiatry from Toho University/New York University
- 9 Graduate Schools; and Master of Business Administration from the University of Hawaii College of
- Business Administration. Dr. Kim is board certified and has license to practice medicine in the states of
- Hawaii, New York, Georgia, and Vermont. Community services include: past president of the
- Honolulu Hibiscus Lions Club; past pastoral council member of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Peace;
- and past presidents (two terms) of Korean-American Medical Association of Hawaii to name a few.
- We ask for your support in the confirmation of Dr. S. Peter Kim.



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March 25, 2008

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair Senate Committee on Health Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215 415 So. Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Seungtai Peter Kim, M.D., Ph.D., MBA

a.k.a. (professionally) S. Peter Kim, M.D., Ph.D., MBA

Dear Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter for Dr. S. Peter Kim in support of his confirmation, by the Senate Health Committee under your leadership, to be appointed to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. I have known Dr. Kim for the past ten years after he moved to Hawaii from New York City to make a home here with his family. While living in New York City, Dr. Kim taught and provided academic, clinical/medical and community services at the New York University School of Medicine, NYU-Bellevue Hospital Centers and their affiliate community facilities. He served as a faculty member and physician for some twenty years at NYU working mostly with the indigent and needy populations.

Dr. Kim also served in a similar capacity at the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii and at several local hospitals, including the Queen's Medical Center and Kapiolani Hospital for Women and Children until his retirement last year. As a senior faculty member, he provided the State Department of Health with public health, adolescent and youth forensic services while serving as a public advocate, clinician and physician.

Dr. Kim is highly regarded not only in the Korean-American community, but also in the community at large. His dedication and commitment to aid the

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair March 25, 2008 Page 2

indigent and needy has earned him the respect and admiration of many citizens of diverse ethnic background in Hawaii.

Recognizing our growing aging population and the need for more qualified nursing homes, Dr. Kim returned to school and earned a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Hawaii, despite his busy schedule. Eventually he obtained the Hawaii State license of nursing home administrator in 2007.

Dr. Kim has always maintained the highest and utmost professionalism as a teacher, clinician, business manager, philanthropist and volunteer. He is of impeccable moral and ethical character and is widely respected by his colleague, community civic leaders, students and citizens of the state.

It is with great pleasure and honor that I recommend Dr. S. Peter Kim to be confirmed by the Senate Committee on Health under your leadership. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 988-2918.

Sincerely,

Ann H. Kobayashi 🅢

Councilmember, District V

1188 Bishop Street, PH1 • Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 • TEL: (808) 521-8066 • FAX: (808) 521-5233

March , 2008

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

Re: Seungtai Peter Kim, M.D., Ph.D., MBA
a.k.a. (professionally) S. Peter Kim, M.D., Ph.D., MBA
66 Queen Street, Suite 2905
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige:

It is great pleasure and personal honor for me to write this letter in support of the above-named, Dr. S. Peter Kim, who is seeking confirmation, from the Senate Committee on Health under your leadership, to be appointed to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

I have known Dr. Kim for the past ten years since he moved to Hawaii in 1997 to make his family home here from New York City where he had been teaching and providing academic, clinical/medical and community services for some twenty years at the New York University School of Medicine and NYU-Bellevue Hospital Centers and their affiliate organizations as a faculty member and physician, mostly for those indigent and needy populations and in the public sectors. Until his retirement in 2006 from University of Hawaii, he had done the similar activities at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine and at several major local hospitals, including Queen's Medical Center and Kapiolani Hospital for Women and Children, as well as for the Department of Health of Hawaii by providing public health services as a senior faculty and clinician/physician.

Dr. Kim is highly and widely regarded as leader and advocate in the Korean-American and other ethnic communities of Hawaii that he has served in many capacities as volunteer to promote the welfare and development of Korean-Americans in Hawaii. To list a few of his leadership roles in the public and community services he has served: past president of Hawaii Medical Psychiatric Association, past vice president of the board of

directors of the Hawaii Opera Theatre, past president of Honolulu Hibiscus Lions Club, President of Korea University Club (founded in 1932 in Hawaii), volunteer American Red Cross (ARC) trained and ARC accredited Certified Nurse Assistants (CNAs) instructor and have taught at the TLC-CAN Health Services Institute to produce Korean=American bilingual CNAs to meet rising demands in the community of CNAs to serve increasing number of elderly populations in Hawaii, particularly those Korean-American elderly citizens of poor English proficiency at the nursing homes scattered through all over the state. Despite his busy schedule, he decided to obtain more knowledge and skills in management and administration, particularly in the health care fields. He attended and graduated from University of Hawaii College of Business Administration earning MBA degree in 2002. He obtained a Hawaii state license of nursing home administrator in 2007.

With in-depth knowledge and insights in both health care and management/business administration, Dr. Kim is amply qualified to be appointed to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council and he will be a very valuable addition to the Council. Dr. Kim is a gentleman of the highest and utmost professional, ethical and moral standards proven as outstanding teacher (received numerous best teacher awards at the medical schools where he taught including University of Hawaii), clinician, business manager, philanthropist and volunteer. He is highly respected by his colleagues, community and civic leaders, students and citizens of Hawaii's ethnic communities at large, particularly of Korean-American Community as the dedicated leader in the service of the needy of the state of Hawaii.

I have total support for Dr. Kim to be confirmed by the Senate Committee on Health under your eminent leadership. Should you have any further questions about this letter, please do not hesitate to call me at (808) 521-8066.

Sincerely yours,

Dea S. Chung Kea Sung Chung, Ph.D.

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David Ige, Chair
The Committee on Health
Hawaii State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu. Hawaii 96813

Re: Senate Confirmation for Seungtai Peter Kim, MD, PhD, MBA – in strong support

Dear Senator Ige and members of the Health Committee:

I am pleased to write this letter of support for Dr. Peter Kim's confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Committee. I'm sure by now you seen his impressive curriculum vitae or read of his accomplishments from other testifiers. I can only add to their comments.

I've known Peter for many years. His dedication and commitment to organizations and services that aid the indigent and needy in Hawaii has led to his sterling reputation as a distinguished member of the medical community and also of the Korean Community. We are both members of the Korean University Club, where he has stepped forward to serve as its President this year.

It's incredibly admirable that an individual with the highest degrees presented in academia gives so much of himself to public service in many forms. The Statewide Health Coordinating Committee—and the State of Hawaii--will surely gain a wealth of knowledge and experience with Peter as a member.

There is always so much work to be done to move this great State forward. Your committee's confirmation of Dr. Peter Kim will help this process.

Aloha mai,

Jackie Young



# The Korea Times Hawaii

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March, 2008

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

ATTN: Senate Confirmation

SUBJECT: Seungtai Peter Kim, M.D., Ph.D., MBA

a.k.a. (professionally) S. Peter Kim, M.D., Ph.D., MBA

66 Queen Street, Suite 2905 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige:

It is my honor to write this letter in on behalf of Dr. S. Peter Kim as he seeks confirmation by the Senate Health Committee, to be appointed to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. I have known Dr. Kim since he moved to Hawaii from New York City over ten years ago. While living in New York City, Dr. Kim taught and provided academic, clinical/medical and community services at the New York University School of Medicine and NYU-Bellevue Hospital Centers and their affiliate community facilities. He also served on the faculty and as a physician for New York University working with underprivileged and needy people.

Since his relocation to Hawaii in 1997, Dr. Kim has served at the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii and at several other local hospitals, including the Queen's Medical Center and Kapiolani Hospital for Women and Children. As a senior faculty member, he worked with the State Department of Health, providing public health and youth forensic services while serving as a public advocate.

Dr. Kim is highly regarded as a physician who is dedicated and committed to aid those that are less fortunate, which has earned the respect and admiration of the Korean-American community, as well as the many citizens of our diverse ethnic groups here in Hawaii.

In 2007, Dr. Kim returned to school at the University of Hawaii in order to earn a Masters in Business Administration and then obtained the Hawaii State license for Nursing Home administration in order to meet the growing need for elderly care in our State

Dr. Kim is widely respected by his colleague, community civic leaders, students and citizens of the state and has always maintained the highest and utmost professionalism as a teacher, clinician, business manager and volunteer.

It is with honor that I recommend Dr. S. Peter Kim to be confirmed by the Senate Committee on Health under your leadership. Please feel free to contact me at Korea Times Hawaii if you have any questions concerning Dr. Kim.

Sincerely,

The Korea Times/Radio Seoul (KREA-AM 1540kHz)

Branch President

Young Ho Lee



#### **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 **Statewide Health Coordinating Council:** 

Ken M. Shimonishi

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



In reply, please refer to:

### 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 Statewide Health Coordinating Council.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 Purpose and Justification: Kenneth Shimonishi has nearly two decades of working experience in the
- 5 health care arena. This includes serving as accountant, director of accounting services, and financial
- 6 planning supervisor at the Kauai Medical Group and Hawaii Pacific Health. He currently is Accounting
- 7 Manager for Princeville Operating Company, LLC. Born and raised on Kauai, Mr. Shimonishi offers a
- 8 good perspective of the issues and concerns relating to health care services of the island.
- 9 We ask for your support in the confirmation of Kenneth M. Shimonishi to serve on the Statewide Health
- 10 Coordinating Council.



# GOV. MSG. NO. 369

#### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

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 **Board of Health:** 

Jason E. Maddock PhD

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



In reply, please refer to: File:

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#### Committee on Health

#### GM 369 Gubernatorial Nominee for Board of Health

# 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 Jason
- 2 E. Maddock to the Board of Health for a second term.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 Purpose and Justification: Dr. Maddock is the Chair of the Department of Public Health Sciences at
- 5 the University of Hawaii. His knowledge of public health evaluation brings valuable expertise to the
- 6 Board of Health.

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- 8 Dr. Maddock has been an active member of the Board during his first term and we appreciate his
- 9 willingness to continue serving as a Board member.
- 11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of nominee Jason E. Maddock to the State
- 12 Board of Health.



GOV. MSG. NO. 370

# EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

LINDA LINGLE

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 **Board of Health:** 

Jeffrey J. Sol MD

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

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LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



In reply, please refer to:

#### Committee on Health

#### GM 370 Gubernatorial Nominee for Board of Health

# 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 Jeffrey J. Sol, MD to a second term on the Board of Health.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** Dr. Sol is a cardiologist and assistant clinical professor at the John A Burns
- 5 School of Medicine. His background brings the perspective of private medical practice to the Board. Dr.
- 6 Sol has served on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Heart Association and as President of the
- 7 Windward Unit of the Hawaii Health Association. Dr. Sol's years of experience in the practice and
- 8 teaching of medicine make him a valuable asset to the Board.
- 10 Dr. Sol has been an active member of the Board during his first term and we appreciate his willingness
- to continue serving as a Board member.
- Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of nominee Dr. Jeffrey J. Sol to the State
- 14 Board of Health.

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#### John S. Melish, MD Endocrinology & Metabolism Internal Medicine

1319 Punahou St., Suite 1040 Honolulu, HI 96826 Phone: 808-949-2304

Exchange: 808-524-2575 Fax: 808-951-7004

February 19, 2008

David Y. Ige, Chair Senate Committee on Health 415 South Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige:

The following letter is in support of Dr. Jeffrey Sol in his re-appointment application to membership on the Board of Health.

Dr. Jeffrey Sol is a valued Clinical Faculty member in the Department of Medicine at the John A. Burns School of Medicine. I have known him as an excellent practicing cardiologist and as a dedicated clinical teacher. I have particularly known him as a volunteer "Clinical Skills Preceptor" of medical students in the first year of medical school. Dr. Sol has been and enthusiastic and capable t3eacher of clinical skills in the cardiology subunit of the first year. In our Problem Based Learning Curriculum, medical students review case studies in various aspects of medicine while they concurrently see patients with similar problems. Dr. Sol has facilitated this bedside teaching by provide supervised patient experiences, allowing our students to related their "paper cases" to live volunteer patients with problems that fall within the differential diagnoses of the tutorial problems.

As a clinical teacher and role model, Dr. Sol has regularly provided our students with many valuable experiences and insights, which will assist them in becoming careful, thoughtful, skilled, and empathetic c patient-centered physicians as they embark upon their many years of clinical training.

I am sure that Dr. Sol will provide the same dedication and thoughtful energy as a member of the Board of Health should he be appointed to that position.

Sincerely yours,

Melsh, M.D.

John S. Melish, MD

Co-Chairperson, Clinical Skills

Professor of Medicine

John A. Burns School of Medicine

# Sylvia Wang, M.D. MEDICAL CLINIC, INC.

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February 25, 2008

Mr. David Y. Ige, Chair Senate Committee on Heath 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu. HI 96813

Dear Mr. Ige,

This letter is in support of the reappointment of Jeffrey Sol, M.D. to the Board of Health of the State of Hawaii.

I have known Dr. Sol for more than 8 years. H is a man of many hats: a well-known physician, worldly traveler, community activist, and a teacher. He continues to be active teaching the medical students. His emphasis on physical examination, evidenced based care is an asset to the university. His continuing concern and involvement with the medical community is an important bridge between the community and the Board of Health.

I respectfully encourage you to confirm Dr. Jeffrey Sol's reappointment.

Thank you.

Sylvia Wang, M.D.

#### WINDWARD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Rev. Darren T. Galindo, Pastor Tel: 808 254-3802 Fax: 808 254-6398 email: windwarducc@hawaii.rr.com 38 Kaneohe Bay Drive, Kailua, Hawaii 96734

February 14, 2008

David Y. Ige, Chair Senate Committee on Health 415 South Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige:

This letter is in support of the confirmation of the appointment of Jeffrey Sol, M.D. to the Board of Health of the State of Hawaii.

As a resident and pastor in the Kailua community, I have known Dr. Jeff Sol over the last ten years, and have found him to be not only a responsible member of our community, but also a friend to many. Dr. Sol has an ability to create a sense of community through his friendliness and willingness to help others. He shows a genuine concern for his community and for the general well being of our state.

His opinions and advice have always been helpful and honest. I consider him both a friend and a respected professional. I respectfully encourage you to confirm Dr. Sol's appointment.

Sincerely,

Rev. Darren T. Galindo, Pastor

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Philip I. Kuo, Jr., M.D.-Ph.D. 1329 Lusitana St., Room 801 Honolulu, HI 96813

David Y. Ige, Chair Senate Committee on Health 415 South Beretania St. Honolulu, HI 96813

February 15, 2008

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

I am writing to give my unqualified support for Dr. Jeffrey Sol for his reappointment to the Board of Health. As a board certified cardiologist from the highly regarded program at Columbia University, he is well qualified for this role. I have known Dr. Sol for many years as both colleague and friend. Although a transplant from New York, he has made his home here for decades, and cares deeply about the health of people in Hawaii. Few physicians are willing and able to devote time to such an endeavor, and I am grateful that he has chosen to do so.

Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely, Min Kus

Philip I. Kuo, Jr., M.D.-Ph.D.

Assistant Professor

Department of Medicine, University of Hawaii



# GOV. MSG. NO. 479

#### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

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 **Board of Health:** 

Ann M. Kwock

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGE

#### Presentation Before the Senate Health Committee

#### **April 2, 2008**

#### Ann Kwock

#### **Board of Health**

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Fukunaga and members of the Senate Health Committee: Thank you for this opportunity to present my background about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Board of Health.

I was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawaii and attended and graduated from Kalani High School. I continued my undergraduate education attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Oregon State University through selection and participation in the National Student Exchange.

I was very fortunate to be accepted as one of four WICHE candidates from Hawaii for admission to Veterinary School, attending Oregon State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. After graduating from vet school, I returned to Hawaii to practice small animal medicine for the same number of years that I was supported by the state as a WICHE student. Once my obligation to the state was completed, I continued my graduate education by pursuing a residency at Michigan State University in Veterinary Clinical Pathology, or the study of diseases in domestic animals. After completion of my residency, I assumed an instructorship position at North Carolina State University in Veterinary Clinical Pathology and enjoyed not only providing clinical service to the veterinary hospital, but also teaching, training and working with a diverse group of veterinary students and other clinical residents and faculty members. After leaving acadamia, I returned to private small animal practice, and experienced working in the private industry sector as well. Married, and with a family of my own now, I returned to Hawaii to raise my children in a place that I knew they would be safe and flourish.

Being the daughter of former Salt Lake Elementary School Principal Margaret Furukawa (now retired), I witnessed first hand, the endless hours of public and community service my mom gave to her school, her community, her district and to her state. Collaborating and working tirelessly with numerous individuals on countless service projects allowed her to interact with everyone from the parents, faculty and staff at her school, to her professional colleagues, her district superintendent and Senator Norman Sakamoto. Growing up with under her influence, I too, from a very early age was brought up to "give back to my community", to provide public service, and to strive to always make Hawaii a better place for tomorrow.

I believe that my integrity, sincerity, strong moral values, education and experiences provide me with a foundation to make a positive contribution to the Board of Health. I have a vested interest in providing my children and their children's children a haven

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which is safe for years to come. I look forward to this challenge and commitment to public service, and humbly ask for your support of my nomination to the Board of Health.

Aloha and Mahalo!

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



In reply, please refer to:

#### Committee on Health

#### GM 479 Gubernatorial Nominee for Board of Health

## 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 Ann
- 2 M. Kwock, DVM to a second term on the Board of Health.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 Purpose and Justification: Dr. Kwock is a small animal veterinarian with expertise in veterinary
- 5 clinical pathology. Dr. Kwock's perspective will enhance the Board of Health, especially as it concerns
- 6 the relationship of animals to human health, as with diseases like SARS, poxvirus, and avian influenza.
- 8 Dr. Kwock has been an active member of the Board during her first term and we appreciate her
- 9 willingness to continue serving as a Board member.
- Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of nominee Dr. Ann M. Kwock to the State
- 12 Board of Health.

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TESTIMONY OF KRIS N. NAKAGAWA (by electronic mai)
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ONHEALTH

ON

GM NO. 479

APRIL 2, 2008, 1:15 p.m.

RELATING TO ANN M. KWOCK, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH, FOR TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2012

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM No. 479.

I strongly support the appointment of Ann M. Kwock, D.V.M. ("Dr. Kwock") as a member of the

Board of Health ("Board").

I am an attorney licensed in Hawaii since 1992. I first met Dr. Kwock when I attended Oregon State

University in 1982. At that time, Dr. Kwock was also attending Oregon State University studying

veterinarian medicine. Recently, we also both serve together as board of directors for Lupus

Hawaii, a non-profit organization established in 1974 for the purpose of offering assistance to Hawaii

residents with lupus.

I believe Dr. Kwock has the requisite knowledge and experience, particularly in the area of health

and medicine, to sufficiently perform the necessary duties as a member of the Board. As a

colleague and friend, I always found her to be honest, fair, ethical and impartial in her decisions, and

she always strived to educate and encourage others around her to do the same. Accordingly, I

believe Dr. Kwock will be a great asset to the Board and the State of Hawaii.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration in the appointment of Dr. Kwock as a member

of the Board.



LINDA LINGLE

March 17, 2008

HONOLULU

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 **Board of Health:** 

Kevin D. Cassel

Term to Expire: 6/30/2010

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D. DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



In reply, please refer to:

#### Committee on Health

#### GM 519 Gubernatorial Nominee for Board of Health

# 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 Kevin
- D. Cassel to the Board of Health.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 Purpose and Justification: Mr. Cassel is the partnership program coordinator for the Cancer
- 5 Information Service, Pacific Region at the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii. He has extensive
- 6 experience in developing partnerships and public education programs. In his work with the Hawaii
- 7 Comprehensive Cancer Coalition, Mr. Cassel coordinated statewide data training, developed the
- 8 coalition's communication plan and coordinated the coalitions' recent medial campaign.
- 10 His experience will bring valuable expertise to the Board. We appreciate his willingness to serve as a
- 11 Board member.

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- 13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of nominee Kevin D. Cassel to the State
- 14 Board of Health.



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February 8, 2008

The Honorable David Ige Chair, Senate Health Committee Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Kevin D. Cassel to the Board of Health.

Mr. Cassel's experience as a Partnership Program Coordinator with the National Cancer Institute's Office of Cancer Information greatly contributes to his value as a member of the Board of Health. He has many contacts in the community and has both the educational training and practical experience of how to effectively get important health information out to the population. His relationship management skills have served well in engaging others to join in collaborative initiative.

Mr. Cassel's appointment will add significant strength to the Board of Health.

Sincerely,

Myra L. Williams

Vice President, Health Services Division Hawaii Medical Service Association

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# Cancer Research Center of Hawai'i

Hawaii Tumor Registry

February 6, 2008

The Honorable David Ige Chair, Senate Health Committee Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hi 96813

Dear Senator Ige,

I would like to express my support for the appointment of Kevin Cassel to the Board of Health. Mr. Cassel has extensive experience in health communications, community outreach and training, and health policy. He has helped to develop the Cancer Information Service into a successful program serving the entire state of Hawaii and the Pacific. Mr. Cassel is a respected leader in cancer education. He has developed strong relationships with organizations and agencies within the community to improve the dissemination of cancer information to the public.

Mr. Cassel will be a great asset to the Board of Health. I enthusiastically support his appointment and continued service to the community.

Sincerely,

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Brenda Y. Hernandez, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Director

Hawaii Tumor Registry

Cancer Research Center of Hawaii

#### UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA

Cancer Research Center of Hawai'i
A National Cancer Institute–designated Cancer Center
Office of the Director

February 7, 2008

The Honorable David Ige Chair, Senate Health Committee Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hi 96813

Re: Board of Health Nominee

Dear Senator Ige,

I would like to express my support for the appointment of Mr. Kevin Cassel, MPH to the Board of Health. Since 1995 Mr. Cassel is a member of the National Cancer Institute supported Cancer Information Service at the Cancer Research Center of Hawaii. He has extensive experience in health communications, community outreach and training, and health policy. He has helped to develop the Cancer Information Service into a successful program serving the entire State of Hawaii and the U. S. Associated Pacific Territories. Mr. Cassel is a respected leader in cancer education. He has developed strong relationships with organizations and agencies within the community to improve the dissemination of cancer information to the public.

Mr. Cassel will be a great asset to the Board of Health. I enthusiastically support his appointment and continued service to the community.

Sincerely,

Carl-Wilhem Vogel, MD PhD

Director

Cancer Research Center of Hawaii

Coul-wow



February 8, 2008

Board of Directors Member Organizations Hoola Lahui Hawaii Hui No Ke Ola Pono Hui Malama Ola Na Oiwi

ALU LIKE Ke Ola Mamo E Ola Mau

University of Hawaii Hawaii State Department

of Health Na Puuwai

Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Ex-Officio Members
Hawaii Primary Care
Association
Ke Alaula

The Honorable David Ige Chair, Senate Health Committee Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hi 96813

Dear Senator Ige,

I am writing in full support of the appointment of Kevin Cassel to the Board of Health.

Mr. Cassel's experience as the Partnership Program Coordinator of Promotions with the Cancer Information Service at the Center for Cancer Research Hawai'i will be a great asset to the Board of Health.

Executive Director Hardy Spoehr

Mr. Cassel has experience in developing health promotion and patient education messages. He has been involved in the planning, development and production of numerous health education materials in print, audio, and video formats that address the National Cancer Institute's priority cancer control messages and audiences, including Native Hawaiians. His work with media outlets and communications networks in the promotion of cancer control messages and statewide cancer initiatives has been invaluable to Papa Ola Lōkahi, 'Imi Hale Native Hawaiian Cancer Network - funded through the National Cancer Institute's Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities, and the five Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems. He has also been involved in our trainings and assisted with skills-building workshops for our partners in the development of effective and accurate cancer control messaging.

Mr. Cassel is an active, contributing member who provides a well-informed perspective on health issues concerning Hawai'i's diverse population. I fully support his appointment and look forward to working with him over the duration of his term.

O wan ibono,

Lorrie Ann Santos

Co-Project Director

`Imi Hale Native Hawaiian Cancer Network a program of Papa Ola Lōkahi



Office of the Director

February 8, 2008

The Honorable David Ige Chair, Senate Health Committee Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige,

I am writing in support of the appointment of Kevin D. Cassel to the Board of Health.

Mr. Cassel's professional and volunteer experiences with the cancer health community will be great assets to the Board of Health. Mr. Cassel has been involved in Hawaii's and the nation's cancer health scene through his work with the National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Service, Pacific Region at the Cancer Research Center of Hawai'i as Partnership Program Coordinator. He has also served as a volunteer leader and member of various committees with the Hawaii Comprehensive Cancer Control Program.

Mr. Cassel is an active, contributing member in his work and volunteer activities and provides an important perspective on cancer health issues related to the public. I fully support him in his pursuit of an appointment with the Board of Health.

Sincerely,

Sharon R. Shigemasa, RN, MS

Sharon R. Shigemasa

**Public Information Officer** 

# Presentation before the Senate Committee on Health April 2, 2008 Kevin Darryl Cassel Hawaii Board of Health Nominee

Chair Ige, members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to present background about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Hawaii Board of Health. I am pleased to have this opportunity to serve the people of the state of Hawaii.

I recently obtained my Masters in Public Health, from the University of Hawaii's Department of Public Health Sciences in 2005, and I have recently applied to the newly developed Doctoral Program in community-based participatory and translational research. Currently, I am employed by the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Cancer Information Service (CIS) located at the University of Hawaii Cancer Research Center as a Partnership Program Coordinator. I began working for the CIS at the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia in 1993, and was fortunate to be able to transfer to the CIS office in Hawaii in 1995.

My work at the CIS involves dissemination of the latest cancer control research conducted throughout the world, into suitable applications for cancer control and community-based organizations, policy makers, health professionals, and the general public. The CIS program's goal is to reduce the burden of cancer in populations at increased risk, through the establishment of partnerships with trusted community organizations that have the ability to reach these populations.

I have been fortunate in my 13 year career in public health in Hawaii collaborate with a variety of people from all walks of life who have a passion for establishing and maintaining the optimal health status for the people of Hawaii. I enjoy creating partnerships and bridges between the spectrums of public health workers in the state, ranging from researchers to rural outreach workers, to create opportunities to develop innovative health promotional projects that can meet the health needs of all people in Hawaii.

When I first arrived in Hawaii to work at the Cancer Research Center (CRCH) I had the opportunity to collaborate with people who were at the forefront in the development of community-based participatory health promotion, as part of the seminal Waianae Coast Cancer Research Project. This new paradigm of building and spreading knowledge, called community-based participatory research, quickly became the standard approach for the development and implementation of community health promotions. It is my hope that during my service as a member of the Hawaii Board of Health, I will be able to continue to drive community-based health promotions efforts that are based upon the support and vested interests of the people they serve.

I welcome the challenges ahead. My personality, background, education and experience give me the resources needed to serve great people of Hawaii. I ask for you to support my nomination to the Hawaii Board of Health. Thank you.



#### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

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 **Board of Health:** 

Clarysse Kami Nunokawa

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

#### Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Health April 2, 2008 Clarysse Kami Nunokawa Board of Health

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

I am unable to personally attend the Senate on Health hearing and therefore thank you for the opportunity to present written background about myself for your consideration of my confirmation to the Board of Health.

I was born and raised on Hawai'i Island and as a child, lived in Hilo, Kona, Ka'u and Kohala. I lived on O'ahu for many years working in the health and human service field. Returning home to Hawai'i Island five years ago to manage the Hawai'i Island Meth Initiative and later the Youth Matters Initiative for the Hawai'i Community Foundation has provided me the opportunity to become reacquainted with my island home and understand its health and socio-economic concerns.

I believe that my experience as a social worker and public health educator combined with a deep knowledge of Hawai'i Island provides me with a unique prospective and enhances my contributions to the Board of Health.

I look forward to being of service to my State and the Board of Health. I am happy to respond to any questions you may have. Please feel free to call me at 808.345-7760. Thank you.

Clarysse Kami Nunokawa, MSW

14 Koula Street

Hilo, Hawai'i 96720 PH: 808.345-7760

CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D. DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



In reply, please refer to: File:

#### Committee on Health

#### GM 520 Gubernatorial Nominee for Board of Health

# 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 Clarysse K. Nunokawa to the Board of Health.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 Purpose and Justification: Ms. Nunokawa is a Senior Program Officer with the Hawaii Community
- 5 Foundation for Hawaii County. She oversees the foundation's Hawaii county health and human service
- 6 projects and has participated in a wide range of community activities including the Hawaii Tobacco
- 7 Quitline, the Hawaii Uninsured Project, Hawaii Covering Kids, Hawaii Island Substance Abuse
- 8 Roundtable, and the Hawaii Island Meth Initiative.
- Her knowledge of the health problems of Hawaii Island will bring a perspective on rural health to the
- Board. We appreciate her willingness to serve as a Board member.
- 13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of nominee Clarysse K. Nunokawa to the State Board
- 14 of Health.

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW 2236 Aimama Place Pearl City, HI 96782 ddadvoc8@yahoo.com

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair Senate Committee on Health Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

RE: Governor's Message 520- Gubernatorial Nominee Clarysse Kami Nunokawa for a term to expire on June 30, 2012

I am pleased to express my strong support for GM 520-Clarysee Kami Nunokawa for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Health. I have known Ms. Kami Nunokawa since 1980 as graduate students in the Master of Social Work program at the University of Hawaii (UH) at Manoa School of Social Work, and then as colleagues in the field of developmental disabilities.

Ms. Kami Nunokawa has varied health-related work experiences at UH Health Center, Easter Seals of Hawaii, State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD), State Health Planning and Development Agency and Hawaii Community Foundation that make her well qualified to be confirmed for the Board of Health. It is through her work at the DD Council as Program Specialist and Planner for about 10 years that I have witnessed her ability to work with a large group of people in a manner that is sensitive to cultural and ethnic diversity. During her tenure at the DD Council, she was a strong voice for individuals with DD and their families in the areas of education, family support, respite and self-determination.

She is highly respected in the health community and regarded with great integrity. Ms. Kami Nunokawa will be an asset to the Board of Health in supporting the Department of Health in its mission to protect and improve the health and environment for all people in Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony strongly supporting the nomination and confirmation of Clarysse Kami Nunokawa to the Board of Health.

Sincerely,

Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW

#### WILLIAM P. KENOI, Esq.

Attorney-At-Law 614 Kilauea Avenue o Hilo, Hawaii 96720 (808) 933-8600 ♦ fax 933-8601 wkenoi@gmail.com

March 31, 2008

The Honorable David Ige Chair, Senate Health Committee Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hi 96813

From-HAWAII DISTRICT OFFICE HAWAII

Dear Senator Ige:

I am writing to respectfully recommend and strongly support the appointment of Clarysse Kami Nunokawa to the Board of Health. I have worked closely with Ms. Nunokawa in implementing multiple treatment and prevention programs for Hawaii Island children, families, and communities. I am impressed with her work ethic, her ability to work collaboratively with multiple constituencies on our Island, and her commitment to the health and wellbeing of Hawaii's families.

As Senior Program Officer at the Hawaii Community Foundation, Ms. Nunokawa has a very diverse and unique perspective of the health needs of our residents because of the broad range of projects she oversees; from tobacco prevention to methamphetamine treatment, from substance abuse prevention to law enforcement intervention.

Ms. Nunokawa is well aware of the issues and challenges Hawaii's people must address to achieve our goal of a healthy and safe Hawaii. She is a solutions-oriented problem solver and I believe that she will be a great asset to the Board of Health.

I respectfully urge you to approve her appointment to the Board of Health.

With Aloha.

William P. Kenoi

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Juliette M. Tulang P.O. Box 1119 Hilo, HI 96721

March 7, 2008

The Honorable David Ige Chair, Senate Health Committee Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Britannia Street Honolulu, Hi 96813

Dear Senator Ige,

I am writing to support the appointment of Clarysse Kami Nunokawa to the Board of Health. I have known Ms. Nunokawa for the last eight years as a Senior Program Officer at the Hawaii Community Foundation and as an active member of our Big Island community. Ms. Nunokawa has been involved in several innovative new health related programs that been addressed a continuum of services for youth and adults on the island and statewide. She has a good perspective on the health needs that impacts all citizens and insights to a range of best practices for program delivery.

Ms. Nunokawa is an active, contributing member of our community who cares about tomorrow and the quality of live for all citizens. I believe she will be a great asset to the Board of Health. I urge you to approve her appointment to the Board of Health. I can be reach at 808-969-1601 if there are any other questions.

Sincerely,

Juliette M. Tulang

JAY T. KIMURA PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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### OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

March 22, 2008

The Honorable David Ige Chair, Senate Health Committee Hawaii State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige:

I am writing to support the appointment of Clarysse Kami Nunokawa to the Board of Health. As Senior Program Officer at the Hawaii Community Foundation, Ms. Nunokawa has a local and statewide perspective of the health needs of our citizens.

Ms. Nunokawa is an active, contributing member of our community and I believe she will be a great asset to the Board of Health. I urge you to approve her appointment to the Board of Health.

Sincerely,

Business Manager



LINDA LINGLE

March 17, 2008

HONOLULU

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 **Board of Health:** 

Drake W. Will MD

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

Drake W. Will, M.D. 1111 Wilder Avenue Apartment 17-B Honolulu, Hawaii 96833

#### March 28, 2008

Senator David Ige and Members of the Senate Committee on Health

I want to thank you for the opportunity to present myself for your consideration for confirmation to the Board of Health.

I was born and raised in Los Angeles, California and moved to Honolulu in 1965 where I currently reside. I was educated at Utah State University, University of Southern California and attended the University of Los Angeles where I graduated from medical school in 1956.

All my medical training was at UCLA in the field of pathology and laboratory science. I eventually became the Director of Laboratories and Associate Professor of Pathology. My only other service was a two-year contact at the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima and Nagasaki as the Chief of Pathology. In 1965 Mr. Will Henderson invited me to come to Honolulu to be the Director of Laboratories and Chief of Pathology at the Queen's Hospital, currently the Queen's Medical Center.

I was at Queen's continuously for all of my professional life and eventually became the first Vice President for Medical-Dental Affairs handling all the credentials for doctors and dentists in accreditation to research and the planning of the hospital's expansion.

I have worked for the Department of Health in many capacities as the Chair of the Tumor Board Registry and have had the opportunity to work at Wilcox Hospital on Kaua'i when their pathologist was ill. I also assisted the Rural O'ahu Family Planning Project in holding their laboratory specimens for delivery to the Department's laboratory the following work day. I know a lot of doctors in Hawai'i and have trained many of the pathologists as one of the professors at the John A. Burns Medical School.

Health is news in Hawai'i and we are constantly faced with health issues relating to our children, our Kupuna, health care costs, keeping physically fit and well. The opportunity to work in these areas is a welcome one for me and I ask for your support.

Presentation to the Committee on Health, Hawaii State Senate on April 2, 2008, by Drake W. Will, M.D.

CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D. DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



In reply, please refer to:

#### Committee on Health

### GM 521 Gubernatorial Nominee for Board of Health

### 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 Drake
- 2 W. Will, MD to the Board of Health.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None.
- 4 Purpose and Justification: Dr. Will is a retired physician who was has served as President of the
- 5 American Cancer society, Hawaii Chapter. His knowledge pathology and laboratory practice will
- 6 benefit the Board. We appreciate his willingness to serve as a Board member.
- 8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of nominee Will W. Drake, MD to the State Board of
- 9 Health.

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Office of the President = 1301 Punchbowl Street = Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 = Ph: (808) 547-4688 = FAX: (808) 547-4018

April 1, 2008

The Honorable David Ige Chairman, Senate Health Committee Hawaii State Senate State Capitol 415 S. Beretania Street, Room 215 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chairman Ige:

I have known Drake Will, M.D., since 1989, in his role as Vice President, Medical Affairs, here at The Queen's Medical Center and worked actively with him until his retirement in 1994. I have maintained periodic contact with him since his retirement.

Dr. Will is an extremely talented and capable professional and I relied heavily upon his experience and insights. He is a person of integrity and honesty. He was highly regarded by his colleagues on the Medical Staff as vice president and as a highly skilled and excellent pathologist. I highly recommend Dr. Will to continue to serve on the Board of Health.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (547-4688).

Sineerely yours,

Arthur A. Ushijima

President

To Whom It May Concern:

Dr. Drake W. Will and I worked together for over twenty years while he was the Chief of the Department of Laboratories at The Queen's Medical Center. He was an extremely able administrator who maintained an atmosphere of calmness, cooperation and ease of communication under often stressful working conditions. The technical staff and his pathologist partners found him to be readily approachable and even-tempered with a delightful sense of humor. He is very knowledgeable in medical/hospital matters having spent his later years as the initial vice-president of the newly formed medical-dental affairs office at Queen's.

I heartily endorse his selection to the Board of Health and know he will be a valuable asset.

Caro, M.D.

Sincerely,

Ann B. Catts, M.D.

GOV. MSG. NO. 396

### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

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 **Hawai'i Health Systems**Corporation East Hawai'i Regional Board:

Susan B. Hunt

Term to Expire: 6/30/2010

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

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# THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH Senator David Y. Ige, Chair Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

April 2, 2008, 1:15 PM Conference Room 016 Hawaii State Capitol

### **TESTIMONY SUPPORTING GM #396**

Consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board Gubernatorial Nominee Susan Beth Hunt, for a term to expire 6/30/2010

Thomas M. Driskill, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC)

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee Susan Beth Hunt, for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board.

HHSC welcomes Ms. Hunt to the East Hawaii Regional Board of the State authorized safety-net system of fifteen community facilities in five regions statewide.

Ms. Hunt is the Executive Director of the Hamakua Health Center which has clinic sites in Honokaa and Kapa'au, adjacent to the HHSC facilities of Hale Ho'ola Hamakua in the East Hawaii region and Kohala Hospital in the West Hawaii region. Ms. Hunt has a background and experience in health administration, has worked collaboratively with HHSC facilities in developing and coordinating health care in service partnership models, and has served on the Hawaii Statewide Health Coordinating Council and Subarea Planning Council. Her business expertise, broad community perspective, and dedication to community service will contribute immensely to highly responsible governance and decision-making to serve the East Hawaii Region and advance access to quality healthcare in the community.

It is a pleasure to strongly support your consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Susan Beth Hunt to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board. Thank you.

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Senator David Y. Ige, Chair Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

> April 2, 2008, 1:15 PM Conference Room 016 Hawaii State Capitol

### **TESTIMONY SUPPORTING GM #396**

Consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board, Gubernatorial Nominee Susan B. Hunt, for a term to expire 6/30/2010

Ronald Schurra
Chief Executive Officer of East Hawaii Region, HHSC

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee Susan B. Hunt, for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board, established pursuant to Act 290 in 2007.

The East Hawaii Region serves Big Island communities with facilities that include Hilo Medical Center, Ka'u Hospital, Hale Ho'ola Hamakua, and Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home; as well as physician clinics, family practice residency, cancer center, home health care, and adult day care programs.

The East Hawaii Region welcomes Ms. Hunt to the newly established East Hawaii Regional Board of Directors. Ms. Hunt has a background and experience in health administration and is presently Executive Director of the Hamakua Health Center with clinic sites adjacent to HHSC facilities in East and West Hawaii. Ms. Hunt is knowledgeable about HHSC and the regional systems through her work in developing and coordinating health care services with the facilities; and is knowledgeable about the healthcare environment in the region and statewide having served on the State Health Planning and Development Agency Coordinating Council and Sub-area Planning Council. Ms. Hunt will bring a wealth of expertise and dedication to highly qualified decision-making and governance of the East Hawaii Regional system.

Your consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Susan B. Hunt to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board is respectfully requested. Thank you.

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### GOV. MSG. NO. 397

### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

LINDA LINGLE

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 **Hawai'i Health Systems**Corporation East Hawai'i Regional Board:

Carol Ann VanCamp

Term to Expire: 6/30/2010

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

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## THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH Senator David Y. Ige, Chair Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

April 2, 2008, 1:15 PM Conference Room 016 Hawaii State Capitol

### **TESTIMONY SUPPORTING GM #397**

Consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board Gubernatorial Nominee Carol A. VanCamp, for a term to expire 6/30/2010

Thomas M. Driskill, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC)

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee Carol A. VanCamp, for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board.

HHSC welcomes Ms. VanCamp to the East Hawaii Regional Board of the State authorized safety-net system of fifteen community facilities in five regions statewide.

Ms. VanCamp has extensive business experience in the private business sector and is active in Big Island community, business, education, and service organizations. Her professional qualifications in communications and business management and her devotion to community and professional organizations will certainly contribute to responsible decision-making and governance to advance the East Hawaii regional and system-wide mission of providing and enhancing accessible, quality healthcare services in Hawaii's communities.

It is a pleasure to strongly support your consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Carol A. VanCamp to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board. Thank you.

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### **TESTIMONY SUPPORTING GM #397**

Consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board, Gubernatorial Nominee Carol A. VanCamp, for a term to expire 6/30/2010

Ronald Schurra Chief Executive Officer of East Hawaii Region, HHSC

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee Carol A. VanCamp, for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board, established pursuant to Act 290 in 2007.

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The East Hawaii Region welcomes Ms. VanCamp to the newly established East Hawaii Regional Board of Directors. Ms. VanCamp has extensive business experience and is active in Big Island community, business, and service organizations. Her background in communications, marketing and property management and her devotion to community organizations and agencies will bring valuable perspective and informed decision-making to governance of the East Hawaii Region and its mission of enhancing accessible, quality health care in the state authorized safety-net healthcare system

Your consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Carol A. VanCamp to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board is respectfully requested. Thank you.

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> April 2, 2008, 1:15 PM Conference Room 016 Hawaii State Capitol

#### **TESTIMONY SUPPORTING GM #397**

Consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board, Gubernatorial Nominee Carol A. VanCamp, for a term to expire 6/30/2010

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Your consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Carol A. VanCamp to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board is respectfully requested. Thank you.

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### Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii

Feb. 11, 2008

The Honorable David Ige Chair, Senate Committee on Health State Capitol Honolulu Hawaii

Re:

NOMINATION OF CAROL VAN CAMP HHSC – East Hawaii Regional Board

Aloha Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

My name is Paula Helfrich and I am CEO of the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii. I am pleased to provide testimony in support of the nomination of Carol Van Camp to the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board.

Health care is increasingly the number one concern for our statewide communities, and especially the remote rural areas of Hawaii Island, who depend on the existing facilities for more and more of their health needs as rural facilities, practitioners and health care management systems are impacted.

We appreciate the level of support provided by the legislature to many of this year's initiatives and believe that private-sector partnerships are crucial to the effort ahead. Carol Van Camp has served in an exceptionally broad series of volunteer community activities and organizations, and is just the person to assist your efforts for HHSC's East Hawaii Regional Board. She understands the issues and will provide wisdom and good counsel.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Yours sincerely,

Paula Z. Helfrich CEO

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February 12, 2008

The Honorable Senator David Ige, Chair Senate Committee on Health 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re:

Carol Van Camp

HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board Nominee

Dear Senator Ige:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of the nomination of Carol Van Camp for the East Hawaii Regional Board of the HHSC.

I have known Carol for about nine years. We both serve on the Board of Directors for Junior Achievement of Hawaii Island. Carol has been an active member of our board, volunteering to be secretary, assisting in fundraising efforts and volunteering her time to help judge and help our youth learn about business and the free enterprise system. Carol provides great ideas and insight which allows our board to reach about 3,500 students from elementary to high school in East Hawaii.

I believe that Carol will be an asset to the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board. I am sure that she will bring the same commitment, vision and dedication to this board and will help the board address critical health care issues relating to the Hilo Medical Center.

Carol's community involvement evidences that she has the requisite skills to serve in this critical position. Besides being on the Jr. Achievement Board, she is on the Friends of the Drug Court, on the Advisory Committee to the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Business and Economics and on the board of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce and is a past president.

Very truly your

I strongly recommend that the Senate confirm Carol Van Camp as a member to the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board.

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cc: Carol Van Camp

Harry Kim
Mayor



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Barbara J. Kossow Deputy Managing Director

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February 13, 2008

The Honorable David Ige Chair, Senate Committee on Health Hawaii State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Ige and Committee Members:

Please accept this letter in support of the appointment of Carol VanCamp to the new HHSC East Hawai'i Regional Board.

I have known Carol for a number of years, and she is an extremely active member of the East Hawai'i community. Her knowledge and experience will serve us well as the Regional Board plays its role in solving the healthcare problems that we face in Hawai'i.

Very truly yours,

Andrew Levin

**Executive Director** 

February 12, 2008

Senator David Ige, Chair, Senate Committee on Health 415 South Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige,

This letter is to extend my support for Carol VanCamp as an appointee on the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board.

I have had the distinct pleasure of working with Carol VanCamp on many educational and community support programs throughout the years and cannot imagine a better person to serve on the board. Carol is dedicated, diligent, and understands the expectations of our community.

Through Carol's collaborative efforts with members of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce, Japanese Chamber of Commerce, the Business Education Partnership and the local Journey through the Universe team we have impacted thousands due to her organizational and coordinated programming skills.

Carol would be a great asset to the East Hawaii Regional Board, an extremely important board that needs people of high character to assist in repairing our medical system in the islands.

If you have further questions about Mrs. VanCamp, please feel free to write me at <a href="mailto:jharvey@gemini.edu">jharvey@gemini.edu</a> or call at my Gemini Office, (808) 974-2603.

Sincerely yours,

Janice Harvey



### GOV. MSG. NO. 450

#### **EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS**

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

February 19, 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 Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation East Hawai'i Regional Board.

Genevieve A. Kinney PhD

Term to Expire: June 30, 2009

Sincerely,

LINDA LING<del>L</del>Z

GM 450

David Y. Ige, Chair Senate Health Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215 415 South Bertania Street Honolulu, Hi 96813

Dear Senator Ige, aloha mai,

Please find, for your review, the attached copy of my testimony asking for my nomination to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board. I have also mailed copies of my testimony to the Senate Health Committee Vice Chair, Senator Carol Fukunaga, Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator Ron Menor, and Senator Paul Whalen.

I may be reached at my home 808 959 0070. If there are any additional questions, please do not hesitate to notify me.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Lehuanani OKilauea Kinney RN Ph.D.

549 Aune Rd

Aliso, Sti. 96720

GM-450

### Governor's Message Number: 450

#### Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Health

Chair David Y. Ige, members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to present background information about myself for your consideration of my confirmation to the East Hawaii Regional Board Commission.

I was born in Hawaii, grew up in Ka'a'awa, Kaneohe and Waimanalo. I attended and graduated from Roosevelt High School. After becoming a R.N., I spent 2 1/2 years in the Air force Nurse Corps then attended Columbia University in New York and eventually completed a Ph.D. in transcultural nursing. As a nurse educator, I have worked at UH Manoa School of Nursing, Hawaii Community College and retired as chair of the UH Hilo BSN Nursing Program.

The opportunity to work with others in a positive manner to address health issues affecting the citizens of East Hawaii is welcomed. Attention to the shortage of nurses and doctors, clean environments, homelessness and and health care for returning veterans are some issues that will challenge the committee.

Thank you for your trust. I humbly ask you to support my nomination to the East Hawaii Regional Board Commission.

Genevieve LehuananiOKilauea Kinney

549 Auwae Road Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 959 0070



### THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

> April 2, 2008, 1:15 PM Conference Room 016 Hawaii State Capitol

### **TESTIMONY SUPPORTING GM #450**

Consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board, Gubernatorial Nominee Genevieve A. Kinney PhD, for a term to expire 6/30/2009

Thomas M. Driskill, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC)

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee Genevieve Kinney PhD, for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board.

HHSC welcomes Dr. Kinney to the East Hawaii Regional Board of Directors of the State authorized safety-net system of fifteen community facilities in five regions statewide.

Dr. Kinney has extensive professional expertise, community awareness and healthcare knowledge to share from her distinguished career accomplishments that include clinical nursing and teaching; professional presentations on trans-cultural and multi-cultural nursing, healthcare, health promotion and patient issues; professional honors and awards; numerous appointments on government boards; and active community service.

HHSC and the community will certainly benefit from her highly qualified professional and personal dedication to informed governance and decision-making for the advancement of the mission and values of the State authorized system of community hospitals.

It is a pleasure to strongly support your consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Genevieve Kinney PhD to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board. Thank you.

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> April 2, 2008, 1:15 PM Conference Room 016 Hawaii State Capitol

#### **TESTIMONY SUPPORTING GM #450**

Consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board, Gubernatorial Nominee Genevieve A. Kinney PhD, for a term to expire 6/30/2009

Ronald Schurra
Chief Executive Officer of East Hawaii Region, HHSC

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee Genevieve Kinney PhD, for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board, established pursuant to Act 290 in 2007.

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The East Hawaii Region welcomes Dr. Kinney to the newly established East Hawaii Regional Board of Directors. Dr. Kinney contributes extensively to the island communities and the state in her professional and service capacities. Her distinguished career as a nursing educator and lecturer, her public service on appointed boards and commissions, as well as service to community organizations and agencies, and professional honors and awards are impressive. Dr. Kinney is dedicated to the community and will certainly apply her community awareness and healthcare knowledge to highly qualified governance of the East Hawaii Region in its mission to enhance access to quality care for residents and visitors on the Big Island.

Your consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Genevieve Kinney PhD to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board is respectfully requested. Thank you.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT HILO

Baccalaureate Nursing Natural Sciences Division

March 8, 2008

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair Hawaii State Senate Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215 415 South Beritania St Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Governor's Message number 450

Dear Senator David Ige,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for the nomination of Dr. Genevieve Kinney to the East Hawaii Regional Commission. I have had the great fortune of working under Dr. Kinney's leadership as the Director of Nursing at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. She is a wonderful mentor and a true visionary for healthcare.

Dr. Kinney has been involved in Nursing Education and health care issues on the Island of Hawaii for many years. When she created the University of Hawaii at Hilo Baccalaureate Nursing Program she included in the curriculum Transcultural Care and Health Promotion. Her strong belief in healthcare disparities in our community led to several student service projects related to healthcare issues we face not only on the Island of the Hawaii, but globally.

Dr. Kinney and I have worked closely on research projects and have attended seminars and conferences directly related to public health, healthcare education, and environmental concerns. She has a voice that is well respected among community people of all ages. She is deeply committed to health promotion and has a great understanding of the healthcare issues of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Dr. Kinney is a former member of the Hawaii State Board of Nursing, Advisory Board member of the Department of Health, a member of the East Hawaii Management Council, the University of Hawaii at Hilo Advisory Board member, and many other important Boards. She has the experience and the passion to improve healthcare for the state of Hawaii. I know she would be a great asset to the new and significant East Hawaii Regional Board.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kay Daub, EdD, CTN, CNE, RN
BSN Dept. Chair and Associate Professor

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### THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

April 2, 2008, 1:15 PM Conference Room 016 Hawaii State Capitol

### **TESTIMONY SUPPORTING GM #450**

Consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board, Gubernatorial Nominee Genevieve A. Kinney PhD, for a term to expire 6/30/2009

Ronald Schurra Chief Executive Officer of East Hawaii Region, HHSC

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee Genevieve Kinney PhD, for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board, established pursuant to Act 290 in 2007.

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Your consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Genevieve Kinney PhD to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board is respectfully requested. Thank you.

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### GOV. MSG. NO. 451

### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

February 19, 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 Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation West Hawai'i Regional Board.

Daniel E. Rick RPT

Term to Expire: June 30, 2009

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

### Daniel E. Rick

PO Box 647 Captain Cook, Hawaii 96704 808-937-1236

March 25, 2008

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige Chair Senate Committee on Health 415 South Beretania Street, Room 215 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator David Ige:

This letter is to express my interest in service on the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation West Hawaii Regional Board of Directors. I am a resident of the State of Hawaii residing on my coffee farm in Captain Cook, on the Big Island. I am co-owner and active clinician in a large Physical Therapy practice with clinics in Kailua-Kona and Kealakekua. I have lived and worked in this Kona community on and off since 1989,

I am most interested in this role as a volunteer board member because of my personal and professional interest in quality healthcare in rural communities and my commitment to volunteer involvement in community and professional organizations that serve to improve our community.

I am aware that service on the HHSC West Hawaii Regional Board of Directors is a volunteer position and that it requires active dedication and highly qualified decision-making in governance of the state authorized safety-net system. I am confident that I will successfully handle the responsibilities of a board member and know that this experience will also be invaluable to me.

I would appreciate the opportunity to serve on the board of the healthcare system of acute, long-term care and rural healthcare services with a mission to enhance accessibility to quality healthcare throughout the five regions in the system. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

(Resume Attached)

Dániel E. Rick

### Daniel E. Rick

PO Box 647 Captain Cook, Hawaii 96704 808-937-1236

March 27, 2008

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige Chair Senate Committee on Health 415 South Beretania Street, Room 215 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator David Ige:

With regard to potential conflict of interest: my wife, Lenore Rick, recently contracted with Kona Community Hospital to staff and run their Anesthesia Department.

Although I do not feel this is a conflict, I will await the determination of the committee.

Sincerely,

Daniel Rick



## THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH Senator David Y. Ige, Chair Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

April 2, 2008, 1:15 PM Conference Room 016 Hawaii State Capitol

### **TESTIMONY SUPPORTING GM #451**

Consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation West Hawaii Regional Board Gubernatorial Nominee Daniel E. Rick RPT, for a term to expire 6/30/2009

Thomas M. Driskill, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC)

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee Daniel E. Rick RPT, for consideration and confirmation to Hawaii Health Systems Corporation West Hawaii Regional Board.

HHSC welcomes Mr. Rick to the West Hawaii Regional Board of the State authorized safety-net system of fifteen community facilities in five regions statewide.

Mr. Rick has valuable expertise to share from his professional experiences as a registered physical therapist, rehabilitation clinician and business owner in West Hawaii. His professional healthcare and business experience and interest in serving the West Hawaii community will certainly contribute to informed decision-making and highly responsible governance to advance the community healthcare system and access to quality services in the West Hawaii Region.

It is a pleasure to strongly support your consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Daniel E. Rick RPT to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation West Hawaii Regional Board. Thank you.

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Earl Greenia
West Hawaii Region Interim Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee Daniel E. Rick RPT, for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation West Hawaii Regional Board, established pursuant to Act 290 legislation in 2007.

Kona Community Hospital is a major acute care hospital and Kohala Hospital is a Critical Access Hospital (CAH) of the West Hawaii Region, serving approximately 60,000 people on the West side of the Big Island.

The West Hawaii Region welcomes Mr. Rick to the newly established Regional Board of Directors to which he brings healthcare knowledge, professional, business experience, and commitment to serving the community. We look forward to Mr. Rick's service on the West Hawaii Regional Board with highly informed decision-making and enhanced community-based governance to advance the safety-net healthcare system and access to quality services for residents and visitors in the West Hawaii communities.

We respectfully request your consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Daniel E. Rick RPT to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation West Hawaii Regional Board. Thank you.

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March 17, 2008

Senate Committee on Health State of Hawaii

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: DANIEL RICK, RPT

I am delighted to learn that Dan is being considered to serve on the Board of Directors of the Kona Community Hospital.

As a business owner of Club Rehab with two outlets, Dan is fully aware of the challenges of running a business (employees, schedules, finance, etc.), especially one most aware of the health insurance industry. The fact that he has a working relationship with doctors would be beneficial to the Board.

Dan is also in the trenches working as a Physical Therapist. As a patient in his clinic, I have seen him work with young and old, men and women, various ethnic backgrounds, and I am in awe of his excellent ability to communicate. He seems to have a compassion for each patient in their struggles, with a passion to help people understand their injury or disability so they can get better.

As a teacher and business owner in the community for over 35 years, I believe our hospital will benefit from the talents of this good man. I highly recommend Daniel Rick as a Director to sit on the Board.

Most respectfully,

Stonne J. Bill

Glenna T. Bell

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March 20, 2008

State of Hawaii - Senate Committee on Health

Recommendation Letter: Daniel Rick

To Whom It May Concern:

My husband and I have run a small and successful Kona coffee farm, selling all of our own and an equal amount, solely via the Internet. We have been in business in Honaunau for 20 years. I am also a member of the Kona Coffee Farmers Association. We have known Daniel Rick as a personal friend for over 19 years, and I have also known Dan as a superb health care giver with a compassionate heart.

About 6 years ago, I broke my leg and needed physical therapy. Dan was a patient and competent clinician and after months of physical therapy at Club Rehab under his kind tutelage, my leg was back to normal. It was obvious from my time at Club Rehab, that the company reflects his commitment to quality patient care.

I think Dan would be wonderful on the Board of Kona Community Hospital because he is a genuinely kind person, with a real commitment as a health care professional, as well as being a successful businessman and contributing member of our community. I want that kind of person on our Community's hospital board.

I am deeply impressed by Dan and can recommend him unhesitatingly. I am confident that, if selected for your Board's vacancy, he would provide the same high level of service and commitment. If you have any questions or wish to speak further about Daniel Rick, please feel free to call me at 328.8060.

Sincerely,

Cecelia B. Smith

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