

GM 321

Dr. Andrew Don

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems
Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANDREW DON MD,
for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

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

Dear Senator Ige,

Thank you in advance for your consideration regarding my nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health System Corporation. In response to your request for information regarding my interest in serving on the Board, 1) I have enclosed my curriculum vitae and 2) provide the following statements to address the questions posed:

a) I wish to be a member of the Board of Directors of HHSC - to continue to deliver quality health care to neighbor islands and rural communities.

b) Role and responsibilities of a member of this board - to assure quality healthcare to the neighbor islands as well as a safety net to citizens not able to afford health care

c) My qualifications for the HHSC board membership - I am a physician/surgeon practicing on Maui since 1973. Hospital appointments include active and consulting staff member of Maui Memorial Medical Center, Hale Makua and Kula hospital. In addition to a highly successful practice on Maui, I have served on various committees at MMMC, including the creation of a hospital cancer program accredited by the American College of Surgeons as well as Chief of Surgery from 1987-1989. In the community I have served as a board member of the American Cancer Society as well as ACS Professional education Chair on Maui. I was President of the Maui County Medical Society and Hawaii Medical Association. As President of HMA in 1993-1994 I was instrumental in the smooth transition of the Medicaid Program to the Hawaii Quest Program under Governor John Waihee's administration. I was appointed to the Hawaii Quest Medical Advisory Committee and served as Chair to ensure that the transition did not adversely affect our indigent patient population. I have served on the HHSC Board of Directors Quality Improvement Assurance Committee and Credentials sub-committee, and presently serve as Chair of HHSC Board of Directors.

d) What I hope to accomplish during term of office – a system approach to health care in the neighbor islands including 1) maintaining quality care, 2) protecting the safety net, 3) improving services to neighbor island communities and 4) decreasing subsidy from the state.

e) Personal qualities and benefit to the HHSC Board of Directors – Honesty, ability to listen without making hasty decisions, and ability to create win-win scenarios.

f) Previous experience and benefit to Board – Keeping Board members working together for solutions

g) I can not foresee any conflicts of interests that could arise during my serviced on the Board of HHSC.

After more than 30 years in a busy practice on Maui, I have been making plans for retirement and becoming more involved in community service. I understand the complexities involved in governance of the State's system of services with respect to its safety net mission and in light of today's extremely dynamic healthcare environment and economic conditions that present challenges for providers, patients and policy makers. I believe that I have the experience and background to help and would appreciate the opportunity to dedicate service to governance of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and the State's healthcare safety net during this time of significant change and transition..

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Don', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew Don, M.D.



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Testimony in Support of GM 321 Gubernatorial Nomination of ANDREW DON, MD, to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation for a term to expire 6-30-2013

By Vince Lee, FACHE
Chief Executive Officer
Oahu Region, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Thank you for the opportunity to support GM 321, Gubernatorial Nomination of Andrew Don, M.D. to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

In addition to Dr. Don's successful private practice for over 30 years, he has provided community service in the medical and health care communities, including community health facilities and associations, county and state medical associations. Dr. Don also serves on the HHSC Board of Directors and presently as Chair, exercises leadership and constructive dialogue among the corporation and regional boards, management, and stakeholders to address the many issues that impact the safety net mission of the organization, access to quality health care, and financial consideration during a time of transition and numerous challenges for the corporation and regions.

I fully support your confirmation and consideration of Andrew Don, M.D. to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. Thank you.



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TESTIMONY SUPPORTING GM 321

Consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation gubernatorial nominee Andrew Don, M.D., for a term to expire 6-30-2013

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

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Andrew Don, M.D., as a member of the HHSC Board of Directors. Dr. Don is an outstanding nominee who has proven himself as a tremendous asset to the State in his board governance role of the state's healthcare safety-net system. Presently chair of the HHSC Board of Directors, he serves to ensure the viability and sustainability of healthcare services provided by all the HHSC facilities located throughout the state of Hawaii.

Dr. Don has been in private practice and public service capacities in the Maui community and is exceptionally committed to quality improvement activities and financial sustainability for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. The Board, with Dr. Don's leadership has remained unified, particularly during this significant period of change for the corporation and regional systems. He is highly qualified to serve and his combined medical expertise, healthcare knowledge and community compassion have focused tremendous contributions to governance, deliberations and decision-making on the numerous and complex HHSC operational and financial issues.

HHSC strongly supports the confirmation of Andrew Don M.D., to serve Hawaii and its citizens as a member of the Board of Directors for Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. Thank you.



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Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee Andrew
Don, MD, for a term to expire 6-30-2013

By Roseanne Harrigan, Ed.D.

Honorable Senators,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony supporting the
Gubernatorial Nomination of Andrew Don, M.D., to the Board of
Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Dr. Don is a highly qualified physician and dedicated community
advocate for access to quality health care in Hawaii. He will serve to
the benefit of the State and the health care system with his knowledge
of Hawaii's health care issues and challenges,
commitment to meeting community needs and leadership to improve
the health care safety net and financial concerns.

I am pleased to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health
Systems Corporation and strongly support your consideration and
confirmation of Dr Don. Thank you.

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By M. Jean Odo

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Dr. Andrew Don, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Dr. Don has a record of achievement in his medical profession and as a community advocate for access to quality health care to neighbor islands and rural communities. He is currently Chair of the HHSC Board of Directors and serves with leadership skills that encourage discussion, understanding and decision-making on complex issues that must be addressed to assure more efficiency in system and regional operations and structure.

I urge your confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Andrew Don, MD to the HHSC Board of Directors. Thank you.

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