

GM 643

DATE: Wednesday April 6, 2011
TIME: 3:00 p.m.

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GM 643 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, **AMY DOFF**, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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Senate Committee on Health

GM 643, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation
2 of Amy Doff to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the
5 Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Amy Doff. Ms. Doff
6 is a public health practitioner who is dedicated to keeping communities healthy through sound
7 policy decisions. She obtained a Masters of Public Health from the University of Hawaii at
8 Manoa in 2010, specializing in Health Policy and Management. She served on the Healthy
9 Hawaii Initiative Evaluation Team and understands the importance of collaboration and
10 systems thinking for health planning.

11 We ask for your support in the confirmation of Amy Doff to the Hawaii County Subarea
12 Health Planning Council.

green2 - Kealaonalehua

From: JoAnn Tsark [JTsark@papaolalokahi.org]
Sent: Friday, April 01, 2011 12:16 AM
To: green2 - Kealaonalehua
Subject: Testimony in support of Amy Doff, candidate for the Governor's Health Planning Council for Hawaii County Subarea.

Senator Josh Green, Chairman
Health Committee
State Capitol

March 31, 2011

Aloha Senator Green:

Re: Amy Doff, nominee for consideration on the Governor's Health Planning Council for Hawaii County Subarea.

I am submitting this letter of support for Ms. Amy Doff, nominee for the Governor's Health Planning Council for Hawaii County. Ms. Doff will bring a broad perspective in public health, particularly in the area of health policy. She is passionate about her role as a public health advocate and in her experience as staff of the Healthy Hawai'i Initiative Evaluation, gained valuable insights to health disparities in our homeland, with sensitivity as a Puna resident to health concerns on the neighbor islands.

Ms. Doff would serve actively and passionately and should be strongly considered for this post.

Mahalo piha,

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Christine Kornet

IN SUPPORT OF GM 643: AMY DOFF

April 4, 2011

Senator Joshua Green
Chair, Health Committee

Dear Senator Green and Committee Members:

In enthusiastic support of Amy Doff's bid for a seat on the Health Planning Council for the Hawaii County Subarea, I am providing a letter of testimony.

Amy was a student in four of my undergraduate courses at UH-Hilo - Zoology and Lab, and Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II. She then became a volunteer tutor for the A&P courses, much appreciated by her students, and has since then remained an unofficial advisee and friend. An academic star, Amy maintained "A" grades on virtually every exam in those courses, earned scores in the high 90's percentiles, and performed well above the level of her classmates in every way.

But it is not just her performance on course requirements that has earned Amy the title "the most memorable student" of my nearly 20 years of teaching (and frankly, my most favorite). It is based on who she is and how she learns and communicates. Learning the class notes is only the beginning for Amy. She proceeds from there to explore a subject on her own, to communicate her ideas, to question, and to engage her classmates in her learning process. She is not simply bright and hard working, but endlessly curious, resourceful, bold and unfettered about learning.

I see these qualities as ones which would serve Amy well as a member of the Health Planning Council. She is quick to compile and absorb data, but equally adept at applying that information to the larger issue. She draws from a variety of disciplines to explore the implications of a topic. Her goal is often to identify and solve problems, recognizing that a multilateral view of situations is usually the best approach in designing a lasting solution. I watched Amy successfully navigate her way through the delicate politics of a multicultural research project, as an undergraduate. Her conflict resolution program for the Hawaii public schools was an academic endeavor, yet her polished final report captured the interest of administrators at the school that she used as her model.

Now, with her MPH, this natural leader, manager and teacher enters the world of "real" issues. Amy's projects will always be well researched, delivered on time, and have, as their guiding principle, the betterment of her fellow man. She cares deeply about humanity, on both a personal and a global scale. We need folks like Amy helping to improve health care for the people of the Big Island.

Sincerely,

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From: Elise Davis [eldavis@hawaii.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, April 05, 2011 12:01 PM
To: green2 - Kealaonalehua
Subject: IN SUPPORT OF GM 643: AMY DOFF

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Dear Senator Green,

I am writing to express support for Amy Doff to the position on the Health Planning Council Hawaii County Sub-area. Amy's professional and personal life have been exemplified by a focused drive and commitment to illuminating the importance of public health prevention measures and policies, especially in regards to the health of vulnerable populations.

Amy has been involved in several health-based assessments and projects. During the time she spent acquiring a Master's Degree in Health Policy and Management, Amy served as the chair of the the student group at the University of Hawaii Office of Public Health studies, where she facilitated student discussion and activities. She lead an assessment of the vulnerability of Hawaii to environmental hazards. She has been involved in a project documenting the importance and struggles of Hawaii's agricultural communities. She has also been a passionate advocate for the health and well-being of Hawaii's rural, immigrant, and houseless populations.

With her range of experiences and expertise in the area of health policy, the Health Planning Council would have a lot to gain from appointing Amy Doff. I am confident in her ability to inform discussion around the Hawaii State Health Plan and infuse the values of public health prevention into recommendations towards a healthier Hawaii. Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

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