



March 12, 2012

To: Chair Josh Green  
Members of the Senate Committees on Health  
From: Bob Ogawa, President  
Re: Nomination of Emmet White to the Statewide Health  
Coordinating Council

The Hawaii Long Term Care Association (HLTCA) wholeheartedly supports the nomination of Emmet White to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC). In the interest of the Committee's time, I will not go into extensive detail about Emmet's experience, expertise and eminent reputation. Without question, through the Governor's message, his testimony and that of others and your own connections to Hawaii's healthcare community, you are all well-familiar with his stellar qualifications and what he would bring to the SHCC.

Suffice it to say that, throughout the 15 years I have served as HLTCA President, I have had the honor (and pleasure) of working with Emmet both as a member and now-longstanding Board Chair. As such, I can tell you firsthand that there is no one, anywhere, who cares more about the well-being of our people, better understands how to ensure their quality of life and is more dedicated to ministering to their needs.

Part of HLTCA's mission statement says: *How we provide for Hawaii's kupuna, chronically ill and convalescent disabled is a measure of the respect and compassion we have for them . . . a reflection of our dignity as a society.*

Emmet White is the embodiment of that ideal, and we ask that you give your approval to his nomination. Thank you.