

TESTIMONY

GM601

**HTH
Confirmation Hearing
03-12-2012**

Submission by Fred Rohlfing requested by email of 2/17/2012 by Senate Health Committee. Statement replies to questions raised in said email by Mailene Oakland- Tialavea:

1. As a holdover on this Commission I believe I can contribute positively based on experience and knowledge acquired in my current term – 2008-2012.
2. While I was still serving as a State Senator from O’ahu the state established the State Health Planning & Development Agency (SHPDA), the SHCC, as well as the subarea councils. The process provides for citizen input into the health planning process to make certain that the total health services plans of the state are based upon informed decision making. As the last citizen comprised reviewing agency before administrative decision the SHCC plays a vital role in implementing the Hawaii Health Performance Plan (H2P2), The job of the SHCC is to perform a scrupulous review of proposals presented in meeting the criteria for approval of new facilities and/or services set forth in the statute.
3. My qualifications are based on more than 50 years of overall service in the Hawaii Legislature, Hawaii’s legal profession in public and private practice; federal service as a US Magistrate (Maui based), and as a Senior US Naval Intelligence officer(36 years): and County Corp Counsel ,etc. (see book “Island Son”)
4. I would like to focus on improving the capacity, availability, accessibility, and quality of emergency services for both residents and transients.
5. A) Familiarity with applicable laws, rules, procedures, and personnel

B) Ability to discern critical issues arising under the tests for the certificate of need.

C) A lifetime of court , administrative and political presentations.

6. Circumstances surrounding my wife's death in Honolulu hospital on Dec 27, 2011 which relate to access to emergency services. Study ways to improve access by visitors , traveling locals. Provide for a patient advocate to assist in securing emergency care,

7. Unlikely to have conflict. Would abstain voluntarily.

I will expand on this if anyone so desires,

Aloha,

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Senate Committee on Health

**GM 601, Gubernatorial Nominee to the
Statewide Health Coordinating Council**

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

**Monday, March 12, 2012
1:30 p.m.**

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

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the
5 SHCC Gubernatorial Nominee, Frederick Rohlfing. Mr. Rohlfing is a retired lawyer and a
6 former member of the Hawaii State Legislature. He was first elected to the House of
7 Representatives and served as Minority Floor Leader and Minority Leader. He was later
8 elected to the State Senate and served as Minority Policy Leader from 1966-75.

9 Mr. Rohlfing was President of Kula Community Association, member of the Kula CA
10 Community on commercial bike tours, and member of the Maui County Salary Commission.
11 He was active in roughwater and Masters competitive swimming from 1970-99, received
12 numerous Hawaii and national medals, and was a member of "Royal Hawaiian Ski Team".

13 Mr. Rohlfing has received numerous awards, including, the Maui News award for one of
14 10 "who made a difference in 2001"; and Maui Affordable Housing Alliance Meritorious Service
15 Award in 1990; and many more awards during his naval career.

- 1 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Mr. Frederick Rohlfing to the Statewide
- 2 Health Coordinating Council for a second term.