

# GM621

## CLIFFORD ALAKAI

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector, Gubernatorial Nominee, CLIFFORD ALAKAI, for a term to expire 6-30-2016 (Replaces GM610).

Report Title: Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector (Replaces GM610)

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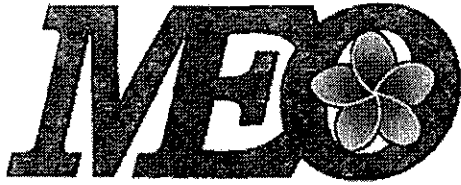
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2/6/2012	S	Received.
2/6/2012	S	Referred to CPN.
3/1/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 03-23-12 9:00AM in conference room 229.



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February 16, 2012

Senator Roz Baker  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Senatorial District 5  
Hawaii State Capitol Room 230  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Cliff Alakai's Nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector

Dear Senator Baker,

As a large non-profit in Maui County, I strongly support Mr. Cliff Alakai nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector. Mr. Alakai has been a board member of MEO since 2005. He represents Speaker Emeritus Souki on the MEO board.

Mr. Alakai brings his business and financial knowledge to the Finance Committee as well as the Board of Directors. He comes prepared and thoughtfully participates in the decisions made for the agency. He takes his duty of care, loyalty and fiduciary responsibilities very seriously.

MEO is very fortunate to have a person with such integrity, moral character and expertise on the Board of Directors.

I feel that the State of Hawaii would very fortunate to have Cliff as a board member of the Hawaii Health Connector.

Sincerely,

Lyn McNeff  
CEO

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February 16, 2012

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair, Commerce & Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Nomination to the Board of Directors, Hawaii Health Connector

Dear Senator Baker:

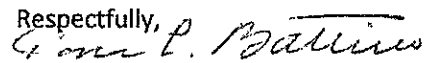
This is to strongly support the re-appointment of Mr. Clifford Alakai to the Hawaii Health Connector permanent Board of Directors. As I understand it, the Connector is exploring the formation of a health insurance exchange.

I have known and worked cooperatively with Mr. Alakai since he joined the Maui Medical Group in 1997 in my capacity of Vice President, Provider Services, HMSA. Prior to my employment at HMSA, I was the chief operating officer at Straub Clinic and Hospital over a period of twenty-five (25) years.

During the most recent past, I had the opportunity to work with Mr. Alakai on establishing an after-hours urgent care program for West Maui. If you will recall, we met during the initial planning phase of the program. Mr. Alakai's expertise and support made this new service a reality after many years of discussion.

As an independent health care consultant, I often call upon Mr. Alakai. And, although I have other colleagues in Hawaii and on the mainland, Mr. Alakai is at the top of my list in terms of integrity and knowledge of healthcare topics. Without question, one of the top healthcare leaders in Hawaii.

Mahalo for your work as a senator. Mr. Alakai will be a real asset to you and the Connector.

Respectfully,  
  
Tom L. Battisto  
Principal Consultant



MAUI MEMORIAL  
MEDICAL CENTER

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation—Maui Region

March 6, 2012

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker  
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker:

Regarding: **Cliff Alakai's Nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector**

As the Regional Chief Executive Officer of Maui Memorial Medical Center, I was pleased to learn that Cliff Alakai has been nominated to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector. I have known and worked with Mr. Alakai and Maui Medical Group for many years and we have an excellent working relationship. Mr. Alakai has a good understanding of the healthcare delivery system and his accounting background will be helpful in understanding financial transactions, insurance risk pools, and cash flow.

I strongly support Mr. Alakai's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector. He will be a valuable member of the Board.

Sincerely,

Wesley Lo  
Regional Chief Executive Officer



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February 22, 2012

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair, Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
senbaker@Capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: Nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector

Dear Senator Baker:

This serves as a letter of recommendation for Mr. Clifford Alakai, who has been nominated by Governor Abercrombie to serve on the permanent Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector (Connector). He is currently a Director on the interim Board and also serves as the Connector's Treasurer. His interim appointment ends on June 30, 2012.

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I am writing to endorse Cliff's nomination. For the last 25 years at American Medical Response/International Life Support, I have been an Emergency Medical Technician, as well as Field Operations Supervisor, Communications Manager and current Operations Manager for the island of Oahu. I hope my perspective will be helpful to you as you evaluate this exceptional nominee.

I've known Cliff since 1978 when we both attended St. Louis School. We were classmates as well as basketball team mates. We were also college mates attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I had become closely acquainted with his caring attitude towards others, and with his innate ability to relate to people on a very compassionate and humane level. He is certainly a man of integrity and has a strong work ethic and possesses exceptional leadership skills both *on and off the court*. Cliff certainly does everything by the book and will not stray off the path. He is meticulous, organized and thorough in everything he does, as should any CPA be.

I am confident that my recommendation of Cliff for this position is worthy. He is the person I would depend on, not only because he has the intelligence, but because he is compassionate, dedicated, responsible, energetic, and honest. I am deeply impressed by Cliff and recommend him unhesitatingly and wholeheartedly. I am confident, that if selected, he would provide the same high level of service and commitment as the permanent Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector.

If you have any questions or wish to speak further about Cliff, please feel free to call me at 808.487.4900.

Sincerely,

Andy Ancheta, MPH  
Operations Manager  
American Medical Response-Oahu



February 23, 2012

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
Chair, Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 230  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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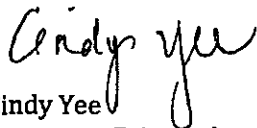
I am very pleased to submit this testimony in support of Clifford Alakai's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Connector. I have known Mr. Alakai since 1987 when we were colleagues at Coopers & Lybrand (now known as PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP), a global accounting firm, and he has always been insightful, maintained integrity and produced quality work.

Mr. Alakai developed a strong working relationship with his clients and staff due to his great communication skills, support and ability to work together as a team. He demonstrated his technical and analytical capabilities in relation to the client's financial reporting, but also learned the business and operational aspects of the companies to fully understand his clients. He was then able to offer insightful operational and financial recommendations to these companies.

Mr. Alakai portrayed effective leadership skills and ability to work with various individuals since he had to manage multiple engagements. He is very passionate in the work he does and I know his leadership and experience as the Clinic Administrator at Maui Medical Group for over ten years will be an asset to the Hawaii Health Connector. He continues to stay very active in professional and community organizations due to his strong desire to serve our community.

I strongly support Mr. Alakai's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Connector based on his qualifications, experience and ability to make a difference in the organizations he serves.

Sincerely,

  
Cindy Yee  
Assurance Principal

Clifford B. Alakai  
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March 8, 2012

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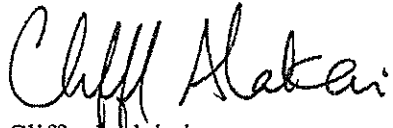
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Mahalo for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cliff Alakai". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Clifford Alakai

Attachments



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Mahalo,

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