

TESTIMONY

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**HTH
Committee Hearing
03-07-2012**

REYNALDO D. GRAULTY

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EDUCATION:

State University of New York-Albany, B.A., *magna cum laude*, 1970.
Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii, J.D., 1979.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

U.S. Army, 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI, 1972-1975.
Equitable Life Insurance Company, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1975-1976.
Organizer, Hotel Workers Union, Local 5, AFL-CIO, 1976-1979.
Senator Daniel K. Inouye, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1979-1980.
Private Law Practice, Honolulu, Hawaii, 1980-1997.
State House of Representatives, Moanalua-Salt-Lake, 1982-1986.
State Senate, Moanalua-Salt Lake-Aliamanu-Foster Village, 1992-1996.
State Insurance Commissioner, State of Hawaii, 1997-1999.
Circuit Court Judge, First Circuit, State of Hawaii, 1999-2009.
Private Law Practice, Mediator/Arbitrator, Honolulu, Hawaii, 2009-present.

PERSONAL:

Married, two children, five grandchildren.

March 5, 2012

TO: Honorable Josh Green (M.D.), Chair
Senate Committee on Health

FROM: Wilfredo Tungol, Esq.

RE: G.M. 682 – Gubernatorial Nomination of Reynaldo Grauly to the
Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Authority

Hearing: Wednesday, March 7, 2012; 1:30 p.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

Aloha Chair Green and Members of the Committee:

I am writing in SUPPORT of Judge Reynaldo Grauly's (Ret.) gubernatorial nomination to the Board of Directors of Hawaii Health Authority (HHA).

The HHA is tasked with overall health planning for the State and responsible for determining future capacity needs for health providers, facilities, equipment, and support services providers. The HHA, by virtue of its mandate, will also interface with the Hawaii Health Insurance Exchange, enacted into law (Act 205) last year. The rising costs of health care and the need to find creative ways to contain this rising costs, and yet provide an affordable and quality health care for our citizens is more important than ever. The HHA is tasked with finding and recommending solutions to this vexing problem to the legislature in anticipation of the establishment of the Hawaii Health Insurance Exchange in 2014, as required by the federal Affordable and Care Act of 2010.

Judge Grauly is well qualified to sit on this important policy making board. He has served in all branches of state government: as a legislator, as an executive branch administrator (Insurance Commissioner), and finally as a first circuit court judge. Judge Grauly's legal, legislative and professional background will serve the HHA Board well.

I humbly ask that you consider his nomination favorably and recommend his confirmation to the HHA Board.

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TESTIMONY OF ROBERT TOYOFUKU IN SUPPORT OF
THE NOMINATION OF REYNALDO GRAULTY TO THE HAWAII HEALTH
AUTHORITY

March 7, 2012

To: Chairman Dr, Josh Green and Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

My name is Bob Toyofuku and this testimony is being submitted in support of the nomination of Rey Grauly to the Hawai'i Health Authority.

I have known Rey Grauly for over 30 years and I feel that during his professional career as an attorney, Hawaii State Senator, Hawaii Insurance Commissioner and as a judge with the Hawaii State Judiciary, he has proved himself to be one of the outstanding leaders in our community. Rey has the reputation of being well prepared, articulate and hard working and also has a reputation for being a decisive and honest.

Rey Grauly will be an asset to the Hawaii Health Authority because of his experience and background and I strongly support his nomination and urge his confirmation by this committee and the Hawaii State Senate.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.