

TESTIMONY

GM689

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

February 28, 2012

Senator Josh Green, MD
415 South Beretania St.
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

ATTN: Mailene Oakland-Tialavea

Dear Senator Green,

I am writing to express my desire to be reappointed to the State Board of Health. During the past year, I have served as a member of the State Board of Health. I believe that I have positively contributed to the Board of Health through my involvement and by sharing my 30 plus years in Hawaii's health care and public health service.

In my role as member of the Board of Health, I provide a professional and community perspective of Hawaii's public issues. I take seriously my responsibility of advising the Director of Health on public health, health care and community health concerns and issues that impact the public health of Hawaii.

As a member of the Board of Health, I hope to make an impact in improving the health of Hawaii's communities, through supporting the health department initiatives, programs and budget. My skills, knowledge and experience in the Hawaii Health Care industry provides a solid foundation for decision making that is required for the board of health.

I possess qualities and character of integrity, ability to clearly define issues and caring for the best interest of our communities. I am proud of my role in the development of Hawaii's first Hospice (St. Francis Hospice) program/service in the State of Hawaii.

In regard to potential conflict of interest, I will recuse myself if I or my fellow board members believe I have a conflict and I will seek advisement from the State Ethics Commission.

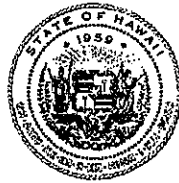
I will be glad to serve another term as a member of the State Board of Health. I hope you and your committee will be favorable to my Senate confirmation.

Sincerely,



Vincent Lee, FACHE
Regional Chief Executive Officer
Oahu Region
Hawaii Health System Corporation

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LORETTA J. FUDDY, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
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In reply, please refer to:
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Senate Committee on Health

March 7, 2012

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

**G.M. 689, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawaii Board of
Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, Vincent Lee, for a term to expire 6-30-2016**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports confirmation of Vincent Lee to
2 serve on the Hawaii Board of Health for a term to expire on June 30, 2015.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** To confirm the appointment of Vincent Lee to serve on
5 The Board of Health representing Oahu.

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7 Vincent Lee is the Regional Chief Executive Officer for Leahi Hospital. Prior to assuming his present
8 position, Mr. Lee held a variety of administrative and management position in healthcare settings on
9 Oahu.

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11 Mr. Lee has extensive experience in healthcare, community programs and public health and has served
12 on the Board of Health for one year. He has previously served on many boards and commissions in both
13 the public and private sectors, including the mayor's Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council,
14 the Governor's Hawaii State Emergency Medical Services Commission, the Governor's Hawaii State
15 Commission on Persons with Disabilities, and many community organizations.

1 His professional experience both in the public and private sectors are assets to the Board.

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3 We respectfully request your expeditious and favorable consideration in reconfirming Vincent Lee to
4 continue serving on the Board of Health as a representative for Oahu.

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6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this appointment.



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March 1, 2012

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**TO: The Honorable Josh Green, M. D., Chair,
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Health**

**FROM: Avery B. Chumbley, Chair
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation
Board of Directors**

**RE: GM 689 – Testimony in Support of Gubernatorial
Nominee Vincent Lee For Consideration and
Confirmation to the Board of Health.**

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Board of Directors, I appreciate this opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Vincent H.S. Lee, as a member of the state Board of Health.

It is our pleasure to support the appointment of Mr. Lee, who has extensive experience in health care, including both acute and long-term care and public health. Mr. Lee was instrumental in the establishment and facilitation of numerous community-hospital health initiatives that have served as effective models in the continuum of health care provisions for acute, nursing-home, and community-based care.

In addition to his regional chief executive officer duties and responsibilities of the HHSC Oahu region, Mr. Lee presently serves as an ex-officio member of the HHSC Corporate Board of Directors and maintains strong and committed advocacy for long-term care needs.

Mr. Lee's professional commitment, to continually improve public health, is noted on his curriculum vitae.

The state of Hawaii should strongly feel confident that Mr. Lee will be able to address Hawaii's immediate and long-term public health issues.

On behalf of the HHSC Corporate Board of Directors, I am proud to support Mr. Vincent Lee during this confirmation process in becoming a board member of the state Board of Health.

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SENATE COMMITTEE HEALTH
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair

Conference Room 229
March 7, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

Testimony in support of GM 689, which nominates Vincent Lee to the Board of Health.

My name is George W. Greene, President and CEO of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), whose membership includes all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, two-thirds of the long term care beds, home care agencies and hospices, and other related provider organizations. Our provider members employ more than 40,000 people statewide, delivering quality care to the people of Hawaii. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Vincent Lee to the Board of Health.

The Board of Health is established by law to advise the Director of Health on the multitude of issues within the jurisdiction of the Department of Health. The Board of Health consists of eleven voting members appointed by the Governor, who has re-appointed Vincent Lee, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Vincent Lee has had more than 25 years experience in senior health care administration. He is currently one of the Regional Chief Executive Officers of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. Prior to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation he served with the Department of Health and St. Francis Hospital. During his career he has volunteered extensively with agencies such as the Governor's Hawaii State Emergency Medical Services Commission, the Kalihi-Palama Clinic, the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society, the Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii, United Cerebral Palsy Association, and Kahuku Medical Center. Through his employment and volunteer activities, Vincent Lee has developed a unique understanding of many of the functions and responsibilities of the Department of Health.

The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation is a member of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and I have worked with Vincent Lee on various projects. I have been impressed with his knowledge of health care, his organizational skills, and his commitment to maintaining the quality of health care for the people of Hawaii. I am confident that he will be a valued member of the Board of Health.

For the foregoing reasons, the Healthcare Association supports GM 689.

GM089

**St. Francis**HEALTHCARE SYSTEM OF HAWAII
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March 5, 2012

Via Facsimile to (808) 586-9391Senator Josh Green
State Capitol, Room 222
S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Senator Josh Green:

On behalf of the St. Francis Healthcare System, I appreciate this opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Vincent H.S. Lee, as a member of the State Board of Health.

Mr. Lee is an excellent candidate to continue serving the public on the Board of Health. He possesses extensive healthcare knowledge and experience as an administrator, public policy advocate, and community services. His professional experience both in the public and private sectors will make him an invaluable member and a great asset to the Board.

I respectfully request your consideration in confirming Mr. Lee to serve on the Board of Health as a representative for Oahu.

Thank you for this opportunity to write in support of Mr. Vincent Lee. Should you make further inquiries concerning Mr. Lee, please do not hesitate to contact me at 547-8002.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sister Agnelle Ching, OSF".

Sister Agnelle Ching, OSF
Chief Sponsorship Officer

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**Senate Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair**

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

Testimony in Support of GM 689, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, VINCENT LEE, for a term to expire 6-30-2016

Bruce S. Anderson, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Thank you for providing me with an opportunity to provide testimony in support of Vincent Lee as a gubernatorial nominee for the Board of Health.

Vincent H.S. Lee has been serving as chief executive officer for the HHSC Oahu region (Leahi Hospital, Maluhia, and Kahuku Medical Center) since 2001. In addition, he has served on the HHSC Corporate Board of Directors since its inception in 2009. Throughout his career Vince has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to improving the long-term care services throughout the State of Hawaii.

Last month, Leahi and Maluhia received a four and five star rating from the Center for Medicaid Services (CMS), respectively, reflecting the highest levels of quality for nursing home facility. These objective rating go to show that leadership and service often trump the physical condition of those facilities. Vince and his team have done an outstanding job providing excellent long-term services despite the aging infrastructure at these facilities. His leadership in facilitating the affiliation with Kahuku Hospital also speaks well to his ability to forge partnerships and foster collaboration among healthcare providers.

Looking forward, Vince has been championing the creation of a Center for Excellence in long-term care at Leahi and looking for opportunities to collaborate with St. Francis Healthcare in providing long-term care services to needy communities in Honolulu.

Mr. Lee's desire to share his life-long experience with me and the HHSC Board of Directors has been inspirational. He will be a tremendous asset to the Board of Health and I unequivocally support his nomination.

The Twenty-sixth Legislature
State of Hawaii
Committee on Health

Wednesday, March 7, 2012
Conference Room 229
1:30p.m.

GM 689
Board of Health
Nominee Vincent Lee

Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

I am very pleased to submit my testimony in **SUPPORT** of Mr. Vincent Lee to continue serving on the Board of Health.

Mr. Lee has devoted his entire career which spans over 40 years in health care to ensure that Hawaii's residents as well as the many visitors to our state will be provided excellent health care. His credentials are impeccable and his integrity is of the highest level. He has a Masters in Public Health and was employed as the System Vice President at the St. Francis Health System for approximately 26 years. The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation was fortunate to recruit Mr. Lee in 2001 to serve as the Oahu Region Chief Executive Officer. His expansive hospital administrative skills continue to promote initiatives to ensure that the Long Term Care capacity in the state will be able to provide the medical needs of our aging residents. Mr. Lee has held many distinguished leadership positions in national as well as local professional health care associations.

Mr. Lee will be an excellent nominee to continue to serve the public on the Board of Health. His extensive experience and knowledge in the health care field will prove to be valuable in assisting the Director of Health in implementing and overseeing various initiatives and programs so Hawaii will continue to be recognized as the "Health State" nationwide.

I respectfully request you **SUPPORT** of Vincent Lee as a member of the Board of Health.

Sincerely,

Carolee C. Kubo