

TESTIMONY

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

March 9, 2012

7413 Makaa Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825

The Honorable Josh Green
State Capitol, Rm. 222
415 South Beretania
Honolulu, Hawaii 9681

Re: Dr. Deborah Juarez nomination to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea
Dear Senator Green:

This is my personal statement in response to your questions.

I wish to be a member of the Health Planning Council because I want to assist in evaluating our health care system to ensure accessible and effective care.

I perceive that the role and responsibilities of a member of the Health Planning Council include promoting community education and awareness of health planning issues, providing input on Certificate of Need applications when requested, and attending Council Meetings to keep apprised of the current issues.

I believe that I am qualified for the position based on my skills, expertise, and knowledge. I have a doctorate in health economics and a Master's in public policy, with a focus on domestic policy issues. I also have 10 years of experience working at HMSA. Currently, I am an Associate Professor at the University of Hawaii's College of Pharmacy.

During my term of service, I hope to provide input to the council that will help to promote accessible and effective health care in Honolulu.

Three qualities that best describe me are: 1) knowledgeable; 2) reasonable; 3) unbiased.

These qualities will benefit the Health Planning Council in that to contribute effectively to the council, one needs to be knowledgeable about the issues and basic economic principles, to be reasonable in weighing pros and cons of proposed plans, and to be unbiased in decision-making.

I have had previous experience teaching health policy, health economics, pharmacoconomics, and cost-effectiveness analysis. This will benefit the Health Planning Council because I have a good understanding of the issues that the council will be addressing.

I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve my community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Deborah Taira Juarez
Associate Professor
College of Pharmacy

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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

**GM 700, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Health Planning Council,
Honolulu Subarea**

**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 Deborah Taira Juarez, Ph.D. to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council (HONSAC).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation of
5 HONSAC Gubernatorial Nominee, Deborah Taira Juarez, Ph.D. Dr. Juarez is a Health
6 Economist and Associate Professor at the Department of Pharmacy Practice, College of
7 Pharmacy, University of Hawaii-Hilo. She was the Associate Professor of Health Economics
8 and Specialization Chair, Health Policy and Management at the Department of Public Health
9 Sciences, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii. She also worked at the
10 Health Institute at the New England Medical Center and was a Research Manager of Care
11 Management for the Hawaii Medical Service Association. She is a member of Academy
12 Health, the American Public Health Association, and Hawaii Public Health Association.

13 She has a Doctor of Science in Health Economics from the Harvard School of Public
14 Health, a Master in Public Affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School of Domestic and
15 International Affairs at Princeton University, and a Bachelor of Arts from Amherst College.

March 7, 2012
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The Honorable Josh Green
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Re: Dr. Deborah Juarez nomination to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea

Dear Senator Green:

I was pleased to hear that Dr. Deborah Juarez has been nominated by Governor Abercrombie to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu subarea.

Dr. Juarez has a doctorate in health economics from the Harvard School of Public Health and a Master's in Public Affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton.

I have known Dr. Juarez for over 10 years and support her nomination for the position. I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Juarez for many years when she was a health economist and research director at HMSA. Over the years she has shown herself to be a person of high integrity and moral character.

She has taught health economics, cost-effectiveness analysis and health policy at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Office of Public Health Studies and is currently an Associate Professor at the College of Pharmacy in Hilo. Based on Oahu, she teaches biostatistics and pharmacoeconomics via a synchronized online classroom.

I feel that the State would truly benefit from the appointment of Dr. Juarez to the Health Planning Council.

Sincerely,



James Davis, Ph.D.

Associate Professor

March 8, 2012

The Honorable Josh Green
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Re: Dr. Deborah Juarez nomination to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea

Dear Senator Green:

I am delighted to write a letter of support for Dr. Deborah Juarez, who has been nominated by Governor Abercrombie to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu subarea.

I worked for two years with Dr. Juarez as faculty members in the Health Policy and Management Specialization at the Office of Public Health Sciences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Dr. Juarez taught health economics, cost-effectiveness analysis, and health policy. Dr. Juarez is a thoughtful, intelligent, and knowledgeable individual with extensive training and experience in public health, health care delivery, and health care services research. I believe her expertise in these areas would be of great value to the Health Planning Council.

I strongly support Dr. Juarez's nomination to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dear Senator Green:

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With a doctorate in health economics from the Harvard School of Public Health and a Master's in Public Affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton, her educational background makes her well qualified for the council position.

Dr. Juarez has been a faculty member at the College of Pharmacy since April of 2011. During her time at the College, she has taught pharmacoeconomics, biostatistics, and health care systems. She also is working on several funded research projects to reduce health disparities among Asians and Pacific Islanders in Hawaii, and has demonstrated a strong commitment to service.

I strongly support Dr. Juarez's nomination to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu subarea.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John M. Pezzuto'.

John M. Pezzuto, Ph.D.
Professor and Dean

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Dr. Juarez and I worked together for several years at HMSA where she was a health economist and research manager. For part of this time, we worked together at a newly formed Innovation Center, and we co-authored an article that will appear in a scholarly journal next month on the important topic of the relationship of hospital quality and cost in Hawaii. It was a pleasure working with Dr. Juarez. Currently, Dr. Juarez is an Associate Professor at the College of Pharmacy, but is based in Honolulu.

I strongly support Dr. Juarez's nomination. Her experience, knowledge of health economics and health policy and willingness to serve the community make her well suited for this position.

Sincerely,

Jack Ashby
Manager, Provider Research and Development
HMSA