

**TESTIMONY**

**GM701**

**HTH  
Confirmation Hearing  
03-21-2012**

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**From:** Keith Lee [keithleelawman@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2012 12:51 AM  
**To:** Green4 - Mailene  
**Subject:** March 30, 2012 2:45 pm KEITH LEE Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea Testimony for Advise and Consent

TESTIMONY  
OF  
KEITH LEE  
TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON  
HEALTH  
ON  
March 30, 2012

G.M. 701

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEITH LEE, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Chair Green and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.

I want to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for renominating me. I am currently a member of the Council. I feel the Council performs important work on behalf of the State and community—one could say, a sounding board and check on changes to State and Honolulu health facilities and services to ensure access to quality health care at reasonable costs for our citizens. I want to continue to build upon what has been done.

Many volunteer organizations struggle to reach quorum to conduct business. I note that I have had near perfect attendance for meetings of the Council.

The following background and experience help qualify me for the member positions:

- life-long resident of Honolulu, Hawaii (my family has been here for 140 years)
- member of Council for over four years
- lawyer for over 25 years
- (former) employee of major health care organizations—Queen’s, Kaiser Permanente, and HMSA—spanning 20 years
- parent, coach and community volunteer in Honolulu, Hawaii for over 20 years

To the extent consistent with the Council’s role in carrying out the State’s statutorily mandated health services and facilities plan, I would like to be a part of the Councils’ support of patient-centered health care home models grounded in prevention and primary care, health information technology/data exchange/predictive software, enabling services, cultural sensitivity, community involvement, and health care workforce and community economic development.

Thank you for considering my renomination.

At this time, I am ready and willing to answer questions the Committee may have.

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**From:** Keith Lee [keithleelawman@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 28, 2012 11:30 PM  
**To:** Green4 - Mailene  
**Subject:** Re: Scheduled Confirmation Hearing

To: State Senator Josh Green M.D.  
 Chair, Senate Committee on Health

Re: Keith Lee Nomination to Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea

Dear Senator Green,

You have asked me to respond to the following:

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea?

I am currently a member of the Council. I feel the Council performs important work on behalf of the State and community—one could say, a sounding board and check on changes to State and Honolulu health facilities and services to ensure access to quality health care at reasonable costs for our citizens. I want to continue to build upon what has been done.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea?

Number one: Show up and participate. Many volunteer organizations struggle to reach quorum to conduct business. I have had near perfect attendance for meetings of the Council.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea.

The following background and experience help qualify me for the member position:

- life-long resident of Honolulu, Hawaii (my family has been here for 140 years)
- member of Council for over four years
- lawyer for over 25 years
- (former) employee of major health care organizations—Queen's, Kaiser Permanente, and HMSA—spanning 20 years
- parent, coach and community volunteer in Honolulu, Hawaii for over 20 years

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

To the extent consistent with the Council's role in carrying out the State's statutorily mandated health services and facilities plan, I would like to be a part of the Councils' support of patient-centered health care home models grounded in prevention and primary care, health information technology/data exchange/predictive software, enabling services, cultural sensitivity, community involvement, and health care workforce and community economic development.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea?

I have been told that I am particularly fair (dedicated to achieving just solutions that balance conflicting interests and goals with legal requirements), accessible (there when needed), and humble (recognize that we are here for the community and are just one part of the community's long, proud and storied history of care and compassion, achievement and progress).

These qualities, combined with those afforded by other members, helps maintain the diversity of viewpoints and perspectives so necessary to conducting broad and comprehensive discussions, generating possibilities and alternatives, and reaching a considered and just decision.

(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea?

As a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, I have participated in numerous CON reviews. I recently co-presented to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea an overview of the application process and procedure from the standpoint of a reviewing committee member. This was information which had been requested by other Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea members because most of them have not been involved in a CON review.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

Yes, conflicts have arisen in the past and would in the future--this is a small community. When I have had a conflict, I have attended meetings anyway to help the body make quorum, and then, on the matter at issue, either recused myself or abstained from any voting.

Thank you for your interest and involvement in my nomination.

Sincerely,

Keith Lee

On Wed, Mar 28, 2012 at 12:28 PM, Green4 - Mailene <[green4@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:green4@capitol.hawaii.gov)> wrote:

Aloha,

For your information, please see attached hearing notice that was posted yesterday for public view regarding the upcoming confirmation hearing. It will be held this Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 2:45PM in Conference Room 229 of the Hawaii State Capitol. Feel free to continue submitting testimony to this email address or by uploading it online via the Capitol's website. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Mailene

*Mailene Oakland-Tlalavera*

Assistant Committee Clerk

Office of Senator Josh Green, M.D.

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222

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Relevant Excerpt from Hearing Notice Attachment:

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| COMMITTEE ON HEALTH                          |
| Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair              |
| Senator Clarence K. Nishihara,<br>Vice Chair |

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| DATE:  | Friday, March<br>30, 2012  |
| TIME:  | 2:45 p.m.  |
| PLACE: | Conference<br>Room 229<br><br>State Capitol<br><br>415 South<br>Beretania Street |

**GM 701**

**Status & Testimony**

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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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In reply, please refer to:  
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**Senate Committee on Health**

**GM 701, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Health Planning Council,  
Honolulu Subarea**

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

**Friday, March 30, 2012  
2:45 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation  
2 of Mr. Keith Lee 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, Mr. Keith Lee. Mr. Lee is currently the principal of Lee Law  
6 Office, LLLC. He was legal counsel for Hawaii Medical Services Association – Blue Cross  
7 Blue Shield of Hawaii, general counsel for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospital –  
8 Hawaii Region, legal counsel for Hawaii Permanente Medical Group, corporate counsel for the  
9 Queen Emma Foundation, and a corporate/real estate lawyer with Cades, Schutte, Fleming &  
10 Wright.

11 Mr. Lee has been an active board member of the Statewide Health Coordinating  
12 Council and the Honolulu Subarea Planning Council for the past 4 years. He is also a board  
13 member of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation and the International Karate League of  
14 Hawaii.



1           Mr. Lee obtained his Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration from the  
2 University of Chicago. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude from the  
3 University of Michigan and is a graduate Cum Laude of Iolani School.

4           We ask for your support on the confirmation of Mr. Keith Lee to the Honolulu Subarea  
5 Health Planning Council.

**Green4 - Mailene**

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**From:** Moses K Haia [mohaia@nhlchi.org]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2012 9:51 AM  
**To:** Green4 - Mailene

To: State Senator Josh Green, M.D.  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health

Re: Keith Lee Nomination to Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea

Dear Senator Green,

Aloha. I testify in strong support of Mr. Keith Lee's nomination. I know Keith as a result of my employment with the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation (NHLC). I am its executive director. Keith Lee is and has, for many years, been a fully committed member of the Board of Directors of NHLC and we are a better organization for it.

Keith has been a member of the Health Planning Council for over four years and I have no doubt that his commitment to the Council's work is and will continue to be no different than it is relative to NHLC. My experience with Keith is that he always seeks to provide a fair and objective point of view and I admire him for that. Mahalo nui for the opportunity to testify in strong support of his nomination

Sincerely,

Moses K. N. Haia III  
Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation  
1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1205  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813



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March 29, 2012

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

Re: March 30, 2012 2:45 pm KEITH LEE Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea Testimony for Advise and Consent.

Dear Senators:

This serves as a letter of recommendation for Mr. Keith Lee, who is being considered for renomination to serve another term on the Honolulu Sub Area Council (HONSAC).

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I am writing to endorse Mr. Lee's renomination. 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 Mr. Lee for the past several years while both serving on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC). He is certainly a man of integrity and exhibits strong ethical character as a SHCC member. He is meticulous, organized and thorough in everything he does.

I am confident that my recommendation of Mr. Lee 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 Mr. Lee and recommend him unhesitatingly and wholeheartedly. I am confident, that if renominated, he would provide the same high level of service and commitment as a member of HONSAC.

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

Sincerely,

Andy Ancheta, MPH  
Operations Manager  
American Medical Response-Oahu



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March 29, 2012

The Honorable Josh Green  
United States Senator  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
*VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL*

RE: Mr. Keith Lee's Nomination to Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea

Dear Senator Green:

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Mr. Keith Lee to serve on the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea.

I have gotten to know Mr. Lee over the past year or so and he has shown me to be a person of high integrity and moral character.

Mr. Lee is a life-long resident of Honolulu, Hawaii and is recognized as a strong and dedicated advocate of patient-centered health care home models grounded in prevention and primary care, health information technology/data exchange/predictive software, enabling software, cultural sensitivity, and health care workforce and community economic development.

Mr. Lee is a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council and has participated in numerous Certificate of Need reviews. At the request of Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea members, Mr. Lee co-presented to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea an overview of the application process and procedure from the standpoint of a reviewing committee member.

Mr. Lee's knowledge, demonstrated experience and leadership, professional attitude, and willingness to serve our community will make him a great asset to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea.

Sincerely,

  
John E. McComas  
Chief Executive Officer



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March 29, 2012

Senator Josh Green  
Chairman Health committee  
Senatorial District 3  
Hawaii State Capitol, room 222  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Keith Lee, Supporting Testimony for the Health Planning Council  
Honolulu Sub area Council; Hearing scheduled for March, 30, 2012  
At 2:45 pm

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Keith Lee as a nominee to the Honolulu Sub area Health Planning Council, I have known Keith for about six months as a new member of the committee and have found him to be open and thoughtful in the sessions. He also nicely volunteered to present the how to of reviewing a Certificate of Need application.

He is down to earth and shares his knowledge clearly and with out hesitation. I strongly support his continuing on the committee so that he may continue to share his expertise.

Sincerely,

Roberta M. Lovely  
Director, Special Projects

**Green4 - Mailene**

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**From:** Burke, Joseph P [Joe.Burke@pfizer.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2012 3:59 AM  
**To:** Green4 - Mailene  
**Subject:** March 30, 2012 2:45 pm KEITH LEE Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea Testimony for Advise and Consent.

Aloha Senator Green,

I have worked with Keith on the HONSAC board and found him to be informed, articulate and dependable. He is a team player who works hard to stay on top of health care issues and willingly shares information that keeps his fellow board members up to speed. He is an asset that deserves another term on the board.

Thanks, Joe

**Green4 - Mailene**

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**From:** Andrew.R.Fong@kp.org  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2012 8:45 AM  
**To:** Green4 - Mailene  
**Subject:** March 30, 2012 2:45pm KEITH LEE Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea Testimony for Advise and Consent.

I am sending this letter in support of the renomination of Keith Lee to the Health Panning Council, Honolulu Subarea.

I am a pediatrician living on the Island of Hawai'i and have been in practice for 18 years. I have known and worked closely with Keith for many years as a Board member of a large Hawai'i health organization. Keith is very knowledgeable and professional and has always been readily available. He is also very easy to work with.

I have no doubt that he will continue to do an excellent job in this role.

Sincerely,

Andrew "Rick" Fong, MD

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Date: March 30, 2012 at 2:45 pm.

Re: GM 701 Appointing KEITH LEE to the Health Planning  
Council, Honolulu Subarea

To Chair Josh Green, MD and the members of the committee:

My name is Lloyd Lim and I work in the health insurance area in government. I am submitting personal testimony (and not in any official capacity) in support of Keith Lee's appointment to HONSAC. I have served with Mr. Lee on the HONSAC board for nearly four years and have known him previously when he worked for Kaiser. He has a strong background in health insurance matters which make him an ideal person to serve on the HONSAC. I have found him to be a public minded person. You will also note that he has a law degree from the University of Chicago. Chicago is a high end law school and it indicates a high aptitude. I can recommend him highly.



**MARK H. YAMAKAWA**

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96817

March 29, 2012

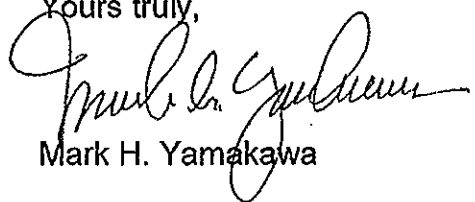
Senator Josh Green  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

KEITH LEE: Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea Testimony for Advice and Consent

Dear Senator Green:

I am writing in support of Keith Lee who has been re-nominated to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea. I have known Keith for many years in his various roles at Queen's and Kaiser. His re-appointment to the Honolulu Subarea Council will bring a valuable perspective that would significantly benefit the Council's discussions and deliberations. In my position as Executive Vice President /Chief Operating Officer of The Queen's Health Systems/The Queen's Medical Center, I have confidence in Keith's experience and broad community perspective that will always be in the best interest of patients.

I sincerely appreciate the significance of your selection of individuals who will best serve the needs of our community and the commitment from those who give back to our community. I strongly support Keith Lee's appointment and ask for your favorable consideration.

Yours truly,  
  
Mark H. Yamakawa

**LATE**

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Friday, March 30, 2012  
2:45 p.m.

Nominee Keith Lee  
Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea  
Testimony for Advise and Consent

By Patricia Uyehara Wong  
Chair, Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Chair Green, Vice Chair Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

I am the Chair of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. I respectfully request the confirmation of Nominee Keith Lee to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, for a term to expire on June 30, 2015.

Keith is a diligent and conscientious member of the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, and I fully support his renomination to serve another term on HONSAC.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.

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**Green4 - Mailene**

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**From:** ELLEN CARSON [ECARSON@ahfi.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 29, 2012 6:45 PM  
**To:** Green4 - Mailene  
**Subject:** March 30, 2012 2:45 pm KEITH LEE Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea Testimony for Advise and Consent

Dear committee members,

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Keith Lee to the SHPDA Health Planning Council. He will make an excellent choice and is dedicated to improving our health care system in Hawaii.

I have known Keith for many years, as he has served as in-house legal counsel for Kaiser for many years, then HMSA, and now has his own legal practice. I have advised him on health care matters as outside legal counsel, as well as sought his advice on legal matters on behalf of clients.

I have found Keith to be fair, informed, articulate, and thoughtful in his approach. I have seen him on SHPDA panels and have been impressed with his commitment to participate fully and to bring all his talents to bear on any issue before him. He is a pleasure to work with and I appreciate his willingness to volunteer his considerable talents to this task.

Thank you for your consideration of this support. Pursuant to the policy of my law firm, I am writing on my own personal behalf and my comments should not be construed as any position by my law firm or any organization of which I am a member.

Ellen Godbey Carson  
700 Richards St #2601  
Honolulu, HI 96813