

**TESTIMONY**

**GM712**

**HTH  
Confirmation Hearing  
03-14-2012**



# The Senate

STATE CAPITOL  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 24, 2012

Dear Governatorial Nominee,

Congratulations on being nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the *Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea*.

**Because of the large number for Governor's Messages received by the Health Committee we will be holding a series of confirmation hearings beginning on March 7, 2012. We will be sending everyone hearing notice that includes, hearing date, time, and room location. All hearings will be at the State Capitol.**

**For most individuals that may need to travel to Honolulu from a neighbor island, we anticipate reserving March 14, 2012, for confirmation hearing for individuals living on neighbor islands.**

**We are also aware that individuals may not be able to appear in person at their confirmation hearing due to various factions including work commitments, health issues, or other reasons. Your decision of attendance will not affect the committee's review process. All nominees will receive equal consideration.**

To assist the Senate with its confirmation process, we are requesting that the following information be submitted to our office via email or fax:

A statement that addresses the following questions:

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the *Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea*?
- (2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the *Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea*?
- (3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the *Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle 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, Tri-Isle Subarea*.
- (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the *Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea*?
- (6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the *Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea*?
- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the *Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea*? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I also want to take this opportunity to remind you that any testimony submitted to Senate committees on your behalf will be posted on the Legislature's website as submitted. It might be helpful to remind individuals who intend to submit testimony on your nomination of the public nature of the testimony.

Your prompt response in providing the above information will ensure that the Senate confirmation process can proceed in a timely manner.

If you have any questions regarding the hearing process or if required specific accommodation, please contact our office at (808) 586-6833.

Sincerely,

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

**GM 712, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Health Planning Council  
Tri-Isle Subarea**

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

**Wednesday, March 14, 2012  
1:30 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation  
2 of Mary Catiel to the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council (TISAC).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the  
5 TISAC, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mary Catiel, R.N. Ms. Catiel has 46 years of experience as a  
6 registered nurse. She worked for HHSC at Lanai Community Hospital as a staff nurse for  
7 nearly twenty years. She also served as Director of Nursing and Interim Administrator at Lanai  
8 Community Hospital from 1993 thru 2008. She also is active with the Maui County Office on  
9 Aging – Lanai. As shown, Ms. Catiel has a wealth of experience in the health care arena and  
10 will bring the voices of the people of Lanai to the TISAC.

11 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Mary Catiel to the Tri-Isle Subarea  
12 Health Planning Council.

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March 12, 2012

The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Capitol, Conference Room 229  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Green:

**Re: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT of GM 712 submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mary Catiel (Public Hearing: March 14, 2012 at 1:30 pm in Conference Room 229)**

As the Lana`i member on the Maui County Council, I would like to offer testimony in support of the confirmation of Ms. Mary Catiel to the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea.

I have known Ms. Catiel for many years. She retired after years of distinguished service as the Public Health nurse on Lana`i and is an active community volunteer. We served together on the citizen advisory committee for the update of the Lana`i Community Plan that was adopted by the Maui County Council in 1998 to address social, economic, and land use needs for the island. Ms. Catiel is very familiar with the health needs of the Lana`i community...

I urge your confirmation of Ms. Mary Catiel to the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle Subarea. Thank you for the opportunity to offer this testimony in support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Riki Hokama", written over a large, stylized flourish.

Riki Hokama, Councilmember- Lana`i

cc: Council Chair Danny Mateo

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### Comments:

I am offering testimony in support of MARY CATIEL's nomination to SHPDA. I support her nomination for several reasons:

1. As a longstanding resident of our community and nurse at our hospital, Mary is keenly aware of the health needs of our community.
2. Mary has demonstrated during her career her ability to meet the health needs of our community as a hospital RN, a hospital administrator, a community health nurse as well as serve on several community planning organizations.
3. Mary's interpersonal communications skills and ability to work with different types of individuals are excellent. Her ability to look at the "big picture" while providing services to the individual is what will make her an excellent member of SHPDA.
4. Lastly, her Aloha for her patients and community is unquestionable-Lanai and the state will be well served by Mary.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in support of Mary's nomination. Please give strong consideration for her willingness to serve.

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Submitted by: Margaret Daub  
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Submitted on: 3/12/2012

### Comments:

I strongly support this nomination.

I have known Mary Catiel for 32 years. During all those years she worked in some aspect of health care. First as a public Health Nurse on Lanai, then as a coworker at Lanai Community Hospital, and until her retirement DON and my boss.

Mary has always gone beyond on providing health care to the community, providing volunteer hrs to ensure the elderly in the community were well cared for.  
I can think of no better candidate for this position