

TESTIMONY

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

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Senate Committee on Health

**GM 715, 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 William Thomas to the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the Tri-
5 Isle Subarea Health Planning Council (TISAC), Gubernatorial Nominee, William Thomas, M.D.
6 Dr. Thomas is an internist and serves as Medical Director, Clinical and Internal Affairs, Chief of
7 Staff, at the Molokai General Hospital. He is an alumni of Kamehameha School, University of
8 Hawaii, and John A. Burns School of Medicine. Dr. Thomas is a recipient of numerous
9 awards, including, *Outstanding Resident of the Year* (Kuakini Medical Center), Most
10 Compassionate Resident of the Year, and Mother Marianne Award (St. Francis Medical
11 Center). Dr. Thomas has been an active and valuable member of the TISAC during his first
12 term.

13 We ask for your support on the confirmation of William Thomas, enabling him to
14 continue to serve on the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council for a second term.