

TESTIMONY

GM717

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Confirmation Hearing
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Mailene,

Please see below info for the committee:

see my role as an advisory one that is based on the requirements and health care needs of the communities and health care providers within the communities that I serve.

In regards to my roles and responsibilities as a member of the committee I believe that my experience in healthcare has been diverse. I have spent over two decades in various health care positions both in the military, the private sector and as a civil servant have allowed me to obtain unique experiences that will be a benefit to the committee and those that we serve. My health care experience includes 5 years in the U.S Army where I served both overseas and stateside as a Patient Administration Specialist. After leaving the Army I worked in various private sector hospitals and the Veterans Administration in jobs that were similar to the ones I performed while serving in the military. AS an RN I have worked in American Samoa as well as multiple hospitals on Oahu as a Staff Nurse and a Nurse Manager. The various nursing positions that I have held have exposed me to the various cultures, social economics, and a multitude of other challenges that patients and health care providers face in making sure health care needs are met for the residents of Oahu.

As a member of the committee I hope to be able to collaborate with committee members in advancing solutions that will meet the health care needs of the community.

The three qualities that best describe me would be : excellent interpersonal skills, excellent communicator, and highly flexible. As a healthcare provider I have found that these skills are highly beneficial in that you need to be able to relate to your patients and communicate with them. At the same time give care to a patient requires a high degree of flexibility on catering the care and teaching that you do with a patient because everyone is different and has different requirements. These same qualities are what I will bring to the committee.

I have multiple years of experience in nursing that has included saving lives, comforting those in need, teaching first time parents how to care for their children, and helping those in crisis to cope and find peace that I could not pick only one event that would make me stand out. I believe that the culmination of all my nursing experiences has helped shape my into the type of individual that would stand out in any endeavor that I pursue.

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest at this time. However, I would look at the event and consult the appropriate staff within the SHPDA for guidance should a potential conflict arise.

Robert Lumas, MBA, RN

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Senate Committee on Health

**GM 717, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Health Planning Council,
West Oahu 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 Robert Lumas to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the
5 West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council (WOSAC), Gubernatorial Nominee, Robert
6 Lumas. Mr. Lumas is a Standardization Program Manager at Tripler Army Medical Center. He
7 is a Registered Nurse and serves as call-in nurse at the Kapiolani Medical Center at Pali
8 Momi, Waianae Coast Comprehensive Health Center, and per diem nurse at various
9 emergency departments on Oahu. Mr. Lumas understands the health care needs of our island
10 residents and visitors.

11 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Mr. Lumas, enabling him to continue to
12 serve on the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.