

GM741

LORI KANESHIGE

Nomination to the Center for
Nursing Advisory Board

RESPONSE
OF
LORI R.Y. KANESHIGE
TO
SENATOR JILL TOKUDA
AND THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
EDUCATION
ON

G.M. 741

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board, gubernatorial nominee, LORI R.Y. KANESHIGE, for a term to expire 2014.

(1) Resume with list of references, attached.

(2a) Why do you wish to be a member of the Center for Nursing Advisory Board?

I strongly believe that quality health care is and will be one of the top, if not the most important issue our state faces in the years to come. I also believe that education and communication are keys to ensuring the continued well-being of our citizens, especially our keiki and kupuna. Included in this responsibility is ensuring that their health care, as well as the health education of nurses, incorporates and keeps pace with the technologic advances required for coming generations. It is my desire to assist with this very important effort as a member of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

(2b) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Center for Nursing Advisory Board?

The Hawaii State Center for Nursing has the tremendous opportunity – and responsibility – to capture and analyze data of the existing nursing workforce, to plan for the recruitment, education, and nurturing of future health care providers for our islands. This is a passion of mine, and I wish to contribute to the strategic planning process in seeing this to fruition.

(2c) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Center for Nursing Advisory Board, 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 Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

I feel my education and professional experiences provide a broad knowledge-base in nursing and healthcare issues which qualify me to be an active participant of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. In addition to receiving nursing education through the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Nursing, I have attained national certification as a Gerontologic Clinical Nurse Specialist, and bring clinical and personal experiences from across the healthcare continuum -- acute care, home care, long-term care, education, and community outreach.

Personally, I have navigated the military healthcare delivery system across the mainland as well as locally, being the daughter of a retired Air Force officer. I have also participated in the care of my grandparents, which involved local emergency room care, acute care, long-term care, home care, dialysis, and inpatient hospice care. I have been the personal recipient of exceptional

oncology care delivery in Hawaii. I am also the mother of a pre-adolescent daughter and am aware of the different pediatric and adolescent health issues, and need for specialized services, for our keiki.

My professional experiences have allowed me to understand the healthcare continuum from both staff and management perspectives. I have experience planning for and implementing electronic medical records in home care and acute care settings. I understand the benefit and challenges of integrating technology in healthcare where personal information is needed for care, and requires equal protection. My management experiences have exposed me to the operational pressures and constraints that come with the dynamics of healthcare reform, reimbursement changes, and the unique issues of care due to our island location in a global health environment. I have experienced the day to day challenges of finding competent, compassionate, and customer-oriented staff who can quickly adjust to changes that meet regulatory, organizational, and community needs. I strongly believe that nurses play an important, daily role in the state's health care infrastructure and can lead successful, fulfilling careers in Hawaii's changing health care environment, given adequate support and access to the appropriate tools needed to accomplish this.

(2d) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

Given the opportunity to serve, my three areas of focus would be:

- To learn and communicate the impact of global, national, and local changes to health care in our state;
- To share input from a non-profit, community health care perspective; and,
- To participate in strategic planning to meet the current and future nursing needs of our community.

(2e) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Center for Nursing Advisory Board?

I chose nursing as a career because I believe I am an innately compassionate, empathetic patient advocate. As I developed professionally, I have become a critical thinker – able to think strategically, plan tactically, and use common sense in decision-making. I have chosen to stay in nursing because it is my passion. I feel these qualities enable me to understand what it means to be a nurse and along with my experience, will contribute to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board's ability to ensure there are adequate nurses with quality educations to continue caring and advocating for the patients in Hawaii.

(2f) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Center for Nursing Advisory Board?

I am a results-oriented problem-solver who looks at issues from all angles to find solutions with maximum benefit; in this instance, it is properly educating and developing nursing students in the diverse opportunities they can find in Hawaii.

In my previous role as Manager, Education Services, I worked with nursing schools as well as colleagues from other facilities to accommodate clinical rotations in acute and long-term care settings. The increasing demands on nurses' time due to training for electronic medical record implementation, meeting quality measures, and meaningful use requirements, and the pressures to increase efficiencies with changes in reimbursement, has led to the decreased ability of these facilities to accommodate as many clinical rotations as they had in the past. The closure of

Hawaii Medical Centers – East and West further impacted the shrinking number of available clinical sites.

While the schools have had the foresight and support to develop more robust simulation programs, without “real” clinical experience, nursing students will not be adequately prepared for what is expected of them when they graduate. This has potential impact on nursing facilities, morale, retention of new graduates in the profession and ultimately, the community.

At the same time, Blood Bank of Hawaii has been challenged to recruit and retain nurses. I do not recall any mention of blood banking as a nursing specialty, or these nurses’ role in the community, from my own nursing education. I did not even remotely consider it as a possible career choice for the mere fact that I was never exposed to it. Research and current advances in the areas of hematology and targeted cancer treatments provide a future in blood bank nursing that require well-trained and passionate nurses.

Currently, I am working with nursing schools to develop the awareness of blood banking as a nursing specialty area, while also identifying ways Blood Bank of Hawaii can help the schools meet students’ need for comprehensive and diverse clinical opportunities.

Collaborating with school faculty and leadership, blood banking has been introduced in the curricula at Kapiolani Community College and courses are being identified for Blood Bank of Hawaii to serve as a clinical site. It is an opportunity to be a “win” for the schools, the students / next generation of professionals and ultimately, the community as a whole. This type of problem-solving and ideas for “non-traditional” partnerships are what I hope to contribute as a member of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

(2g) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Center for Nursing Advisory Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during my years of service on the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board; however, should a conflict arise, I would recues myself from any discussion and decision-making process.

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March 29, 2012

The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda
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RE: GM741 – Lori R.Y. Kaneshige, Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board

Dear Senator Tokuda:

As the Chief Financial Officer of Blood Bank of Hawaii (BBH), I have the pleasure of working closely with Lori Kaneshige in her capacity as BBH's Director of Clinical Services. I was happy to learn that Governor Abercrombie appointed Lori to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board, and I fully support her confirmation by the Senate. While her education, experience, and certification may qualify Lori to sit on the Board, I believe her vision, leadership, diligence, and ability to work effectively with others are additional qualities that will make her an effective and high-performing member of the Advisory Board.

When Lori joined BBH, staff turnover was high, and implementing efficiency strategies was difficult. As a newcomer to the blood banking field, Lori quickly became knowledgeable of our mission and operations and addressed our biggest challenges. Using her adept analytical and communicating skills, Lori assessed her team and reorganized the department to align with the mission and operational strategy. During the implementation of these changes, Lori communicated the purpose and reasons for any changes with her staff and remained true to her values and expectations. She was the leader and role model the department needed to improve morale and efficiency. As a result of her vision and leadership, turnover has since declined, and our overtime has been cut by more than 50%.

In her efforts to improve turnover, Lori implemented a retention strategy called "block scheduling" that had been effective at other blood centers. While Lori believed the strategy would work, she was unsure of the impact such a change would have on overall operations. Therefore, she conducted her own research by seeking information from blood centers that had successfully implemented a similar strategy. She asked about the impact on the various departments and insisted on knowing all of the details, including how to measure its success. Upon determining that implementation would alter the way our recruitment team operated, Lori worked closely with our Director of Recruitment for almost a year to ensure that each department both understood the impact this would have on operations and had adequate time to adapt to the changes. While the process was arduous at times, Lori's diligence and leadership succeeded in implementing the strategy by the target date. Our employees are currently working through the change, and Lori is enthusiastic in ensuring the strategy is functioning and is adapting to meet changing demands.

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In addition to Lori's leadership qualities, her character and personal values make her an invaluable asset to the advisory board—a high-performing and committed board member rather than one who is content with adding this appointment to his or her resume. Lori has very strong convictions towards her profession and the importance of meeting the nursing and healthcare needs of the state. Her steadfast ideals are aligned with the Hawaii State Center for Nursing's mission, and her vision and dedication will not only guide the Center to strive and meet its important mission today but also set the stage for years to come.

I respectfully request your confirmation of Lori R. Y. Kaneshige to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Sincerely,



Albert Yoza
Chief Financial Officer

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Hawai`i State Center for Nursing

March 27, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair Senate Committee on Education
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: GM 741 Nomination of Lori Kaneshige to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing advisory board

Dear Senator Tokuda:

As the Executive Director for the Hawaii State Center for Nursing, I am pleased to write this letter in strong support of the appointment of Lori Kaneshige, GCNS-BC (Geriatric Clinical Nurse Specialist – Board Certified) to the center's Advisory Board representing the community. In a prior position as a nursing supervisor, at Kuakini Medical Center, I had the pleasure of working with Ms. Kaneshige in her position as Manager, Education Services.

Ms. Kaneshige is an outstanding nursing leader and practitioner. As the Director of Clinical Services at the Blood Bank of Hawaii she provides leadership and direction for nursing services, manages operations and provides staff development and ensures high quality services. As a geriatric clinical nurse specialist she understands the needs of our growing senior population and her expertise will be a great addition to the board.

Ms. Kaneshige is a role model as a lifelong learner, having progressed from an Associate Degree in Nursing to a Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. She exemplifies excellence in practice, professional integrity and a commitment to the nursing profession.

She would be an excellent addition to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

Gail P. Tiwanak, MBA, RN
Executive Director



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March 22, 2012

The Honorable Jill Tokuda
Chairman, Committee on Education
Senatorial District 24
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM741 – Lori R.Y. Kaneshige's Nomination to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board

Dear Honorable Jill Tokuda:

I am writing to ask you to support the appointment of Lori Kaneshige to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. I am a registered dietitian and have practiced for 35 + years in many of the local hospitals. I have known Lori Kaneshige for 10 years and worked closely with her at Kuakini Medical Center from 2001 -2006. We worked together to provide a process for nutrition counseling for oncology patients and provided comfort food ideas and recipes for a cook book.

I was always impressed with her knowledge of the many specialties and facets of nursing – particularly oncology. Many times I observed her working with staff and patients as a teacher, a caregiver and always with patience. Lori was effective in her role as she led the Breast Cancer Support Group; the participants loved Lori because she had a genuine interest in each person and made every effort to provide meaningful experiences for them. As a member of some of the hospital medical committees, I observed the respect and trust she garnered from the physicians. She commanded and earned their respect because of her extensive knowledge, the grace in her interactions, and her many accomplishments. Her style of leadership was organized, always gentle but firm in her well planned agendas to accomplish the goals. She organized the oncology medical conference for the community that was hosted by Kuakini Medical Center and lead breakout groups. For many years she successfully spearheaded the hospitals participation in the Susan B Komen race which involved organizing people, providing bags, t-shirts, etc.; she touched the hearts many to support this great cause.

Lori is an awesome individual. I have a great deal of respect for her courage, determination and that internal strength that has enabled her overcome and to accomplish amazing things in her life.

Lori Kaneshige would make an excellent addition to the Advisory Board of the Center for Nursing because of her superior organizational skills, take-charge attitude, inclusive people approach, and her strong grasp and love of her profession and the people involved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Jasper, R.D.".

Carol Jasper, RD
Manager, Nutrition Services

March 30, 2012

The Honorable Jill Tokuda
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Dear Senator Tokuda:

Re: GM 741 – Nomination of *Lori R.Y. Kaneshige* to the *Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board*

Aloha. My name is June Y. Drumeller, and I currently serve as the *Vice President for Clinical Services* at the Kuakini Medical Center. I have been employed at Kuakini Medical Center for over 35 years.

I am writing as a personal friend and colleague of Lori R.Y. Kaneshige. I first met Ms. Kaneshige in 1994 when she started work at Kuakini Medical Center as a Medical-Surgical nurse. Other positions held by Ms. Kaneshige at Kuakini Medical Center include serving as a Clinical Nurse Specialist and also Manager of Education Services for the entire facility.

During her tenure at Kuakini Medical Center, I had several opportunities to work closely with Ms. Kaneshige. I found her to be a hard working, dedicated professional who was extremely knowledgeable, always eager to learn and share, and fully dedicated to working effectively across departmental and organizational boundaries. Ms. Kaneshige has excellent interpersonal and organizational skills, is capable of prioritizing her work and multi-tasking, and proficient at handling multiple projects simultaneously. She has outstanding verbal and written communication skills, superior public speaking/presentation experience, and is able to work effectively independently or on a multi-disciplinary team. Ms. Kaneshige is highly motivated, demonstrates superior initiative and sound judgment, and is both flexible and responsive to changing situations and work demands.

In summary, I highly recommend the appointment of Ms. Kaneshige to the *Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board*. It is my understanding that the mission of the *Center for Nursing* is to assure that the State of Hawaii has the nursing resources necessary to meet the health care needs of its people. In my professional estimation, Ms. Kaneshige has consistently demonstrated her commitment to improving, refining, and strengthening health care systems, practices, and resources at our facility and throughout the larger community. I have no doubt she will make an outstanding member of the *Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board*.

I appreciate this opportunity to provide my support for Ms. Kaneshige. Please do not hesitate in contacting me if there are questions or if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "June Drumeller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

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March 20, 2012

The Honorable Jill Tokuda
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Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM741 – Lori R.Y. Kaneshige's Nomination to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board

Dear Senator Tokuda:

It is a privilege to submit this testimony in support of Ms. Kaneshige's appointment to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. It was no surprise to me when I learned of Ms. Kaneshige's nomination by Governor Neil Abercrombie pending confirmation through your committee.

I have known Ms. Kaneshige since 1994 when she was a home health nurse and case manager for Kuakini-At-Home. As a Quality Management Coordinator at Kuakini Medical Center and a member of CareResource Hawaii's Professional Advisory Board at the time, I quickly learned of her reputation as an excellent nurse and educator through the review of performance monitoring and reporting.

Over the next fifteen years, Ms. Kaneshige and I worked on several projects as members of Kuakini's patient care, safety and regulatory committees. Her strengths lie with her instinctive passion for quality and safe patient care as a nurse and manager while honoring patients' rights to confidential, respectful, and culturally sensitive care. Ms. Kaneshige was instrumental in the development of unique patient education programs, enhanced staff competency modules, and a more refined nursing clinical ladder program, all of which heavily impacted the nurse's role in a positive and professional manner.

Ms. Kaneshige's acumen for the analysis of process and outcome trends was exceptional when important decisions in patient care and services were needed. Supported by her own evidence-based standards research, her recommendations were always highly regarded. She applied these standards through chart reviews and staff interviews which not only effectively reinforced regulatory compliance, but more importantly, demonstrated a model of nursing excellence.

I am confident Ms. Kaneshige will serve as a valuable member of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. She believes in the philosophy of continuous learning and guiding principles of professional growth and mentoring within the nursing profession. Her diverse background and experience as a nurse, educator, and leader will support the Center's pursuit in the advancement of the nursing profession.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony and recommendation.

Sincerely,

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23 March 2012

To: Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Senate Committee on Education, State of Hawaii

Subject: Bill number GM741 (scheduled 4/13/2012 at 1:15 pm). Written testimony in support of Lori R. Y. Kaneshige for appointment to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board for a two-year term.

Dear Senator Tokuda:

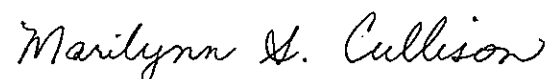
As a former supervisor and personal friend, I am writing in support of Lori Kaneshige, who is serving in an interim capacity and is nominated for a two year term by Governor Abercrombie to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

I had the pleasure of working with Lori from 2002-2004 as Manager of Education Services for Kuakini Health Care System while she was clinical nurse specialist for gerontological and medical surgical care. Afterwards, Lori also served as Manager, Education Services at Kuakini where her responsibilities included coordination and implementation of health system education for electronic medical records, patient safety and continued regulatory requirement readiness, collaboration with other departments to meet new hire orientation, ongoing education, and competency development needs to maintain a culture of safety and excellent customer care. At present, she continues her attention to excellence in nursing practice in her current role as Director of Clinical Services for Blood Bank of Hawaii.

Lori is an outstanding practitioner, educator and manager. Her education and credentials (MSN, RN, GCNS-BC), expert knowledge, and dedication to the practice of nursing are exemplary. Her 20 years of clinical experience and wealth of knowledge and expertise in home health care, gerontology, medical surgical, oncology, and blood bank services will serve her well to represent nursing in Hawaii. Her experiences will greatly contribute to assessment and planning for the future, assuring the State of Hawaii has the resources necessary to meet the nursing care needs of its people. My observations in the ten years I have known Lori include that she has creative and intuitive problem solving ideas, is able to work well with others, is well respected by peers in the nursing education and management communities, and has consistently demonstrated the ability to collaborate with other professionals.

Based on our continued friendship, past working relationship, and Lori's enthusiastic willingness to serve the community, I strongly support her nomination. She is a dedicated and experienced leader, a timeless supporter of excellence in nursing practice, and an excellent choice for appointment to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Sincerely,



Marilynn S. Cullison



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March 25, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
State Capital
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda and Members of the Committee on Education:

I am a pediatric oncologist working at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children, with a joint appointment at the Cancer Center, where I supervise a research laboratory. I would like to submit testimony in support of Governor's Message 741 to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. I have known Lori Kaneshige for almost ten years, having met her in my capacity as Medical Director of the Hawaii Cord Blood Bank, and Director of the Hematopoietic Progenitor Cell Transplant Program at Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children. I have found her to be both a passionate advocate for the nursing field and a highly knowledgeable member of the nursing profession with an outstanding devotion to patient care and advocacy. Ms. Kaneshige is also very personable and capable of working well as a team member. I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Ms. Kaneshige for this position.

Sincerely,

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Randal Wada, MD

March 18, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda
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Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM741 - Lori Kaneshige's Nomination to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am writing as a former coworker and personal friend of Lori Kaneshige, who has been nominated by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Advisory Board of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing. I was very pleased to hear of her nomination and feel she will be a positive addition to the Advisory Board.

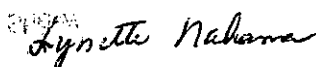
Working in quality management since 1996, part of my job involves preparing staff for various regulatory requirements such as hospital accreditation and clinical quality measures. During 2000-2010, while Ms. Kaneshige was a Clinical Nurse Specialist and Manager of Education Services, I found her educational background and general knowledge of nursing issues a valuable asset in helping me in my job. She was always willing to assist in planning educational sessions and preparing appropriate learning materials. These educational sessions were not limited to nurses, but also involved non-clinical staff and physicians.

She was also involved in various hospital committees and projects. I found her to be prepared, organized, and able to lead the group to successful conclusion. Ms. Kaneshige also found time to volunteer with community health care events.

Personally, she is a loyal and supportive friend. Even though we are no longer with the same employer, she is willing to share information with me and is always there when needed.

In summary, I find Ms. Kaneshige to be very passionate about education and nursing. She has experience sharing information with nursing staff, non-clinical staff, physicians and the general community. Her role on the Advisory Board will help improve the quality of nursing education, which will be positive for the community as a whole. I fully support her nomination, she will not only bring a wealth of knowledge to the role, but the experience will contribute to her personal & professional growth.

Sincerely,



Lynette Nakama

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The Board: Hawaii State Center for Nursing
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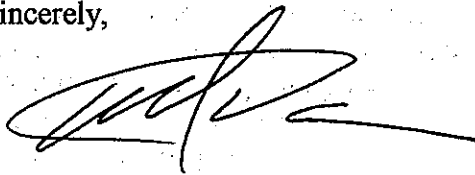
Senators:

I am a board certified, radiation oncologist practicing in Hawaii since 1996. I have dedicated most of my time at Kuakini Medical Center and have been the Oncology Committee Chair there since 2003. I have known and worked with Lori Kaneshige at Kuakini throughout my time there until 2010, when she left to work at the Blood Bank of Hawaii.

Ms. Kaneshige has always exceeded expectations for her job positions at Kuakini and held a key position on the Oncology Committee. Her compassion and ethics for patient care was exemplary. I highly recommend she be considered for appointment to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. I believe she will prove to be an asset, as she was during her time at Kuakini.

Feel free to contact me if I can provide any further information.

Sincerely,



3-16-12

Mark Kanemori, M.D.

Board Certified Radiation Oncologist, Kuakini Medical Center, Queens Medical Center
Chair, Kuakini Oncology Committee
Assistant Professor, University of Hawaii School of Medicine.

March 20, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chairman Senate Committee on Education
Senate District 24
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Supporting Testimony GM741

Dear Senator Tokuda,

I am writing in reference to the nomination of Lori R.Y. Kaneshige to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

I count Lori Kaneshige as both a personal friend and a valued healthcare professional. In my capacity as the Clinical Services Coordinator, I have worked with her on various committees and projects during our ten year association at Kuakini Medical Center. Because the world of healthcare is ever evolving, it has become increasingly challenging to ensure delivery of quality patient care in a resource-efficient manner. To her merit, Ms Kaneshige has not only embraced change but has often been the keystone for nursing and patient safety advancement. Always looking towards the future of nursing, she has still never forgotten the fundamental roots of what it means to be a nurse.

Ms. Kaneshige spearheaded the design, formation, and implementation of the comprehensive Kuakini Customer Care Program. The program required synching content to the unique needs of every department, clinical and non-clinical, within Kuakini Medical Center and Kuakini Geriatric Services. She worked tirelessly with each manager to ensure that the customer care philosophy was conveyed consistently and was fully understood by all departments who could then efficiently carry out their duties.

One of the last projects at Kuakini Medical Center that Ms. Kaneshige was engaged in was the successful launch of Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE). CPOE incorporates up to date technology to improve patient safety and provide clear interdisciplinary communication and coordination. Ms. Kaneshige was brought into the latter phases of the project and not only aptly learned the system functionalities, but also created nursing training material and served as the coordinator of staff education.

In addition to her work at Kuakini Medical Center, Lori Kaneshige has long-term participation in both community and academic affairs. She is well known and respected for her healthcare experience and knowledge, motivating others to pursue ongoing professional development. In short, I am proud of her interim appointment by Governor Neil Abercrombie and fully support her two-year appointment nomination. Please feel free to contact me should any questions arise regarding Ms. Kaneshige's qualifications.

Sincerely,



Christine Shiraki, BSN
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Kuakini Health System

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March 4, 2012

The Honorable Jill Tokuda
Chair, Education Committee
Senatorial District 24
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
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RE: GM741 – Lori R.Y. Kaneshige's Nomination to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am writing as a personal friend and former coworker of Lori R.Y. Kaneshige, GCNS-BC, Director of Clinical Services at the Blood Bank of Hawaii. Ms. Kaneshige is subject to confirmation of her appointment by Governor Neil Abercrombie to the Advisory Board of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing.

My professional and personal experience with Ms. Kaneshige has found that she is an excellent administrator, educator, and communicator. I feel that she is a person of the highest moral and ethical standing, and has a deep-rooted passion for helping people through quality health care.

I worked with Ms. Kaneshige from 2005 to 2010 while she was the Manager of Education Services at Kuakini Medical Center. My job in marketing and public relations requires me to consult and collaborate with medical professionals and educators on a daily basis, to ensure that our messages are factual, informational, and conveyable to all audiences: patients, families, and the community as a whole.

Ms. Kaneshige was very knowledgeable about Hawaii's overall health care outlook, needs, and challenges, specifically with regards to nursing. She was a tremendous resource for our marketing and educational materials, and actively participated in presentations, business and community events, and other endeavors that promoted health education, healthy lifestyles, and careers in the health care industry.

Ms. Kaneshige has successfully managed high-level operational, computer, and clinical projects for Kuakini Health System, launched and facilitated a Breast Cancer Education and Support Group for eight years, and developed and implemented a comprehensive Customer Care Program for Kuakini. She is a member of the Oncology Nursing Society (ONS), is involved with the ONS Mana'olana – Nurse of Hope program (also past recipient of that honor), and helped establish the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation – Hawaii Chapter Survivor's Conference, which she participated in planning for five years.

I feel that Ms. Kaneshige's greatest asset is her ability to logically evaluate any challenge presented to her and strategize the steps needed to address it; develop a working tactical plan of action; and, *clearly and passionately communicate* her vision and direction to ensure successful execution. She truly leads by example and is well-respected by her peers, both within and outside the health care industry.

It is my opinion that Ms. Kaneshige would make an excellent addition to the Advisory Board of the Hawaii Center for Nursing, and I would like to give her my highest recommendation.

Thank you for the opportunity to present my support of Ms. Kaneshige. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or if there is any further information or background I can provide.

Respectfully,

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March 29, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol

RE: Ms. Lori Kaneshige's appointment to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board (Bill number GM741)

Honorable Jill Tokuda:

I am a general surgeon with Surgical Consultants of Hawaii and also an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I also previously worked as an ICU-CCU nurse at Kuakini Medical Center. I worked with Lori Kaneshige for several years while she was at Kuakini Medical Center, first when she was a clinical nurse specialist and then when she was the manager of Education Services. I also have had the great privilege of working with her when she volunteered to share her experiences as a member of the breast cancer survivor panel, a yearly event that I hold for first year medical students of the John A. Burns School of Medicine.

Throughout the many years that I have known and worked with Ms. Kaneshige, I have found her to be totally committed to nursing and patient care. She also has a broad education, skills and knowledge of the workforce needs of nursing in the State of Hawaii in her current position at the Blood Bank of Hawaii. Her credentials as a gerontology clinical nurse specialist are also of particular importance given the aging of our population and the ever increasing needs of caring for our kupuna.

In summary, I strongly support the appointment of Ms. Lori Kaneshige to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. She is a strong advocate of nurses and of the people they care for and she has the knowledge, experience and wonderful personal qualities to sustain the mission of the Board.

Sincerely,

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Nancy L. Furumoto, M.D., F.A.C.S.

March 26, 2012

The Honorable Jill Tokuda

Chair, Education Committee

Senatorial District 24

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM741- Lori Kaneshige's Nomination to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board

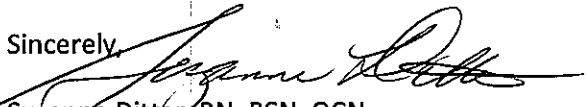
Dear Senator Tokuda,

I have had the pleasure to work with Lori in our volunteer services with the Susan K. Komen foundation. I am a personal friend and a longtime member of the National and Local Oncology Nursing Society. I have worked as an Oncology nurse for over 30 years and am currently employed as an Oncology infusion nurse at Kapiolani Medical Center.

I have known Lori for twenty years and during that time she has revealed her dedication to her patients, peers and affiliated organizations. Lori has demonstrated exemplary organization skills in programs and events developed for the Susan G. Komen foundation. She is highly respected in the oncology community which was reflected in her receipt of the "Nurse of Hope" award from the local ONS chapter.

I know Lori will be a great asset to the Hawaii Advisory Board for Nursing based on her extensive experience in education and nursing practice.

Sincerely,


Suzanne Ditter, RN, BSN, OCN

Clinical Ladder RN level V

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The Honorable Jill Tokuda
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, HI 96813

The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani
Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 228
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM 741, Nominee: Lori R.Y. Kaneshige – Hawaii State Center for Nursing

Dear Chair Tokuda, Vice-Chair Kidani and members of the Senate Committee on Education:

I am writing to you as a personal friend of Lori Kaneshige who has been appointed to the board of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing, subject to confirmation, by Governor Neil Abercrombie.

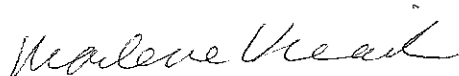
I have known Lori for over 20 years through our membership in the former Wakaba Kai Sorority at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am pleased to express my full support of Lori's nomination to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing board. She has always demonstrated a high level of integrity, moral character and leadership in professional and community activities she has been involved with over the years.

I believe that Lori is the perfect candidate and would be an asset to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing. The board would benefit from her academic credentials, professional and personal experiences that have motivated and inspired many individuals who have had the opportunity to know Lori as a friend and colleague over the years.

Again, I strongly support Lori Kaneshige's nomination as a member of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing based upon her knowledge, applied skills and strong leadership qualities.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Marlene Hiraoka

April 10, 2012

The Honorable Jill Tokuda
Chair, Education Committee
Senatorial District 24
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Lori R.Y. Kaneshige's Nomination to the Advisory Board of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing

Dear Senator Tokuda:

I am a personal friend of Lori Kaneshige. I write in full support for her confirmation of her appointment to the Advisory Board of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing.

If I or any of my family and friends needed care, I would feel safe knowing that Lori has some input in the development and guidance of the Advisory Board of the Hawaii Center for Nursing. Her personal experience and long devotion to the Health field serves as a strong foundation for her confidence and willingness to continue to serve.

Lori will make great contribution.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my support of Lori Kaneshige.

Sincerely,

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