

GM744

Patricia Nishimoto
Confirmation to the
Center for Nursing
Advisory Board



GOV. MSG. NO. 744

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GOVERNOR

February 17, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Tsutsui and Members of the Senate,

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Center for Nursing Advisory Board**:

CENTER FOR NURSING
ADVISORY BOARD

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REMARKS

Patricia Nishimoto

6/30/2015

Community

Sincerely,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Patricia W. Nishimoto
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March 1, 2012

Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 744 - Statement for Nomination to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board
(9 March 2012 @ 1315)

Dear Senator Tokuda:

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your questions relating to my nomination to serve on the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

1. *Why do you wish to be a member of the Center for Nursing Advisory Board?*

Response: I believe that the Center serves a critical role in helping to develop policy relating to the nursing profession. Based on my years of professional nursing experience, I would like to share my insights and vision of the profession of nursing to help formulate strategic plans and a roadmap for the future of nursing so that it may enhance service and care for the citizens of Hawai'i.

2. *How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Center for Nursing Advisory Board?*

Response: I see my role as a nursing professional with extensive clinical and post-secondary nursing educator as an adjunct associate professor in nursing to help formulate future oriented policies designed to enhance the nursing profession now and in the future. My responsibility is to use my 39 years of nursing practice to help in the formulation of data-driven, experience-based nursing policies.

3. *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?*

Response: I believe that my experience as a Chief Nurse in the United States Army Reserves, President of the Hawai'i Division of the American Cancer Society, and board

member of professional nursing associations has given me the opportunity to successfully work in groups to accomplish far-reaching goals in pragmatic yet creative ways. My clinical expertise allowed me to continue my efforts to work directly with patients and their family members. As the result of my clinical nursing practices I have developed a comprehensive, pragmatic understanding of the nursing needs of clients that I share with my nursing students.

My background includes the award of a Doctorate of Nursing Science from the University of California at San Francisco and active membership on the Tripler Nursing Research Committee. My degree and my nursing experiences enable me to use evidence-based decision-making in the provision of professional nursing care and concurrently provide essential information to assist with the nursing profession goals of analyzing and reporting data related development of policies designed to enhance the profession of nursing to include the retention of nursing professionals. I believe that my years of public speaking will enable me to explain the underlying rationale for nursing profession policies, disseminate information about nursing, and share the future vision for nursing based on emerging nursing profession trends.

4. *What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?*

Response: At the end of my term, I hope to be able to look back to see how the policy decisions that I have helped to formulate relating to the nursing profession and nursing education have helped prepare the nursing students for nursing care of the present and into the future.

5. *Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out.*

Response: I am: Creative. Compassionate. Culturally curious. I believe my creativity and pattern of thinking “outside the box” will help facilitate Board discussions and help in the process of creating strategies to retain nurses in the profession. My compassion for patients and colleagues will ground me and help to keep me focused on the purpose of the nursing profession which is to care for patients compassionately with evidence-based interventions. My cultural curiosity will add to the discussions of examining perhaps different strategies for the myriad of cultures that characterize Hawai‘i. For example, how might we more effectively recruit students of Micronesian heritage into the profession of nursing?

6. *Name one previous experience that would make you stand out and how would it benefit the Center for Nursing Advisory Board?*

Response: As an Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist, I work with patients and family members who have very diverse cultural backgrounds. The traditional nursing interventions of helping them cope with a diagnosis of cancer do not work optimally with everyone. I sought ways to help all of the people coming through our oncology clinic to include those for whom English is a second language or for those who did not find it comfortable to talk openly about feelings, fears or concerns.

My colleague and I developed the unique approach of using experiential arts to provide opportunities for people to reflect on their cancer journeys. This program began at two local hospitals with 51 people participating and has grown to five hospitals with over 300 people participating statewide. The artwork is then displayed at Honolulu Hale where the artists are allowed to interact with the public and share their journeys. This has had an impact on not only the artists but the community that comes to view the artwork and read the narratives. We were able to 'institutionalize this' with the Oncology Nursing Society so that it continues into the future and to work with the local nursing schools to invite nursing students to volunteer. These students have been inspired to become invaluable members of the oncology nursing profession and be passionate about their chosen profession. Opportunities such as this serve as an exemplar of innovative strategies to recruit, retain and sustain the nursing force.

7. *Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Center for Nursing Advisory Board?*

Response: I do not see any potential conflicts of interest.

I look forward to talking with you on the phone on Tuesday, 6 March at 1430 and to meeting with you on 9 March at 1315 at the Senate Hearing.

Mahalo,

Patricia W. Nishimoto, DNS, FAAN

Enclosure

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Testimony

TESTIMONY
OF
PATRICIA W. NISHIMOTO
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE
ON
EDUCATION
ON 9 MARCH 2012

GM744

Submitting for consideration and conformation to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board, Governatorial Nominee, PATRICIA W. NISHIMOTO.

Chair Tokuda and members of the Education Committee, mahalo for the opportunity to appear before you today.

I want to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me for this honor and privilege to be considered as a member of the Center of Nursing Advisory Board which serves a critical role in developing plans to recruit and retain nurses, conduct research on best practices and quality outcomes and conduct research on the trends of the nursing workforce in our state.

If confirmed, I shall use my 39 years of nursing experience to share my insights and vision of the profession of nursing to help formulate strategic plans and a roadmap for the future of nursing so that it may enhance service and care for the citizens of Hawai'i.

I believe that my experience as a Chief Nurse in the United States Army Reserves, President of the Hawai'i Division of the American Cancer Society, and board member of professional nursing associations has given me the opportunity to successfully work in groups to accomplish far-reaching goals in pragmatic yet creative ways. As the result of my clinical nursing practices, I have developed a comprehensive, pragmatic understanding of the nursing needs of clients that I share with my nursing students. I will use those skills in my work with the members at the Center.

My background includes the award of a Doctorate of Nursing Science from the University of California at San Francisco and active membership on the Tripler Nursing Research Committee. My degree and my nursing experiences enable me to use evidence-based decision-making in the provision of professional nursing care and concurrently provide essential information to assist with the nursing profession goals of analyzing and reporting data related development of policies designed to enhance the profession of nursing to include the retention of nursing professionals. I was on the planning committee of the first nursing research conference at Tripler Army Medical Center which now is part of the Pacific Institute of Nursing International Nursing Research Conference. I continue to be actively involved in the conference as a presenter and/or committee member. This conference is a vehicle for the Center to share with the nursing community research on best practices and quality outcomes. I believe that my years of public speaking will enable me to explain the underlying rationale for nursing profession policies, disseminate

information about nursing, and share the future vision for nursing based on emerging nursing profession trends.

Senator Tokuda asked me prior to this hearing to name one previous experience that would exemplify how I might be an asset to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board. As an Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist, I work with patients and family members who have very diverse cultural backgrounds. The traditional nursing interventions of helping them cope with a diagnosis of cancer do not work optimally with everyone. I sought ways to help all of the people coming through our oncology clinic to include those for whom English is a second language or for those who did not find it comfortable to talk openly about feelings, fears or concerns.

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At the end of my term, I hope to be able to look back to see how the policy decisions that I have helped to formulate relating to the nursing profession and nursing education have helped prepare nurses and nursing students for nursing care of the present and into the future.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of this Committee for the work they do every day to help the people in our State of Hawaii. Mahalo for allowing me to be here today and for considering my nomination. I want to thank my colleagues who have submitted testimony on my behalf.

At this time, I would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.

Respectfully,
Patricia W. Nishimoto, DNS, FAAN

Written Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Higher Education
March 9, 2012, 1:15 p.m.

by
Gail P. Tiwanak RN, MBA
Director
Hawaii State Center for Nursing

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Chair Tokuda, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of GM 744 nominating Dr. Patricia Nishimoto to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board, representing the Community.

Dr. Nishimoto is a Clinical Nurse Specialist with more than 40 years of experience in Nursing. She is highly regarded and well respected for her work in Oncology nursing and has received a number of awards and recognition for her work. She is a much sought after speaker on death and dying and sexuality in the elderly on local, national and international levels.

Dr. Nishimoto's work within the community exhibits the most positive collegial relationships in nursing and healthcare. She is an expert in conflict-resolution for both staff and patients, and is able to bring various groups together to put forth nursing's best efforts. She has been described by colleagues as incredibly knowledgeable, creative, compassionate, wise, sensible, nurse leader, mentor and practitioner. Her extensive experience with various groups provides her with unique insights into the role of nursing in the nursing community as well as the community as a whole. She has worked with disadvantaged groups throughout the Pacific, and the military focusing on cancer and life-threatening issues. Her innovative approaches to cancer therapies have positive impacts on a variety of communities, including children cancer patients and military members.

Dr. Nishimoto's knowledge and expertise in nursing and healthcare, as well as her extensive work within the community, ensures that she would be an excellent addition to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Dr. Nishimoto.



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Senator Jill Tokuda
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Re: Appointment of Patricia W. Nishimoto to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing

From: Mary Jane Amundson, PhD, APRN-C, FAAN

Dear Senator Tokuda and Hawaii's Senators:

I am writing as a personal friend and professional colleague of Patricia W. Nishimoto who is subject to confirmation of her appointment by the Boards and Commissions Selection Committee of the Governor to the Advisory Board of the Hawai'i Center for Nursing. I have known Dr. Nishimoto for over 35 years and have worked with her through the UH School of Nursing where she has been a student and a faculty. I strongly support her appointment.

Dr. Nishimoto is an outstanding researcher, educator of nurses, physicians and the community in Hawa'i, nationally and internationally. As a Clinical Nurse Specialist at Tripler Army Medical Center, she works with hospice clients from throughout the Pacific Basin and with adolescents and older adults who have special needs in sexuality issues. She continues to practice, participate in research and teach at the UH School of nursing and Dental Hygiene (UHM).

She has received numerous honors and awards in the last five years: Nisei Veteran Civic Character Award, The Fabulous Fifty UHM School of Nursing Awards, and Hospice Hawai'i Allied Health Care Professional Award. In 2006, she was elected as a Fellow to the American Academy of Nursing, one of only 7 in Hawaii. She has published articles and chapters in books; one on death and sexuality has been included in the Core Curriculum for AIDS and Oncology Nursing and has impacted the standards of patient care nationwide. She is on the faculty of the Department of Army Hawai'i nurse anesthetist program which recognized her mentorship along with that of a fellow nurse by establishing the Nishimoto-Hill Award.

Dr. Nishimoto has presented various oncology research programs both locally and nationally. Internationally, she has been an invited distinguished lecturer in Korea, Great Britain, Guam, Japan, Saipan and Norway and is frequently called upon to engage in dialogue about nursing with foreign nurse leaders.

Dr. Nishimoto has an unfailing positive attitude, constructive energy, and a passionate commitment to nursing. Her impressive record of achievements and her ongoing efforts serve as exemplars of a distinguished leader in nursing. I strongly support her appointment to the Advisory Board of the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing.

Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
Senate District 24
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Subject: Testimony for Advise and Consent in Support of the Appointment of Dr. Patricia W. Nishimoto, RN, DNS, GM #744, to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Hearing Date/Time: 9 March 2012 at 1315

It is with great pleasure that I submit testimony in support of Dr. Nishimoto's confirmation to be a member of the Center of Nursing Advisory Board.

As the Chief of Hematology/Oncology Clinic at Tripler Army Medical Center, I have worked directly with Dr. Patricia W. Nishimoto, Adult Oncology Clinical Nurse Specialist for the past eight years. I have observed her interacting with multi-disciplinary teams to provide optimal care to our oncology patients and she consistently demonstrates the very best of the nursing profession in those meetings. She represents nursing with pride and passion and is able to engage fellow professionals in creating strategies to ensure state of the art care is provided in a compassionate manner.

Dr. Nishimoto is very active in the community. She is the current President of the Hawaii Chapter of Hospice Palliative Nursing Association, a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, and a Fellow of Thanatology. She is a mentor for a cadet in the Hawaii National Guard Youth Challenge Academy which is a 17 month commitment. She has been an active volunteer with the American Cancer Society and continues to volunteer with the American Cancer Society camps for children with cancer.

Dr. Nishimoto consistently takes her responsibilities seriously and is always able to successfully complete any mission that she undertakes. She believes strongly in the nursing profession and she carefully nurtures the nursing students that she supervises in the clinical area. I have no doubt that she will be an asset to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board in their mission to ensure a strong nursing workforce of the future.

Robert Sheffler
COL, MC, USA
Chief, Hematology/Oncology
Tripler Army Medical Center

**TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 744
Dr. Patricia Nishimoto**

Senate Committee on Education
Hawai'i State Legislature

To: Honorable Sen. Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Honorable Sen. Michelle N. Kidani, , Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Education:
Suzanne Chun Oakland, Clarence Nishihara, Brian Taniguchi, Sam Sloam

From: Barbara Molina Kooker, DrPH, APRN
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Subject: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Dr. Patricia Nishimoto for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

It is a pleasure to write in support of the appointment of Dr. Pat Nishimoto to the Advisory Board of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing. I have known and worked with Dr. Nishimoto for over 25 years and strongly support her nomination to represent the community on the Advisory Board.

Without a doubt, Dr. Nishimoto is the best nurse that I know, and I've known hundreds of nurses over my long career. Her commitment to her patients and to the profession is what separates her from all others. It is not unusual to find Dr. Nishimoto donating her time at a camp for children of high-risk families to help them learn to work through the loss of a family member to cancer. In addition, she has single-handedly led the Oncology on Canvas Project in Hawaii where cancer patients and family survivors are encouraged to use their artistic skills to express their feelings about their illness and help them heal.

Dr. Nishimoto is greatly sought after as a national and international speaker on cultural differences in death and dying and oncology care. Because of her love for the Islands, she is recognized for her commitment to culturally acceptable care and respect for cultural differences.

She spends her long days at Tripler providing patient care when she's not serving on the Ethics Committee, or on the Research Committee, or speaking at classes at any of the nursing programs in the state. She is well known and well respected in our community.

Dr. Nishimoto is the one speaker that has been repeatedly selected by the nursing students at the UH Manoa nursing program to be the keynote speaker at their nursing commencement ceremony. Her poignant stories of helping her patients heal in clinical situations resonates with young, enthusiastic students who want to be just like her. **What better representative can our community want to serve on the Center for Nursing!**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support Dr. Nishimoto's appointment to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing. I strongly urge you to confirm her appointment.

February 29, 2012

Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Chairwoman, Senate Committee on Education,
Senatorial District 24
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 218
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Dr. Patricia W. Nishimoto's Nomination to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board

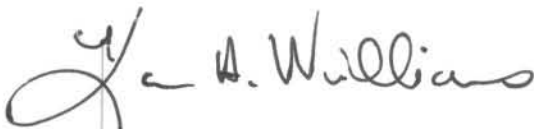
Honorable Jill N. Tokuda:

This written testimony is in strong support of Dr. Patricia Nishimoto's confirmation of her appointment by Governor Abercrombie to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board. As an Army Nurse and leader, I have worked with many civilian and military nurses over my 21 year career. Dr. Nishimoto exemplifies the best of our nursing profession and is a Full Spectrum leader. Many of the junior officers who work with Dr. Nishimoto comment of how she inspires them to do their very best with patients and helps to remind them of why they chose the nursing profession. I have received countless letters and direct comments from patients, families and staff regarding her care, approach and selfless services. Through her intense devotion to the holistic and culturally competent delivery of nursing care, she has set the standards for teamwork that has established an optimized workforce here at Tripler Army Medical Center.

My understanding is that the Center for Nursing Advisory Board goals and objectives include recruiting, retaining and assuring a strong nursing workforce to meet the health needs of Hawaii. Dr. Nishimoto consistently employs each objective in her daily work and every interaction with her nursing colleagues. She never hesitates to volunteer to serve as a clinical preceptor for undergraduate nursing students and also graduate nursing students. She has a passion about nursing and she shares that passion with each student and each colleague with whom she works.

I believe Dr. Patricia Nishimoto will bring to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board her vision, her passion, and her clinical expertise to help the Board to be successful in exceeding their goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen H. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "K".

Karen H. Williams
Nurse Director, Department of Medicine
Tripler Army Medical Center

Erin Conner

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Comments:

Joan Foley, RN BSN
Honolulu, Hawaii
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Senator Jill N. Tokuda
Senate District 24
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SUBJECT: Testimony for Advise & Consent in support of the appointment of Patricia Nishimoto, RN, DNS, GM #744, to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. Hearing Date/Time: March 9, 2012 at 1:15pm

I strongly recommend Patricia Nishimoto, RN DNS for appointment to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Since 1977, I have worked closely with Dr Nishimoto and have had numerous opportunities to observe her in a variety of clinical, educational and research settings. I have always found her to be extremely professional and to positively represent the nursing profession. She easily gains the respect of all with whom she works - patients, families, physicians, nurses and other members of the healthcare team. She exudes caring and has the uncanny ability to teach with humor. She has been a key member of numerous research studies and has been a leader in teaching medical and nursing ethics. She is known for initiating difficult communications in clinical settings and for nurturing new clinicians. She is a role model to us all.

Throughout the 1980's, Dr Nishimoto was a pioneer in caring for AIDS patients and in destigmatizing their disease. Likewise, in the mid-70's, she was already fully engaged in instructing women on self breast examination and other women's health issues. Furthermore, she was instrumental in bringing sex education to the teenagers of Hawaii. I have had the pleasure of co-authoring several articles and book chapters with Dr Nishimoto and have taught numerous classes and seminars with her. She is always extremely well received by her audiences and is invited annually to lecture in Korea at the 38th Parallel Conference and at the Asian Pacific Medicine Conference.

I believe Dr Nishimoto would be an outstanding addition to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. She has much more to offer the nursing profession is most deserving

of this recognition. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide more information in support of Dr Nishimoto's appointment.

Yours truly,

February 29, 2012

Senator Jill Tokuda
Chair, Senate Health Committee
Hawai'i State Legislature

Dear Senator Tokuda:

RE: GM 744

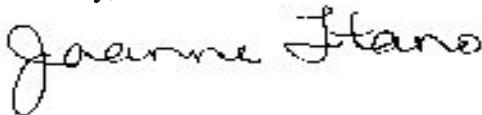
I am pleased to write in support of the nomination of Dr. Patricia Nishimoto to the advisory board of the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing. I have known Dr. Nishimoto for over 20 years as professional colleagues in oncology nursing.

Dr. Nishimoto is a well respected expert in cancer nursing at the national and state level. She is sought after as a speaker on the effects of cancer on sexuality and cultural aspects of death and dying. Most recently she has established the cancer and art project in Hawai'i. Using painting as a means to express the experience of cancer by those with cancer and their loved ones is a powerful way to cope with the disease and inform others of the personal and profound impact of cancer. Her publication record is outstanding and reflects her professional expertise. She is an expert clinician in the care of patients with cancer and their families.

Her appointment to serve on the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing will be an asset to the center. I support Dr. Patricia Nishimoto's appointment to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne Itano".

Joanne Itano, RN, PhD
Director, Academic Affairs
Office of the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs/Provost
University of Hawai'i System

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Subject: Testimony for Advise and Consent in support of the appointment of Dr. Patricia W. Nishimoto, RN, MPH, GM #744, to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.
Hearing Date/Time: 9 March 2012 at 1315

It is without hesitation that I give my strongest recommendation for the appointment of Dr. Patricia W. Nishimoto, RN to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

For the past 34 years I have had the honor and privilege of working closely with Dr. Nishimoto, a consummate Nurse Educator, Nurse Researcher, and Clinician. She is a renowned and often requested speaker who has already brought great credit to the State of Hawaii through her lectures on the Mainland, throughout the Pacific Basin, and the Hawaiian Islands. Additionally, Dr. Nishimoto has published innumerable articles, book chapters, and pamphlets. As a popular preceptor, she has proctored psychologists, physicians, social workers, and nurses and has taught at the University of Hawaii Medical School and Nursing School. She also served as a consultant in Guam, Micronesia, Saipan, and the Marshall Islands. Through the *Living with Dying* experiential workshop that she co-developed, she trained thousands of healthcare workers to be better able to communicate with dying patients and their families.

Perhaps Dr. Nishimoto's most meaningful work has been done with Oncology patients in the community. Twenty years ago, she co-developed a camp for teens with cancer and it has met every summer changing the lives of adolescents in various phases of treatment. She brought to Hawaii the *Oncology on Canvas Program*, a therapeutic painting program that unites cancer patients, their families, psychologists and nurses as they openly discuss their disease. Under Dr. Nishimoto's direction, Tripler Army Medical Center is the only military facility to participate in this program. Moreover, she has been extremely active in the American Cancer Society, and has served as the president of numerous state-wide academic and professional organizations as well as having served on numerous committees. She has been the recipient of numerous state and national awards to include the highly coveted Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing

I urge you to appoint Dr. Nishimoto to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. She has dedicated her life to educating nurses and other healthcare professionals and to improving the health of the residents of Hawaii. If I can provide further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Sincerely,

Lenore S. Enzel RN,C-BC, MS, NE-BC, CLNC
Colonel U.S. Army (Retired)