

# GM828

## HARDY SPOEHR

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector, Gubernatorial Nominee, HARDY SPOEHR, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.

Report Title: Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector

Description:

Companion:

Package:

Current Referral: CPN

Introducer(s):

<b><u>Sort by</u></b> <b><u>Date</u></b>		<b>Status Text</b>
3/20/2012	S	Received.
3/20/2012	S	Referred to CPN.
3/21/2012	S	The committee(s) on CPN has scheduled a public hearing on 04-04-12 9:30AM in conference room 229.



**GM828**  
**Nomination for Board of Director's of Hawaii Health Connector**  
Senate Committee Commerce and Consumer Protection

April 4, 2012

9:30 a.m.

Room 229

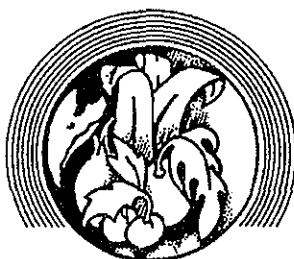
The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS GM828**, which would confirm the Gubernatorial Nominee, Hardy Spoehr to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Connector representing the Native Hawaiian Organization/Consumer interests.

Our support comes from over 25 years of working alongside Hardy representing Native Hawaiians' interests. He has a long history of serving Native Hawaiians in land, water, and health, and he has demonstrated a keen understanding of the management required to preserve island communities and traditional systems.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs has been serving at the Board of Papa Ola Lokahi (the Native Hawaiian Health Board) along with Native Hawaiian community health organizations, the Department of Health, the University of Hawaii, Alu Like Inc. and E Ola Mau since 1988. Together, we serve to improve and raise the health status of Native Hawaiian communities through a system of healthcare, as contemplated by the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act. (42 U.S.C. 11701 et seq.)

In April 1993, Hardy Spoehr joined Papa Ola Lokahi, and he continues to serve as its second Executive Director. For a little over ten years, Hardy helped at the Board of AlohaCare and brought a new and rich diversity to the Board as a non-Community Health Center interest for Native Hawaiian health. Hardy tries to help out whenever he is asked and wherever he can. He is a consummate leader, teacher and willing teammate.

We believe Hardy will be a great asset to the Hawaii Health Connector and will bring a valuable perspective on Hawaii's healthy future. Therefore, OHA urges the Senate committee to CONFIRM the nomination of Hardy Spoehr to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Connector and PASS GM 828. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.



**ke ola mamo**

April 3, 2012

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee Commerce and Consumer Protection

RE: GM 828  
Nomination for Board of Director's of Hawai'i Health Connector

Ke Ola Mamo **SUPPORTS** GM 828, which would confirm the Gubernatorial Nominee, Hardy Spoehr to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector representing Native Hawaiian Organization/Consumer interests. Ke Ola Mamo is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization incorporated on O'ahu in 1992 with a mission to empower, educate and promote the health and well-being of the Native Hawaiian community through a system of culturally appropriate services on O'ahu.

Hardy Spoehr, the executive director of Papa Ola Lokahi, the Native Hawaiian Health Board, has provided superb leadership to improve the health and well-being of Native Hawaiians for over 20 years by partnering with numerous institutions to improve access to medical and preventative care, expanding the ranks of Native Hawaiian health professionals, working tirelessly with our Congressional representatives to continue support for the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act and funding it, and fully supporting the use of Native Hawaiian traditional healing practices.

Ke Ola Mamo has been serving at the Board of Papa Ola Lokahi, along with other Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems, Department of Health, University of Hawai'i, Ahi Like Inc. and E Ola Mau since 1988. Together, we serve to improve and raise the health status of Native Hawaiian communities through a system of healthcare as considered in the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act. (42 U.S.C. 11701 et seq.)

Hardy Spoehr is a great asset to the Hawai'i Health Connector and brings the voice of Native Hawaiian's perspective to Hawai'i's healthy future. Therefore, Ke Ola Mamo urges the Senate Committee to CONFIRM the nomination of Hardy Spoehr to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector, GM 828. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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Testimony for CPN 4/4/2012 9:30:00 AM GM828

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21 March 2012

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection (CPN)  
Hawai'i State Legislature  
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Aloha Senator Baker, Senator Taniguchi, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

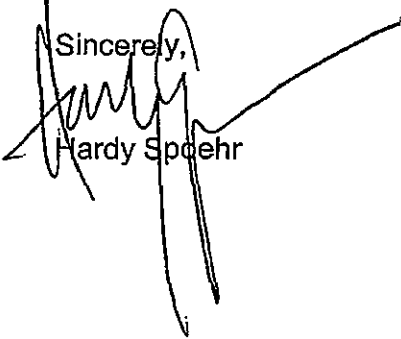
I have been asked and am honored to be considered to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector. For almost the past 20 years I have been involved with health care and have served and continue to serve as the executive director of Papa Ola Lokahi, the Native Hawaiian Health Board.

This board was established by the Native Hawaiian community and identified in federal legislation in 1988 to oversee the implementation of federal health policy as it relates to improving the health and wellbeing of the Indigenous Peoples of Hawai'i, its Native Hawaiian population. In this regards, the efforts our program have made have not only improved the health and wellbeing of Native Hawaiians but, indeed, have impacted positively on all those who call Hawai'i home.

My understanding of the role and responsibilities of the board are to provide guidance in the deliberation and development of Hawai'i's future public health care plan for its residents in accordance with the requirements of the Patient Protection and Affordability Act.

I would hope that my past experiences will be somewhat helpful in this process.

Sincerely,



Hardy Spoehr

ATTACHMENT: resume