

TESTIMONY

GM887

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, KATHLEEN CLARK, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Report Title: Statewide Health Coordinating Council

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator Josh Green, M.D. Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
April 12, 2012
1:30 PM

Testimony in SUPPORT of Gubernatorial Nominee:

Kathleen Clark- GM 887

Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Chair Dr. Green, Vice-Chair Nishihara and members of the Committee on Health:

It is with great pleasure that I submit my support for confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Kathleen (Kathy) Clark to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Kathy's professionalism and years of experience in the health care industry will be a true asset as a member of the Council. She brings to the table the ability to seek consensus and reasonableness that will benefit the general public and support for the mission of the Department of Health to improve the health status of the island's residents. As a registered nurse with a Master's degree in business and over 30 years experience as a health care provider, I believe she will provide the necessary input and feedback that is critical to an effective delivery of Hawaii's healthcare system.

As a former member of the Kauai County Council, I have had the pleasure of consulting with Kathy as health issues arose in our community and found her to be exceptionally knowledgeable, fair, and compassionate with a deep understanding of the health care issues of our island residents. In her current capacity as the President and Chief Executive Officer of G. N. Wilcox Memorial Hospital, she has established strong working relationships with many entities in the community and is highly respected.

I ask for your favorable consideration for confirmation of Kathy Clark to serve on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

With Warm Regards,

Representative Derek S.K. Kawakami, 14th District
East and North Kauai

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Senate Committee on Health

GM 887, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health

Thursday, April 12, 2012
1:30 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation
2 of Kathy Clark to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the
5 SHCC, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kathy Clark. Ms. Clark is currently the President and Chief
6 Executive Officer of Wilcox Memorial Hospital in Lihue. She has over 25 years of experience
7 in the health care arena. Prior to joining Wilcox Memorial Hospital, she served at Riverside
8 San Bernardino Co. Indian Health, Inc; Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula; Desert
9 Regional Medical Center; Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital; and Story County Hospital. She is
10 active in the community and serves on the Kauai Economic Development Board, Kaua'i
11 County Ethic Board, Kauai Chamber of Commerce, Hawai'i Arthritis Foundation, and Kauai
12 County Subarea Health Planning Council.

13 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Ms. Clark, enabling her to serve on the
14 Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Mayor



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**TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON HEALTH**

**TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2012**

**April 12, 2012
1:30 p.m., Conf Room 229**

TESTIMONY ON GM 887, RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE KATHLEEN CLARK, TO THE STATEWIDE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL

TO THE HONORABLE JOSH GREEN, M.D., CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., Mayor, providing testimony in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Kathleen Clark to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Ms. Clark is being nominated to serve on the Council for the term ending June 30, 2016. She is well respected in the community for her leadership and knowledge in the health care field as she currently is the President/CEO of Wilcox Health Center.

Ms. Clark provides a broad perspective on health planning and is an asset to this Council. She continues to demonstrate her willingness to serve the community through volunteering to serve on this State Council.

I consider it an honor to have Ms. Clark serve in this capacity and represent the County of Kaua'i.

Mahalo nui for your consideration and the opportunity to present testimony on this confirmation.

Aloha,

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.
Mayor

April 2, 2012

Senate Committee on Health

GM887

Dear Chairman Green, Vice Chair Nishihara and members of the Senate Health Committee,

I am writing in support of Ms. Kathleen Clark's appointment to the statewide Health Coordinating Council. I have known Ms. Kathleen Clark for the last 7 years when she joined Wilcox Memorial Hospital administration. In that time she has impressed me with her compassion, ethics and community involvement.

As an RN with an MBA, she has a unique skill set for a Hospital CEO. Her nursing background colors her business decisions with compassion and an understanding of patient care. She has strong ethical backbone that has been noted by the County of Kaua'i department of the Boards and Commissions, as they recommended her to the Ethics Board for the County of Kaua'i.

Lastly her community involvement "leading by example", has led to the expectation for all managers here at Wilcox, to participate at least twice a year, in a community activity. She has been an active member in the Kaua'i Chamber of Commerce leading her to be elected to President of the Board this year. She has been active member to the Kaua'i area SHIPDA board. All examples of how she leads by example.

Kathy has a unique skill set colored by compassion, ethics and connectedness to our community. I highly recommend her appointment to this important board.

Sincerely Yours,

Catherine Adams
Director Patient Safety, Quality Services
Wilcox Memorial Hospital

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair

Conference Room 229
April 12, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.

Testimony in support of GM 887, which nominates Kathleen Clark to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

My name is George W. Greene, President and CEO of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), whose membership includes all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, two-thirds of the long term care beds, home care agencies and hospices, and other related provider organizations. Our provider members employ more than 40,000 people statewide, delivering quality care to the people of Hawaii. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Kathleen Clark to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Ms. Clark is the President and Chief Executive Officer at Wilcox Memorial Hospital, which is a member of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii. She has 35 years of experience in the field of health care, having worked in such positions as nursing manager, administrative director of emergency and trauma services, and intensive care director.

Ms. Clark is committed to healthy communities, which is reflected in her community involvement. She is currently a board member of the Arthritis Foundation, a member and past board chair of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Kauai Rural Health Board, and a member of the Kauai Economic Development Board.

Ms. Clark would bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, and I am confident that she would serve with dignity, wisdom, and integrity.

For the foregoing reasons, the Healthcare Association supports GM 887.