

TESTIMONY

GM888

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, gubernatorial nominee, WAYNE HIGAKI, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Report Title: Statewide Health Coordinating Council

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Senate Testimony

Bill: **GM 888** - Gubernatorial Nominee **WAYNE SACHIO HIGAKI**, Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Hearing: Committee on Health

Chair: Senator Josh Green, M.D.

Date: Thursday, April 12, 2012

Testimony By: **Wayne Sachio Higaki**, Vice President, North Hawaii Community Hospital

Chair Green, members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to present background information about myself in your consideration of my confirmation and appointment to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. Regretfully, I am not able to travel inter-island at this time to personally attend the confirmation hearing.

I was born and raised in Hawaii. I attended and graduated from Honokaa High School and Kapiolani Community College. I then completed a Fellowship at Sutter Memorial Hospital, through the University of California, Davis.

I have been in the health care field for 28 years with the last 17 years here in Hawaii. I have been with North Hawaii Community Hospital since it's opening in 1996. I also served as President of the Board of Directors at the Hamakua Health Center in Honokaa. I presently serve on Mayor Billy Kenoi's Healthcare Sustainability Taskforce.

I have served on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council and the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea for 8 years previously. A reappointment to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council would give me further opportunities to work with the State Health Planning and Development Agency in promoting more effective use of the existing health care resources and to assure that new services and equipment truly add value to the existing network of care. I believe that our work will assist in assuring high quality health care and reasonable costs.

In the past, conflicts of interest have been easily resolved by declaration on specific matters as required through consultation with the Ethics Commission.

I ask for you to support my nomination to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Thank you.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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Senate Committee on Health

GM 888, 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 Wayne Higaki 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, Wayne Higaki. Mr. Higaki is Vice President of Public Affairs of
6 North Hawaii Community Hospital. He is also a member of the Hawaii County Subarea Health
7 Planning Council (HCSAC).

8 Pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes 323D-22(8), the HCSAC on September 14, 2011,
9 unanimously voted in favor of recommending Mr. Wayne Higaki for gubernatorial appointment
10 to serve on the SHCC. Mr. Higaki has extensive knowledge of the existing and emerging
11 issues and concerns of health care services on Hawaii Island and across the state.

12 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Mr. Higaki to the Statewide Health
13 Coordinating Council.

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Testimony By: Ken Wood, President & CEO, North Hawaii Community Hospital

Chair Green, members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to present my very strong support for Wayne Sachio Higaki's appointment to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. I am hoping for your positive consideration and confirmation of Mr. Higaki to this council.

I believe that Mr. Higaki's contributions will promote more effective use of existing health care resources and to assure that new services and equipment truly add value to the existing network of care. His participation would ultimately assist in assuring high quality health care and reasonable costs.

In closing, I believe that the State of Hawaii would benefit from a strong principled individual like Mr. Higaki, who has the experience and skill to fulfill the council's purpose. Thank you again for your positive consideration.

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April 11, 2012,

Senate Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair

**RE: GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION OF WAYNE S. HIGAKI FOR
STATEWIDE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL**

Aloha Senator Green and Committee Members:

The purpose of this letter is to support the nomination and reappointment of Wayne S. Higaki to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. Mr. Higaki has served Hawaii County for many years in the past as an appointee to the Hawaii County Subarea Council as well as other statewide health councils. His integrity, knowledge and experience of health care policy, strategic planning and operational issues will continue to be invaluable in service to the health care delivery system of Hawaii County and its residents.

I have served with Wayne for many years and in a number of capacities since he came to work for us at North Hawaii Community Hospital prior to its opening in 1996. I served briefly with Wayne on the Hawaii County Subarea Council in the late 1990's, and Wayne followed my tenure as President of the Board of Directors of Hamakua Health Center until he was required to rotate off at the end of 2011 as per the bylaws of the organization. In each instance, it has been my sincere pleasure and honor to have served with Wayne and to have observed his professionalism in all situations. Wherever Wayne has served, the organizations and agencies have benefitted greatly from his many contributions.

In closing, please accept my strong support for Mr. Higaki in this appointment process for a position on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. I thank you in advance for your serious consideration of his nomination and your positive support.

Sincerely and with much aloha,

Patrick E. Linton
Patrick E. Linton, CEO



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 888, which nominates Wayne Higaki 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 Wayne Higaki to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Mr. Higaki is the Vice President of Public Affairs for North Hawaii Community Hospital, which is a member of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii. He has 28 years of experience in the health care field, 16 of those at North Hawaii Community Hospital and 12 of those at various hospitals in California.

Mr. Higaki is involved in the community, having served as the President of the Board of Directors of the Hamakua Health Center, Chair of the County of Hawaii Workforce Investment Board, member of the State of Hawaii Workforce Development Council, member of the County of Hawaii Committee on Aging, and member of the Mayor's Healthcare Sustainability Taskforce. In addition, he has previously served on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council and the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea of the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

I am confident that Mr. Higaki would continue to serve on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council with dignity, wisdom, and integrity.

For the foregoing reasons, the Healthcare Association supports GM 888.