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Subject: April 12, 2012 1:30 pm, KEITH LEE, Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Testimony for Advise and Consent

TESTIMONY
 OF
 KEITH LEE
 TO THE
 SENATE COMMITTEE
 ON
 HEALTH
 ON
 April 12, 2012
 G.M. 889

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEITH LEE, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Chair Green and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today.

I want to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for renominating me. I am currently a member of the Council. I feel the Council performs important work on behalf of the State and community—one could say, a sounding board and check on changes to State health facilities and services to ensure access to quality health care at reasonable costs for our citizens. I want to continue to build upon what has been done.

Many volunteer organizations struggle to reach quorum to conduct business. I note that I have had near perfect attendance for meetings of the Council.

The following background and experience help qualify me for the position:

- life-long resident of Hawaii (my family has been here for 140 years)
- member of Council for over four years
- lawyer for over 25 years
- (former) employee of major health care organizations—Queen's, Kaiser Permanente, and HMSA—spanning 20 years
- parent, coach and community volunteer in Hawaii for over 20 years

To the extent consistent with the Council's role in carrying out the State's statutorily mandated health services and facilities plan, I would like to be a part of the Councils' support of patient-centered health care home models grounded in prevention and primary care, health information technology/data exchange/predictive software, enabling services, cultural sensitivity, community involvement, and health care workforce and community economic development.

Thank you for considering my renomination.

At this time, I am ready and willing to answer questions the Committee may have.

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Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 10:30 AM
To: Green4 - Mailene
Subject: April 12, 2012 1:30 pm, KEITH LEE, Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Testimony for Advise and Consent

To: State Senator Josh Green M.D.
 Chair, Senate Committee on Health

Re: April 12, 2012 1:30 pm, KEITH LEE, Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Testimony for Advise and Consent

Dear Senator Green,

Your office has asked me to respond to the following:

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council?

I am currently a member of the Council. I feel the Council performs important work on behalf of the State and community—one could say, a sounding board and check on changes to State health facilities and services to ensure access to quality health care at reasonable costs for our citizens. I want to continue to build upon what has been done.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council?

Number one: Show up. Many volunteer organizations struggle to reach quorum to conduct business. I have had near perfect attendance for meetings of the Council.

Number two: Prepare and Participate. I review the materials distributed in advance of the meetings, tend to question certificate of need applicants, and apply what I think and know to any decision-making.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, 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 Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

The following background and experience help qualify me for the member positions:

- life-long resident of Hawaii (my family has been here for 140 years)
- member of the Council for over four years
- lawyer for over 25 years
- (former) employee of major health care organizations—Queen's, Kaiser Permanente, and HMSA—spanning 20 years
- parent, coach and community volunteer in Hawaii for over 20 years

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

To the extent consistent with the Council's role in carrying out the State's statutorily mandated health services and facilities plan, I would like to be a part of the Council's support of patient-centered health care home models grounded in prevention and primary care, health information technology/data exchange/predictive software, enabling services, cultural sensitivity, community involvement, and health care workforce and community economic development.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Statewide Health Coordinating Council?

I have been told that I am particularly fair (dedicated to achieving just solutions that balance conflicting interests and goals with legal requirements), accessible (there when needed), and humble (recognize that we are here for the community and are just one part of the community's long, proud and storied history of care and compassion, achievement and progress).

These qualities, combined with those afforded by other members, helps maintain the diversity of viewpoints and perspectives so necessary to conducting broad and comprehensive discussions, generating possibilities and alternatives, and reaching a considered and just decision.

(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Statewide Health Coordinating Council?

I recently led a recommendation that the administrator deny a CON application. Many do not want to tell an applicant no, but I will do it, and lead it, if correct and necessary.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

Yes, conflicts have arisen in the past and would in the future--this is a small community. When I have had a conflict, I have attended meetings anyway to help the body make quorum, and then, on the matter at issue, either recused myself or abstained from voting.

Thank you for your interest and involvement in my nomination.

Sincerely,

Keith Lee

On Thu, Apr 5, 2012 at 10:06 AM, Green4 - Mailene <green4@capitol.hawaii.gov> wrote:

Yes, if possible please resubmit your answers so that I can include them for this confirmation hearing. Thank you! (:

From: Keith Lee [<mailto:keithleelawman@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 9:57 PM
To: Green4 - Mailene
Subject: Re: Another Confirmation

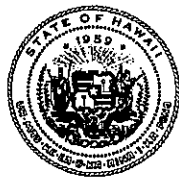
Do I need to submit another set of answers to Chair Green's questions (see pages 4-5 of http://www.capitol.hawaii.gov/session2012/Testimony/GM701_TESTIMONY_HTH_03-30-12.pdf)? Please let me know. Thanks.

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Senate Committee on Health

**GM 889, 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 Mr. Keith Lee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation of SHCC
5 Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Keith Lee. Mr. Lee is currently the principal of Lee Law Office,
6 LLLC. He was legal counsel for Hawaii Medical Services Association – Blue Cross Blue Shield
7 of Hawaii, general counsel for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and Hospital – Hawaii Region,
8 legal counsel for Hawaii Permanente Medical Group, corporate counsel for the Queen Emma
9 Foundation, and a corporate/real estate lawyer with Cades, Schutte, Fleming & Wright.

10 Mr. Lee has been an active board member of the Statewide Health Coordinating
11 Council and the Honolulu Subarea Planning Council for the past 4 years. He is also a board
12 member of the Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation and the International Karate League of
13 Hawaii.

1 Mr. Lee obtained his Juris Doctor and Master of Business Administration from the
2 University of Chicago. He obtained his Bachelor of Arts, Magna Cum Laude from the
3 University of Michigan and is a graduate cum laude of Iolani School.

4 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Mr. Keith Lee to the Statewide Health
5 Coordinating Council.



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April 5, 2012

The Honorable Josh Green
United States Senator
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 222
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

RE: Mr. Keith Lee's Nomination to Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Dear Senator Green:

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Mr. Keith Lee to continue to serve on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

I have gotten to know Mr. Lee over the past year or so and he has shown me to be a person of high integrity and moral character.

Mr. Lee is a life-long resident of Honolulu, Hawaii and is recognized as a strong and dedicated advocate of patient-centered health care home models grounded in prevention and primary care, health information technology/data exchange/predictive software, enabling software, cultural sensitivity, and health care workforce and community economic development.

The Senate recently confirmed Mr. Lee for another term as a member of the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea. As an existing member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Mr. Lee has participated in numerous Certificate of Need reviews. At the request of Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea members, Mr. Lee co-presented to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea an overview of the application process and procedure from the standpoint of a reviewing committee member.

Mr. Lee's knowledge, demonstrated experience and leadership, professional attitude, and willingness to serve our community make him a great asset to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Sincerely,

John E. McComas
Chief Executive Officer



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April 5, 2012

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Re: April 12, 2012 1:30 pm, KEITH LEE, Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Testimony for Advise and Consent

Dear Senators:

This serves as a letter of recommendation for Mr. Keith Lee, who is being considered for renomination to serve another term on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

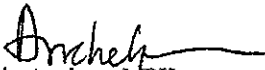
It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I am writing to endorse Mr. Lee's renomination. For the last 25 years at American Medical Response/International Life Support, I have been an Emergency Medical Technician, as well as Field Operations Supervisor, Communications Manager and current Operations Manager for the island of Oahu. I hope my perspective will be helpful to you as you evaluate this exceptional nominee.

I've known Mr. Lee for the past several years while both currently serving on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC). He is certainly a man of integrity and exhibits strong ethical character as a SHCC member. He is meticulous, organized and thorough in everything he does.

I am confident that my recommendation of Mr. Lee for this position is worthy. He is the person I would depend on, not only because he has the intelligence, but because he is compassionate, dedicated, responsible, energetic, and honest. I am deeply impressed by Mr. Lee and recommend him unhesitatingly and wholeheartedly. I am confident, that if renominated, he would provide the same high level of service and commitment as a member of SHCC.

If you have any questions or wish to speak further about Mr. Lee, please feel free to call me at 808.487.4900.

Sincerely,


Andy Ancheta, MPH
Operations Manager
American Medical Response-Oahu

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Green4 - Mailene

From: Fred.Shaw@kp.org
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To:
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

Re: GM 889; Consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEITH LEE, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

Hearing Date: Thursday, April 12, 2012
Time: 1:30 p.m.

To: Chair Josh Green, M.D.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination of Keith Lee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

I have known Keith Lee since 1999, working with him at Kaiser Permanente Hawaii, serving with him on Certificate of Need (CON) hearings, and in Statewide Health Coordinating Council meetings.

Keith is an energetic and enthusiastic individual, who is committed to service to his community. With his background at Queens and Kaiser, he is very knowledgeable on health care issues. He also is always prepared for the CON hearings, is able to understand and articulate the issues involved with the CON applications.

I support his nomination to serve another term on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Sincerely,

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Testimony for HTH 4/12/2012 1:30:00 PM GM889

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Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Hardy Spoehr
Organization: Papa Ola Lokahi
E-mail: hspoehr@papaolalokahi.org
Submitted on: 4/6/2012

Comments:

Aloha. Papa Ola Lokahi strongly supports Keith Lee's appointment. He has been involved with encouraging health and wellness for Hawai`i's populations for many years. mahalo.



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April 10, 2012

Senator Josh Green
Chairman Health committee
Senatorial District 3
Hawaii State Capitol, room 222
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Keith Lee, Supporting Testimony for the Statewide Health Coordinating Council; Hearing scheduled for April 12, 2012; G.M. 889

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Keith Lee as a gubernatorial nominee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. I have known Keith for about six months as a new member of the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council. and have found him to be open and thoughtful in the sessions. He also nicely volunteered to present the how to of reviewing a Certificate of Need application.

He is down to earth and shares his knowledge clearly and with out hesitation. I strongly support his continuing on the committee so that he may continue to share his expertise. Through this he has demonstrated his commitment to support the goals of the committee and ensuring community services are reasonable and affordable.

He is committed to the community and has been employed by many healthcare organizations which give him insight to the various systems affecting our community. He is a well qualified individual deserving to be renominated.

Sincerely,

Roberta M. Lovely
Director, Special Projects

Green4 - Mailene

From: Daryl Kurozawa [dkurozawa@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 1:52 PM
To: Green4 - Mailene
Subject: April 12, 2012 1:30 pm KEITH LEE, Statwide Health Coordinating Council, Testimony for Advise and Consent

RE: April 12, 2012 130 pm KEITH LEE, Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Chair Green and members of the Committee:

I am writing in support of Keith Lee's nomination to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Keith Lee for the past 9 years through his employment with Kaiser Health Plan Hawaii, HMSA and in his private law practice.

Keith is very knowledgeable and has proven to be a trusted adviser in health care. His broad experience allows him to provide a balanced perspective and offer sound recommendations on health and medical issues in Hawaii. I have the upmost confidence that he will be a strong contributor to the council

I support the nomination of Keith Lee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council without reservation.

Aloha
Daryl H Kurozawa MD

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH (26th legislature,
regular session 2012)

Re: GM 889 Appointing Keith Lee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Testimony on April 12, 2012 at 1:30 pm

To Chair Green and the members of the Committee:

My name is Lloyd Lim and I am testifying in my capacity as a private citizen in support of Keith Lee's appointment to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. I work in the health insurance area in government. I have served with Mr. Lee on the HONSAC board and knew him previously when he was at Kaiser so I know that he has a strong health insurance background and can handle the kinds of issues facing the Council. I have found him to be a public minded person. I also note that he has a law degree from the University of Chicago. Chicago is a high end law school and his attendance there shows a high aptitude.