

GM 538

Testimony

Hawai'i Commission for National and Community
Service

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Hawai'i Commission for National and Community
Service, Gubernatorial Nominee, **FREDERICK
HOLSCHUH**, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR

Thursday, March 7, 2013, 2:45 PM
Conference Room 414
State Capitol

Testimony of
NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

To the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Gilbert Kahele, Vice Chair

GM 538
Consideration and Confirmation of Frederick Holschuh
To the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele, and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to nominate Frederick Holschuh to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. His term will end on 6/30/2015.

Dr. Frederick Holschuh has dedicated over thirty years to a career in emergency medicine. He was the co-founder of the Hawaii Emergency Physician's Association and was honored as the Hawaii County Medical Society's 2010 Physician of the Year. The former Democratic mayoral candidate from Big Island has always sought to heal the greater community and served as a member of the Hawaii County Council from 2002 to 2006.

Over the years, Dr. Holschuh has been involved with committees and commissions for such wide-ranging areas as domestic violence, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, mental illness, traffic safety, EMS, dental health, and eldercare. Dr. Holschuh offers his steadfast service to the state along with sensitivity to the people that will make him a positive contributor to this commission.

Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully request that you confirm Frederick Holschuh to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.




HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

March 4, 2013

To: The Honorable Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Senator Gilbert Kaele, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education

From: Representative Mark M. Nakashima 

Re: **Testimony in Support of Dr. Frederick Holschuh (GM 538)**
Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service

Hearing: Thursday, March 07, 2013, 2:45 PM, Room 414, State Capital

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support for the gubernatorial nomination of Dr. Frederick Holschuh to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

Dr. Frederick Holschuh has devoted his life to the care and treatment of others, including medical missionary work to the People's Republic of China and Guatemala. He has been a member of numerous local community service groups helping to develop health and educational consciousness, such as Agency for Community Hospitals Task Force and Transition Team to create Hawaii Health Systems Corporation for Community Hospitals, Big Island Substance Abuse Council, Hawaii County Community Coalition for Neighborhood Safety, Hawaii County Task Force on Offenders with Mental Illness, Domestic Violence Inter-Agency Team, YWCA Community Youth Activity Program, and many other groups.

Dr. Frederick Holschuh has been awarded for his efforts attaining the 1997 Physician of the Year, Purple Ribbon Award for Domestic Violence Inter-Agency Team in 1999, the Kuhina Award, the 2002 Governor's Kilohana Award for Volunteerism, and the 2010 Physician Award.

The remarkable and noteworthy characteristic of Dr. Frederick Holschuh is that his commitment to civic service has continued uninterrupted since the mid-seventies. Dr. Holschuh has continued his legacy of community participation and helped develop how those in need live. His volunteer efforts have had a large and significant impact on the Island of Hawaii and the State of Hawaii. Governor Abercrombie's gubernatorial nomination is well placed within Dr. Frederick Holschuh.

The lifelong dedication of Dr. Frederick Holschuh's successful commitment to community service would make him a valuable addition and help enrich and develop the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. His experience will help contribute to expanding the community service programs to facilitate in the improvement of our communities.

The Corporation for National and Community Service plays a vital role for addressing many of the national, community, and emergency issues in the nation. As a medical practitioner and a committed volunteer Dr. Holschuh is in a unique candidate for the Hawaii Commission of National and Community Service.

I urge you to confirm the appointment of Dr. Frederick Holschuh to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service where he will be able to make positive contributions to Hawaii and the United States of America.



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February 1, 2013

Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
Senate District 11
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415 South Beretania St.
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Honorable Chairman Taniguchi and the Senate Higher Education Committee,

I am pleased to support the appointment and confirmation of Dr. Fred Holschuh to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

This Commission enacted by Federal Statute, is responsible for administering and receiving federal funds to support AmeriCorps Programs in the State of Hawaii. There are currently 8 programs in the Hawaii portfolio, with approximately 350 to 400 members serving throughout the state. The current focus areas of our programs concentrate on land conservation, legal help for the needy, sustainable agriculture, early childhood care, and helping people with disabilities find employment.

The composition of the Commission by Federal statute requires a minimum of 15 members, an equal representation of political parties with NO one party having a majority, and representation of various professional occupations.

Dr. Holschuh can represent both Education Expert and the Health Profession. His past experience as both a County Council Member and Past President of the Hawaii Physicians Association will undoubtedly serve him well if confirmed to the Commission.

Please allow Dr. Holschuh to serve on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stacy K. Higa".

Stacy K. Higa
Executive Director
Hawaii Commission for National & Community Service



UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

Legislative Testimony

Testimony Presented Before the
Senate Committee on Higher Education
March 7, 2013 at 2:45 pm

by
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GM 538 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service, Gubernatorial Nominee, FREDERICK HOLSCHUH, for a Term to Expire June 30, 2015

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Kahele and members of the committee:

I would like to support the nomination and confirmation of Dr. Fred Holschuh to the Hawai'i Commission for National and Community Service. His expertise in the Health Profession and as an Education Expert, will add to the diversity and experience of the Commission.

The Commission has been administratively attached to the University's Vice President of Student Affairs Office for more than 10 years. Each year the Commission is responsible for managing the Americorps programs which accounts for approximately \$2.2 to 2.8 million dollars of federal money coming into our state.

As the host agency, our office is pleased with the progress and competitiveness the Hawai'i programs have shown over the past years. The Hawai'i Commission continues to provide outreach to a diverse cross section of not for profit entities.

On behalf of my office and the University of Hawai'i, please accept this letter of support for Dr. Fred Holschuh's appointment to the Commission. The Commission's Executive Director will be present to answer any questions or concerns regarding this important appointment.

If I may be of further service, please do not hesitate to call upon me. Thank you very much for your consideration.

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February 6, 2013

**Senator Brian T. Taniguchi
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Honorable Chairman Taniguchi and Senate Higher Education Committee members,

I am pleased to send testimony in support of Dr. Fred Holschuh to the Commission for National and Community Service.

I have known Dr. Holschuh from the time we served on the Hawaii County Council. Dr. Holschuh was always the champion for the little guy and he made sure that they were well represented on the Council at hearings and deliberations. With his background as a physician he would always show compassion to people who came to the County Council for help and he would always listen to their concerns. In his private life outside of being a doctor and a councilman he was a farmer/rancher. He understood the economics of keeping good farm lands as well as the need for development to meet the island needs.

As a physician he had compassion for young people and as a grandfather he was very proud of his grandchildren especially in sports activity. He would say "we have to take care of our children for they are our future" and that formed his political ideology.

Dr. Holschuh has an extensive resume but more important is that he is an honest and decent man who sees the world through "rose colored glasses" and a "can do" attitude.

Please allow Dr. Holschuh to serve on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community service.

Yours truly,



James Arakaki