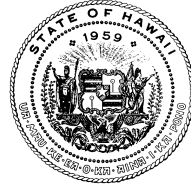


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GM 561, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

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

Wednesday, March 6, 2013
1:30 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation
2 of Ms. Nora Nomura 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, Ms. Nora Nomura.

6 For over a span of almost 30 years, Ms. Nomura devoted an entire career to the Hawaii
7 Government Employees Association (HGEA). She started as a Union Agent and later served
8 as a Field Services Officer, Executive Assistant to the Director, and Legislative Officer for
9 HGEA. In 2008, she became HGEA's Deputy Executive Director. While at HGEA, she was
10 responsible for providing representation for almost 28,000 union members in contract
11 negotiation and enforcement, bargaining unit governance, training and education,
12 legislative/political action and community service. She retired from HGEA in 2011.

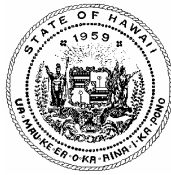
13 Ms. Nomura has served as a board member for Aloha United Way, Domestic Violence
14 Action Center, the AFL-CIO, and various State of Hawaii Boards such as the Board of Speech
15 Pathology and Audiology, and the Patty T. Mink Commission.

1 Ms. Nomura is a graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

2 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Ms. Nora Nomura to serve on the

3 Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

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Testimony of
Barbara A. Krieg, Director
Department of Human Resources Development
before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Wednesday March 6, 2013
1:30 p.m., Conference Room 229
in consideration of

Governor's Message 561
Relating to the Consideration and Confirmation of
Gubernatorial Nominee, Nora Nomura
for
Member, Statewide Health Coordinating Council

TO CHAIRPERSON GREEN, VICE CHAIR BAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE
COMMITTEE:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** for the confirmation of Nora Nomura as a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

In my professional interactions with Ms. Namura, she has been extremely knowledgeable, smart, and caring. She has an excellent eye for detail and gathers all necessary information before making decisions. Above all, Ms. Nomura is a consensus-builder with the ability to find common ground among opposing opinions. I know that Ms. Namura would make an excellent addition to the SHCC.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I respectfully ask for your favorable consideration and confirmation of Nora Nomura as a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229

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**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON G.M. 561
NORA NOMURA
FOR STATEWIDE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL**

The ILWU Local 142 supports the confirmation of Nora Nomura, who has been nominated to serve on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Ms. Nomura has had a long career in government and labor. She retired last year as Deputy Director of the Hawaii Government Employees Association (HGEA), an affiliate of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). At HGEA, Ms. Nomura was involved in contract administration, negotiations, and government affairs. She understands the workings of state and county agencies and was particularly involved in the health arena.

Ms. Nomura knows how critical health care is to the people of our small state. Residents in rural areas are at risk when access to quality, affordable health care is lacking. She also understands the role health care plays in Hawaii's cost of living and how unfettered, free market actions can drive up costs. We are confident that Ms. Nomura will balance the need for access to health care with a solid understanding of the costs associated with more facilities and more technology.

The ILWU urges the confirmation of Nora Nomura for the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. Thank you for considering our testimony on her behalf.