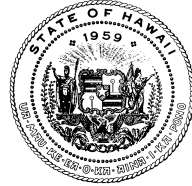


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Senate Committee on Health

GM 638, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea

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

Friday, February 22, 2013
1:30 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation
2 of Sister Alicia Damien Lau to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council (HONSAC).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the
5 HONSAC, Gubernatorial Nominee, Sister Alicia Damien Lau.

6 Sister Alicia Damien Lau is currently the Director of Health Services for the Sisters of St.
7 Francis of the Neumann Communities. She is also the Owner and Consultant for Damien
8 Healthcare Consultants, LLC. She began her career as a Staff Nurse at St. Francis Hospital
9 over 40 years ago. Since then she has accepted numerous positions of responsibility that
10 include serving as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) for Ito Healthcare Group. As COO,
11 Sister Alicia Damien Lau was responsible for the health and well-being of patients at the Oahu
12 Care Facility, Pearl City Nursing Home, Kulana Malama, Community Case Management
13 Corporation, and Kokua Nurses. She was also a Care Home Operator for Nuuanu Care Home
14 and Lunalilo Home.

1 Sister Alicia Damien Lau currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Pacific
2 Health Ministries and Catholic Charities of Hawaii. She also served as a board member with
3 Ka Ohana O Kalaupapa, the Interfaith Ministries of Hawaii, and the Healthcare Association of
4 Hawaii. Currently, she is an active member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann
5 Communities, American Health Care Association, Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and
6 Hawaii Long Term Care Association. She has dedicated many volunteer hours with groups
7 such as the Diocese of Honolulu and the Father Damien/Mother Marianne Commission and
8 the LIFE Foundation (AIDS).

9 She has a Master of Public Health in Administration from the University of Hawaii at
10 Manoa as well as a Bachelor and Master of Science in Nursing from the Catholic University of
11 America in Washington, D.C.

12 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Sister Alicia Damien Lau to serve on the
13 Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council.



SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator Josh Green, Chair

February 22, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.
Conference Room 229

Testimony in support of GM 638, which nominates Alicia Damien Lau to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea

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 Alicia Damien Lau to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea.

Duties of the subarea councils include reviewing certificate of need applications, as well making recommendations related to health planning for the geographical subarea they serve. Members of the councils should have a broad understanding of the complex environment of health care, particularly in their subarea. Alicia Damien Lau has worked for many years in the field of health care in Hawaii, largely in Honolulu. She is well known to the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, having participated for many years in its activities, including tenure as the Chair of its Board of Directors.

Alicia Damien Lau is unquestionably qualified to serve as a member of the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea. She has previously served on the council, and I am confident that, if re-appointed, she will continue to serve with dignity, wisdom, and integrity.

For the foregoing reasons, the Healthcare Association supports GM 638.

Hawaii Long Term Care Association

To: Chair Josh Green and Members, Senate Committee on Health
From: Bob Ogawa, President, Hawaii Long Term Care Association
Re: Nomination of Sister Alicia Damien Lau to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea

The Hawaii Long Term Care Association (HLTCA) wholeheartedly supports the confirmation of Sister Alicia Damien Lau as a member of the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea.

I will not go into any lengthy iteration of her qualifications in this regard. They are multitudinous and, no doubt, will be fully and thoroughly described by others.

Suffice it to say that I have known Sister for more years than she would probably wish me to specify. Over that time, I have come to realize that it is impossible to overstate her stature in not just the long term care or healthcare community but the community at-large.

Her leadership, expertise, insight and commitment to the well-being of our people are unparalleled. She is an invaluable resource and contributor to everything in which she is involved, and we have been the grateful beneficiaries of her being a part of the HLTCA Ohana.

The core of the HLTCA's mission statement is: *How we provide for Hawaii's kupuna, chronically ill and convalescent disabled is a measure of the respect and compassion we have for them . . . a reflection of our dignity as a society.*

Sister Alicia Damien Lau exemplifies that philosophy, that respect, that compassion, that dignity. In having her confirmed as a member of the Honolulu SAC, the State of Hawaii could not be more well-served. Thank you.

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February 16, 2013

Senator Josh Green
Chairman Health Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, room 222
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Alicia Damien Lau's Nomination to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council
GM638

I am honored to support Sister Alicia Damien Lau as a gubernatorial nominee to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council.

I have known Sister Alicia Damien for more than 14 years and found her to be an honest, ethical, reliable and thoughtful individual. I respect her business expertise and caring approach towards everyone she encounters.

Sister Alicia Damien is a registered nurse and has served as a healthcare executive for over 30 years.

She has decades of experience serving the needs of patients. She was the former administrator of the Kulana Malama Healthcare Center, chief operating officer at Oahu Care Facility, and served on the leadership team of Pearl City nursing home.

She also provides caregiver support to several sisters at the Manoa convent.

Her involvement in health care and leadership roles in healthcare organizations will make her a very good addition to the Council.

I'm honored to support Sister Alicia Damien towards her nomination to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council.

Sincerely,

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Comments: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH Senator Josh Green, Chair February 20, 2013 Supporting: GM 638 Nomination to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea - Sister Alicia Damien Lau. I have personally worked with Sister Alicia for more than 20 years including my tenure as the Administrator for Pearl City Nursing Home. Throughout this period, Sister served as the Corporate Operating Officer for the Ito Healthcare Group, and instrumental in the development and implementation of numerous projects not only for the company but in our community as well. Her skills, knowledge and experience are far reaching which include but not limited to healthcare. Her selection as a member of the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea would be an asset and provide an invigorating perspective. Her approach and views will support the mission and goals of the Honolulu Subarea Council. Thank you, for the opportunity to testify in support of Sister Alicia Lau's nomination. Respectfully Submitted Bernadette Ledesma

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
February 22, 2013
G.M. 638

Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of Gubernatorial Nominee, Sister Alicia Damien Lau, for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

I have had the pleasure and honor of knowing and working with Sister Alicia in various capacities since 2002. Sister has long demonstrated her expertise and knowledge as a Registered Nurse, Nursing Home Administrator, Care Home Operator, and consultant in long term care issues, not only during her tenure with a private provider, but also in her work with her Church, Kalaupapa community and the community at large. With her many years of experience she will prove to be an invaluable member on the Honolulu Subarea Council as she will be able to discuss community needs, resources and concerns identified by our Kupuna on long term care options/alternatives.

She has also worked diligently as a member of the Advanced Practice Registered Nursing subcommittee, under the Centers for Nursing, to address access to care for rural communities and reviewing the shortage of medical professionals.

I ask for your consideration and positive confirmation of Sister Alicia to the Honolulu SAC as know that she is truly committed to ensuring quality health and services for the people of Hawaii.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

/s/ DIANNE M. OKUMURA, RN, MPH

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