

GM 704

Testimony

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, **BARBARA KOOKER**, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

March 26, 2012

Senator Brian Taniguchi
Chair, Senate Health Committee
Hawai'i State Legislature

Dear Senator Taniguchi:

I am pleased to write in support of the nomination of Dr. Bee Molina Kooker to the advisory board of the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing. I have known Dr. Kooker for over 20 years as colleagues in the University of Hawai'i School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene and as administrators in academic affairs at the UH Mānoa campus and the UH system office.

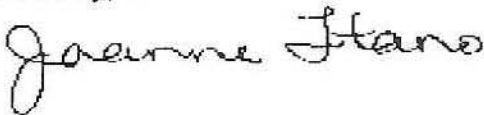
Dr. Kooker was part of the group that was involved in the legislation to establish the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing. She represented the UH Mānoa School of Nursing and worked collaboratively with the Healthcare Association of Hawai'i, the Hawai'i Nurses' Association, HGEA and the State Board of Nursing to get the legislation passed. When the bill became law, Dr. Kooker was interim dean at the UH Mānoa School of Nursing and helped established the center.

As the proposed nurse researcher representative on the Hawai'i State Center for nursing, Dr. Kooker is well qualified. Her research focused on Hawai'i's nursing workforce producing nursing workforce survey data between 1997 and 2005. She is also involved with a federal training grant the focuses on RN retention at the Queen's Medical Center.

It is clear that Dr. Kooker is well qualified to serve on the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing. Her expertise would be a positive asset to this center. I support Dr. Bee Molina Kooker's appointment to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne Itano".

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brigitte McKale	AONE Hawaii	Support	Yes

Comments: Ms. Kooker is a member of the board of directors of AONE Hawaii. She is an outstanding nursing leader. Please support her appointment.

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Hawaii State Legislature
Senate Committee on Higher Education
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Submitted by Dale M. Allison, PhD, APRN-Rx, FAAN
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Subject: Testimony in Support of GM704: Nomination of Dr. Barbara Kooker to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board

As the current Chair of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board, I am pleased to write a letter in strong support of the nomination of Dr. Barbara (Bee) Molina Kooker to serve on our Advisory Board. I have known Dr. Kooker for over 15 years as nursing faculty colleagues and advocates for the advancement of nursing and health care in the state of Hawaii.

Dr. Kooker is well known and respected in the community as nursing faculty and for leadership in nursing workforce research and development. During her 25 years as faculty at the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, she served as Graduate Program Chair, Department Chair, Associate Dean, and Interim Dean. Dr. Kooker was Co-Director for the Colleagues in Caring Project funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation from 1996-2002 which was foundational to the establishment of the Center for Nursing in 2003.

During the past year, I have worked closely with Dr. Kooker in her one year appointment as the doctorally prepared nurse researcher on the Advisory Board. Dr. Kooker has been actively engaged in meetings and activities, providing input and suggestions for the advancement of the Center. She has consistently provided legislative testimony to support the various bills important to remove barriers to advanced practice nursing and improve communication and data collection among our nurses, all important in meeting the goals of the Center. It is noteworthy that Dr. Kooker was elected by the members of the Advisory Board to serve as Vice Chair. In addition, I simply enjoy working with her.

In conclusion, I highly recommend Dr. Kooker's nomination to the Advisory Board of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this nomination.

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 704

Senate Committee on Education


Hawai'i State Legislature

To: Honorable Sen. Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Honorable Sen. Gilbert Kahele, , Vice Chair

Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Education:

Members: David Y. Ige, Gilbert S.C. Keith-Aragan, Michelle N. Kadani, Jill N. Tokuda, Sam Slom

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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Dr. Bee Molina Kooker.

Dear Chair Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair Gilbert Kahele, and Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education:

My name is Lois Magnussen. I am a retired Professor at the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, UH Manoa and have been an associate of Dr Kooker's for a number of years.

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Dr. Bee Molina Kooker's appointment by Governor Neil Abercrombie as the doctorally prepared nurse researcher for the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. Dr. Kooker has been a strong advocate for all nursing practice and was instrumental in the establishment of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing. She is a skilled nurse researcher and between 1996-2006 her work was focused on Hawaii's nursing workforce, which is of primary interest to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing. She served as Co-Principal Investigator for five biennial nursing workforce surveys from 1997-2005 and published survey findings in 2003 and 2008 in the *Hawaii Medical Journal*. She has continued in this work, serving as Principal Investigator for a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant focused on implementing measures to assist with nurse retention at the Queen's Medical Center. She continues to publish this work. I am very confident that Dr. Kooker will be a strong addition to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Board and I urge you to confirm her appointment.

Thank you for hearing this measure and for your consideration to confirm Dr. Bee Molina Kooker to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board as the doctorally prepared Nurse Researcher.

Sincerely,

Lois Magnussen Ed,D, APRN
Retired Professor
University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene



American Organization of Nurse Executives, Hawai'i Chapter

SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

April 2, 2013 2:45 p.m. Room 414

To: Chair Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair Gilbert Kahele, and Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education:

It is with great pleasure that I, as President of the Hawaii Chapter of the American Organization of Nurse Executives, ("AONE- Hawaii"), submit this testimony in strong support of the nomination of Dr. Barbara Kooker to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Dr. Kooker currently serves on the AONE-Hawaii Board of Directors as Secretary. As Secretary, she is focused on the development of the nursing profession and future nursing and healthcare leaders. She is committed to the advancement of the nursing profession in Hawaii.

Dr. Kooker was a member of the original team of individuals who were instrumental in drafting the language to establish the Center for Nursing. For many years, she served the University of Hawaii School of Nursing in numerous roles including professor, researcher, and associate and interim dean. At The Queen's Medical Center she has served as an instructor with a program for American Samoan Community College Nursing Students. Currently she serves as an Independent Living Donor Advocate for the Transplant Center at The Queen's Medical Center and assists nurse with research and publications.

Dr. Kooker is dedicated to the nursing and healthcare community in Hawaii. She displays strong interest in nursing workforce development, nurse retention, as well as the education of nurses and research of nursing practice. She continues to contribute her talents to the nursing community as a speaker and as a contributor to several national publications. Her leadership and contributions to the nursing field have been awarded and recognized by the University of Hawaii, the National League for Nursing, and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of Dr. Barbara Kooker's appointment to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

Emilie Smith,
President, AONE Hawaii Chapter



Hawai'i State Center for Nursing

March 7, 2013

The Honorable Neil Abercrombie
Governor, State of Hawai'i
Hawai'i State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Governor Abercrombie:

I support the re-appointment of Barbara Kooker, DrPH, APRN, NEA-BC to the Advisory Board of the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing. Dr. Kooker has demonstrated a commitment to the work of this Board as a Doctorally Prepared Nurse Researcher.

Dr. Kooker actively participated in strategic planning for the Center and consistently attends Advisory Board meetings. She is knowledgeable about issues affecting the nursing workforce and provides expertise to discussions and decisions made by the Board.

Her re-appointment to the Center for Nursing's Advisory Board strengthens the continuity of our work. Along with consistent dedication and commitment, she has a valuable historical perspective that enables her to serve as a coach and mentor to others.

The re-appointment of Barbara Kooker, DrPH, APRN, NEA-BC has my support based on her record of service on the Advisory Board and her commitment to the nursing workforce in Hawai'i.

Sincerely,



Deborah Gardner, PhD, RN, FNAP, FAAN
Executive Director