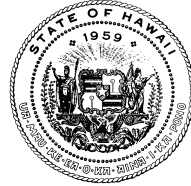


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## Senate Committee on Health

### GM 740, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

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

Wednesday, April 10, 2013  
1:30 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation  
2 of Mr. James Walsh 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, Mr. James Walsh.

6 Mr. Walsh worked in Hawaii's health care industry for a span of 34 years. Mr. Walsh  
7 began as a Clinic Administrator at Straub Clinic and Hospital from 1975-1997. He was  
8 responsible for setting up and managing neighborhood clinics across Oahu, Lanai, and the Big  
9 Island. In 1997, Mr. Walsh moved to the Hawaii Medical Services Association (HMSA) and  
10 became the Vice President for Provider Services and Advocacy until his retirement in 2009. At  
11 HMSA, Mr. Walsh continued his work with the most remote clinics and hospitals throughout the  
12 State of Hawaii. This experience provided him with unique insight into the issues confronted  
13 by both patients and medical service providers.

14 Also, Mr. Walsh recently chaired the Plan Development Committee for the State Health  
15 Planning and Development Agency.

- 1 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Mr. James Walsh to serve on the
- 2 Statewide Health Coordinating Council.