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Senate Committee on Health

GM 570, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Testimony of Romala Sue Radcliffe SHPDA Administrator

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation
2 of Thomas Scott Gallacher, M.D. 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, Thomas Scott Gallacher, M.D.

6 Dr. Gallacher is the Medical Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit at the Queen's
7 Medical Center; Assistant Chief of Medicine at the Queen's Medical Center; Chairman of the
8 Executive Committee of the Queen's Medical (Physician) Group; and Assistant Professor of
9 Medicine at the University of Hawaii, John A. Burns School of Medicine for the Department of
10 Medicine. He also serves as the Associate Director of Medical Education for the University of
11 Hawaii's Integrated Medical Residency Program at the Queen's Medical Center.

12 Dr. Gallacher received the 2006 Ke Kauka Po`okela, Physician of the Year award from
13 Queen's Medical Center; 2004-05 Best Teaching Attending Award from Queen's Medical
14 Center; 1998-99 Best Teaching Fellow Award from University of California (Irvine) Medical

1 Center; 1996-97 Program Director's Award (Senior Resident); and 1996-97 Attending
2 Physician's Award (Senior Resident) from Kuakini Hospital.

3 Throughout his medical career, Dr. Gallacher has worked closely with the Hawaii State
4 Department of Health including employment as a Pharmacologist for the HIV Drug Assistance
5 Program (HDAP), an outgrowth of the Hawaii Seropositivity and Medical Management
6 (HSPAMM) project; and he also assisted in data collection for several other "grassroots"
7 projects. He is committed to serving the people of Hawaii, his most recent effort is the creation
8 and ongoing support of a Pulmonary Medicine Clinic on Molokai, caring for the specialty needs
9 of this primarily Hawaiian population. Through his position in the Department of Medicine at
10 Queen's Medical Center, he is also responsible for leading their Native Hawaiian Health grant
11 funded projects which, through the coordination of nurse practitioners and pharmacist
12 positions, resulted in fewer readmissions to the hospital for native Hawaiian patients.

13 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Thomas Scott Gallacher, M.D. to serve
14 on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.