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## Senate Committee on Health

### GM 573, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Health Planning Council, West Oahu Subarea

#### Testimony of Romala Sue Radcliffe SHPDA Administrator

Monday, February 24, 2014  
1:30 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation  
2 of Ms. Emelyn Kim to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council (WOSAC).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the  
5 WOSAC, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Emelyn Kim.

6 Ms. Kim comes with a strong background in programs and services for an aging society.  
7 She currently serves as a consultant and provides services relating to individual and family  
8 group counseling and caregiver training. Prior to this, Ms. Kim was the Project Coordinator for  
9 the Kupuna Adult Care Home Project based at the Kapiolani Community College's Kupuna  
10 Education Center. She also served as Program Coordinator for O`hana Care with the  
11 Honolulu Gerontology Program at the Child and Family Services. Ms. Kim was also a Senior  
12 Market Planner with the Hawaii Medical Service Association. She has been active with the  
13 Hawaii Pacific Gerontology Society (HPGS) and served as Co-Chair of its 2010 HPGS'  
14 Biennial Conference. Ms. Kim also served as HPGS' Conference Treasurer in 2012.

- 1 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Ms. Emelyn Kim to serve on the West
- 2 Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.



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**MEMORANDUM**

February 21, 2014

Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Senate, 27<sup>th</sup> Legislature

Subject: Support of EMELYN KIM FOR SHPDA HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL, WEST OAHU SUBAREA – GM 573

Dear Senators Green, Baker and Members of the Senate Health Committee:

I am writing to full support of Ms. Emelyn Kim's nomination to the SHPDA West Oahu Subarea Council. She is a long time resident of the area and is particularly knowledgeable about the aging and long-term care needs of the community. I have known her for the past 4 years as a colleague working with me to improve the continuing education of small residential care home and adult foster home providers. These homes that are concentrated in West Oahu are becoming the focal point for long-term care as the state begins to shift from institutional to home based care. I am confident that the knowledge that Emelyn Kim has regarding challenges and needs of the elderly and family caregivers and the small residential care providers will be able to provide important insights for SHPDA.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

Cullen T. Hayashida, Ph.D.  
Director







Senate Committee on Health  
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RE: GM 573 – EMELYN KIM - Nomination to the Health Planning Council, West Oahu Subarea

Dear Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Health,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of the Governor's nomination of EMELYN KIM to serve on the Health Planning Council, West Oahu Subarea.

My name is Jo Kamae Byrne and I have known Eme Kim since the 1980s when we were Jaycees together. Through the many years of our friendship, I have watched Eme skillfully handle the demands of children and family, work and active community service. With her own family care giving experiences, Eme realized she wanted to shift her professional focus from business to human service and returned to UH-Manoa to obtain her BA in Psychology. Interestingly, finding herself attending a few classes with her college age daughter also attending the University at the same time.

Upon graduation with her BA degree in psychology, Eme went to work with Child and Family Services where she became directly involved with client services and case management. That experience helped her realize she needed a graduate degree in order to fulfill her desire to work with and improve social support for elders and their care givers. With characteristic determination, Eme enrolled in the Masters program at San Francisco State University where she graduated with an MS in Counseling in 2006.

Following her personal and professional interests, Eme returned home to Hawaii where she came to work closely with Dr. Cullen Hayashida, of Kapiolani Community College, in the Kupuna Education Center. There she has been involved in programs for care giver training and *kupuna* support counselling.

With both her personal family experiences and current professional focus, EMELYN KIM is an ideal candidate for this appointment. Please confirm the Governor's nomination (GM 573) of Emelyn Kim to the West Oahu Subarea Division of the Hawaii State Health Planning Council.

Thank you,

*Jo Kamae Byrne*

President  
Honolulu Information Service, Inc.