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February 20, 2014

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM575  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE KATHLEEN CLARK**

Honorable Chair Green and members of the Senate Committee on Health:

Today I am honored to provide testimony in support of **Gubernatorial Nominee Kathleen Clark, to the Health Planning Council, Kaua'i Subarea**, for a term to expire on June 30, 2018.

Through her years of service as both a nurse, and now President and Chief Executive Officer of Wilcox Memorial Hospital, Ms. Clark has shown a deep commitment to the caring and well-being of the people of Kaua'i.

For the past decade, Ms. Clark has been an active community leader on Kaua'i. Most recently, she has been instrumental in the organization and completion of the Community Health Needs Assessment, and is committed to making Kaua'i's health care needs sustainable.

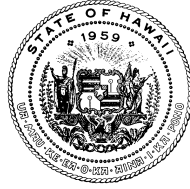
Professionally, Ms. Clark has worked her way to becoming the CEO of Kaua'i's largest hospital. Under her leadership, Wilcox continues to improve and expand the services offered, so that the people of Kaua'i can receive specialty medical care using state-of-the-art technology and equipment right here at home.

Her commitment to excellence and innovation in health care and services here on Kaua'i makes Ms. Clark an ideal candidate for the Health Planning Council, and I wholeheartedly support her nomination.

Mahalo for allowing me the opportunity to submit my testimony in support of Ms. Kathleen Clark.

Aloha pumehana,

Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr.  
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## Senate Committee on Health

### GM 575, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Health Planning Council, Kauai 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. Kathleen Clark to the Kauai County Subarea Health Planning Council (KCSAC).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the  
5 KCSAC, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Kathleen Clark.

6 Ms. Clark is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Wilcox  
7 Memorial Hospital and the CEO of Kauai Medical Clinic. She has over three decades of  
8 experience in the health care arena. Prior to joining Wilcox Memorial Hospital, she served at  
9 Riverside San Bernardino Co. Indian Health, Inc.; Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula;  
10 Desert Regional Medical Center; Mercy Hospital Medical Center; Santa Barbara Cottage  
11 Hospital; and Story County Hospital. Ms. Clark is active in the community and serves on the  
12 Kauai Economic Development Board, and the Kauai Chamber of Commerce. In addition, Ms.  
13 Clark is currently serving as the Co-Chair of the Kauai Community Health Improvement  
14 Initiative.

- 1 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Ms. Kathleen Clark, enabling her to
- 2 continue to serve on the Kauai County Subarea Health Planning Council.

**Monday, February 24, 2014 – 1:30 pm**  
**Conference Room 229**

**The Senate Committee on Health**

To: Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice-Chair

From: Virginia Pressler, MD, MBA  
Executive Vice President and Chief Strategic Officer, Hawai'i Pacific Health

Re: **GM 575, Gubernatorial Nominee Kathleen Clark**  
**Testimony in Strong Support**

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My name is Virginia Pressler, MD, MBA, and I am the Executive Vice President and Chief Strategic Officer for Hawai'i Pacific Health. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system, and the state's largest health care provider and non-government employer. It is committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four hospitals, more than 50 outpatient clinics and service sites, and over 1,600 affiliated physicians. Hawai'i Pacific Health's hospitals are Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Pali Momi Medical Center, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital. The system's leading strategic initiatives include women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, cancer care, and bone and joint services. Hawai'i Pacific Health ranks among the top three percent of hospitals nationwide in the adoption of electronic health records, with system-wide implementation that allows its hospitals and physicians to offer integrated, coordinated care throughout the state.

I write in strong support of the nomination of Kathleen Clark to serve on the Health Planning Council, Kauai Subarea. Ms. Clark currently serves on the Kaua'i Subarea Health Planning Council. Her term began as of June 30, 2010 and will expire on June 30, 2014. Since 2005, she has been the President/CEO of Wilcox Memorial Hospital and Kaua'i Medical. She was the President of Wilcox Health Foundation since Sept 2005. Ms. Clark has been extensively involved with addressing the health care needs on Kauai. She co-chaired the 2013 Kaua'i County Community Health Needs Assessment w/ Dr. Dileep Bal. She currently chairs the Kaua'i Community Health Improvement Initiative's Medical Care Work Group.

Ms. Clark is board certified in healthcare management as an American College of Healthcare Executives Fellow, and holds a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from California State Nursing and Master in Business Administration from the University of Redlands.

I believe Ms. Clark is well-qualified to serve on the Health Planning Council, and ask that this Committee approve Ms. Clark's nomination and recommend her for confirmation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Kathy Clark.