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## Senate Committee on Health

### GM 576, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu 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. Leonardine "Dee Dee" Nelson to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council  
3 (HONSAC).

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation of  
6 HONSAC Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Leonardine "Dee Dee" Nelson.

7 Ms. Nelson has served as the Director for the Medicare Quality Improvement  
8 Organization (QIO) for Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the  
9 Northern Marianas since 1996. As Director, she oversees the administration of the Medicare  
10 QIO contract requirements through strategic staffing, services, and cost-effective financial  
11 management. Ms. Nelson works with many community stakeholders who advocate or work  
12 with Medicare beneficiaries across the State of Hawaii and the Pacific. Stakeholders include a  
13 broad range such as the American Association of Retired Persons, the Hawaii State Medical  
14 Association, Hawaii Long-term Care Association, state and local public health departments,  
15 hospital administrators, physicians, and quality improvement directors.

1 Ms. Nelson was previously the Project Coordinator Supervisor for the Hawaii Medical  
2 Service Association—Peer Review Organization. She has held various positions in the health  
3 care industry that include Director of Staff Development, Utilization Review Coordinator,  
4 Coding Specialist, and Staff Nurse.

5 Ms. Nelson holds a Master of Science in Healthcare Management and a Bachelor of  
6 Science in Business Management from California Coast University. She holds an Associate of  
7 Arts degree from the University of Hawaii. She obtained her a Vocational Nurse License from  
8 the Los Angeles Unified City Schools District.

9 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Ms. Leonardine “Dee Dee” Nelson to  
10 serve on the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council.