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Testimony on GM 578  
Confirmation of Linda Rosen  
Director, Department of Health

Governor Neil Abercrombie

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair

February 24, 2014  
1:30 p.m. Room 229

Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker and committee members, I respectfully ask for your favorable support of my nominee Dr. Linda Rosen as the Director of the Department of Health.

Dr. Rosen has been with the Department since 2000 and has shown excellent leadership skills in her current position as the Chief of the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch. Her experience, management abilities, and professional relationships are what is needed in DOH to continue moving the state forward to eliminating health disparities and implementing a public health agenda.

I am proud to have her as a member of my team and thank you for your consideration to confirm her as our Director of the Department of Health.



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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

The Hon. Josh Green, Chair

The Hon. Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

February 24, 2014, 1:30 p.m., Room 229

**Testimony in Support:**

**Nomination of Linda Rosen, MD for Director of Department Of Health**

**Beth Giesting, Healthcare Transformation Coordinator, Office of the Governor**

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It is my pleasure to add my support to Dr. Linda Rosen's nomination. I have known Dr. Rosen for many years in her various roles at the Department of Health, starting with a very positive working relationship when she was head of Family Health Services overseeing programs involving Community Health Centers while I was the CEO of the Hawaii Primary Care Association. She has a broad understanding of many aspects of health care and public health which fit her well for leading our large and varied Department of Health.

I admire Dr. Rosen's empathy and quick understanding but most of all I appreciate her willingness and energy for taking action to address problems. Our office has recently been working with Dr. Rosen on various aspects of our state innovation model plan and we are eager to work with her in her new capacity as a partner to transform health and health care in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

**GM578, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN.**

**February 24, 2014**

**Written Testimony of JANICE OKUBO  
DOH PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER**

1 **Position: SUPPORT**

2 **Comments:** I have worked with Dr. Linda Rosen for more than 12 years at the Department of Health  
3 and in that time I have seen her passion and commitment to public health and the people of Hawaii. Dr.  
4 Rosen is a strong supporter of transparency in government. She recognizes the need to inform and  
5 educate the news media and public to effectively convey the most accurate and timely health guidance  
6 and best practices. Dr. Rosen is a skilled communicator who invokes trust, credibility and  
7 understanding of sometimes complex and controversial issues. She will move public health initiatives  
8 forward for the benefit and interest of the people of Hawaii. An effective collaborator and leader who is  
9 highly respected for her professionalism and expertise in both the public health and the healthcare  
10 community, Dr. Rosen would be an outstanding director of the Department of Health.  
11 Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on this measure.

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**Testimony of  
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
HEALTH**

**Monday, February 24, 2014  
1:30 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 578  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS  
THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LINDA ROSEN**

**The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) and the Commission on Water Resource Management strongly endorse and support the Governor's nomination of Dr. Linda Rosen to serve as the Director of the State Department of Health.**

As Department of Health Director, Dr. Rosen will also serve as an *ex-officio* voting member on the State Commission on Water Resource Management (Commission). We are particularly pleased to know that a doctor skilled in emergency care and public health will join us. Her perspective, her judgment, and her skills may have more applicability to water issues than she might at first imagine.

A pediatrician by training, Dr. Rosen served in various administrative and management positions at the Department of Health since 2000. She is currently the Chief of the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch, a position she has held since 2006.

As the daughter of a public health researcher in virology and tropical medicine, Dr. Rosen traveled extensively throughout the South Pacific, which exposed her to many cultures and traditional lifestyles.

Dr. Rosen is passionate about public health protection. She has worked collaboratively and in partnership with others to develop comprehensive approaches that focus on illness and injury prevention and risk reduction.

Dr. Rosen's proven leadership skills, her dedication to responsible management, her collaborative and caring nature, and her exposure and sensitivity to cultural issues will truly benefit the State of Hawaii and the Commission.

The Department and the Commission strongly support Dr. Linda Rosen's nomination to serve as the Director of Health and *ex-officio* member of the State Water Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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### GM578, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN.

February 24, 2014

#### Testimony of Keith Yamamoto Deputy Director of Health

1 **Position:** Strong Support

2 **Comments:**

3 I am in strong support of Dr. Linda Rosen as the Gubernatorial Nominee for the Director of the  
4 Department of Health (DOH). I have known Dr. Rosen since her appointment as Deputy Director for  
5 Health Resources Administration with DOH and have worked with her on several initiatives as the chief  
6 of the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch. Dr. Rosen has also been a  
7 strong advocate in improving operational efficiencies within DOH, yet still understands the importance  
8 of ensuring that necessary oversight is maintained to ensure public resources are expended  
9 appropriately.

10 Dr. Rosen has been in various positions within the Department since 2000. She was the medical  
11 director for the Family Health Services Division, deputy director for Health Resources Administration  
12 and, most recently, the chief of the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Systems Branch.  
13 Dr. Rosen's familiarity of the Department, along with her experience as a pediatrician, and extensive  
14 work in the emergency and critical care field will provide her the necessary foundation and background

1 to lead and guide the Department as well as provide the necessary stability and continuity necessary to  
2 support our current initiatives and efforts.

3 Again, I strongly support the nomination of Dr. Linda Rosen as the Director of the Department of  
4 Health. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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February 21, 2014

The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators Green and Baker and Members of the Committee:

Subject: GM 578 – Confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of the gubernatorial nomination of Dr. Linda Rosen, as the Director of the Department of Health.

I've known Dr. Rosen in her prior capacity as Deputy Director of Health and in her current position, Chief of the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch. I have always been impressed by her wealth of knowledge, her dedication to Public Health, and her life-long commitment to improving the health and safety of the people of Hawaii.

I have worked closely with Dr. Rosen and have seen the results of her efforts over the years. One example is the EMS database that was put together with thought and foresight. Now our state is reaping the benefits of a project that is truly innovative. The "Stroke System of Care" project is another area in which she demonstrates leadership and an ability to understand the essence of a complex problem.

I believe that her background and her talent will make her an outstanding Director of Health. Please recommend confirmation of Dr. Rosen as the Director of Health for the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

David Sakamoto, M.D., M.B.A.  
Deputy Director, Health Resources Administration



**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 578, Gubernatorial Nominee Linda Rosen**  
**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 Dr. Linda Rosen to serve as the director of the Department of Health. We at HPH have had the honor of working with Dr. Rosen for many years in addressing various issues concerning health care in Hawaii. I believe Dr. Rosen is an ideal nominee to lead the Department of Health. Dr. Rosen has experience in both acute care and public health. She has a proven track record in working with the private sector in developing a statewide trauma system. Dr. Rosen is passionate about improving health in Hawaii, and has the skill set as well as commitment to be effective.

We look forward to working with Mr. Rosen to improve health and the health care system for our communities through public-private collaboration.

We ask that this Committee approve Dr. Rosen's nomination and recommend her confirmation as Director of Health. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Dr. Rosen.



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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

**GM578, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN.**

**February 24, 2014**

**Testimony of Lynn N. Fallin  
Deputy Director of Behavioral Health**

1 **Position: Strongly Support**

2 **Comments:** Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure. Dr. Linda Rosen brings 14  
3 years of Department of Health (DOH) experience with her to the position having served in many  
4 leadership areas within the DOH. Her knowledge of the department will enable her to step into the  
5 position and both maintain continuity of policies and operations, and also bring her own perspective and  
6 leadership at a very important time for Hawaii's health system.

7 Under Dr. Rosen's leadership, major strides have been made to develop and strengthen the  
8 emergency and prevention systems statewide. The state's comprehensive emergency medical services,  
9 trauma systems and the community injury prevention programs have direct and great impact on  
10 individuals with serious behavioral health needs during very critical and traumatic episodes. Dr. Rosen's  
11 experience as Chief of the Emergency Medical Services System and Injury Prevention Branch will help  
12 to add to and to build on work underway in communities statewide to revitalize, strengthen and integrate  
13 behavioral health services with areas of the health delivery system that come into direct contact with the  
14 most vulnerable during times of crisis. Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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# THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

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**G.M. 578**  
**Nomination of Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.**  
**Director of Health**  
**Senate Committee on Health**  
**February 24, 2014; 1:30 p.m.**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support** for the nomination of Dr. Linda Rosen for the Director of the Department of Health.

Hawaii's healthcare community will long mourn our collective loss of Director Deliana Fuddy. Her lifetime commitment to public health is her legacy to all of us. We know she would want a strong, credible, and visionary voice to lift and carry the department forward from this tragedy.

Fourteen years ago, Dr. Rosen, an experienced pediatrician, was drawn to public health. She recognized then that implementing system changes to healthcare across Hawaii could reduce the incidence of death, disabilities, and health disparities. We contend that there is no greater example of her accomplishments, thus far, than her successful establishment of Hawaii's comprehensive statewide trauma system. In partnership with the Legislature, Dr. Rosen has astutely developed a structured trauma system of care that delivers a full range of care to all injured patients, is integrated into the public health system, and improves patient outcomes. Dr. Rosen was very supportive in the development of the State's only Level II trauma center at The Queen's Medical Center. We confidently count on Dr. Rosen for her expert guidance and meaningful, heartfelt leadership.

This year, drawing from her experience in developing the trauma system and again collaborating with the Legislature, Dr. Rosen has expanded her focus towards the development of a statewide stroke system of care. Bringing together private and public hospitals, along with partners like the American Heart Association, Dr. Rosen is leading the improvements to pre-hospital and acute care stroke systems, including the development of minimum criteria for

stroke ready hospitals. The impact of her work in improving patient care is already being felt as hospitals, including Queen's, sharpens its stroke care readiness capacities.

As the nation continues to grapple with the changes that the Affordable Care Act brings to the overall healthcare environment and as the State contends with its priority health issues, we look forward to a new level of partnership with Dr. Rosen as she leads the Department of Health to fulfill its mission "to protect and improve the health and environment for all people in Hawai'i".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur A. Ushijima", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Arthur A. Ushijima  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
The Queen's Health Systems



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### GM578, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN.

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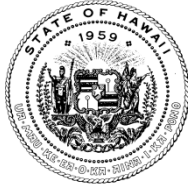
Testimony of Ann M. Pobutsky, PhD  
Research Statistician,

Office of Program Improvement and Excellence (OPIE)

1 **Position: SUPPORT**

2 **Comments:** I strongly support the nomination of Linda Rosen, MD, MPH for the Director of the  
3 Department of Health (DOH). I have known Dr. Rosen for more than ten years, from the time she was  
4 Deputy Director of the Health Resources Administration (HRA) at DOH. Dr. Rosen was instrumental in  
5 ensuring that surveillance of pediatric obesity was a priority, along with other pressing public health  
6 issues of importance, including chronic conditions such as diabetes and infectious diseases from  
7 immigrants and migrants (e.g. tuberculosis). Dr. Rosen's dedication and commitment to public health is  
8 shown by her many years of service to the people of Hawaii, as a physician and a leader in public health.  
9 Dr. Rosen is not only highly qualified to assume this Directorship, but will also provide leadership in  
10 public health at a time when this is much needed. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this  
11 measure.

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Testimony of  
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1:30 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 229

**G.M. 578**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN.**

Senate Committee on Health

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the confirmation of Linda Rosen as the Director of the Department of Health.

Dr. Rosen has more than 30 years of experience in the medical field and also served as chief of the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch. She was responsible for administering a comprehensive emergency medical services system, including 911 ambulance services, trauma system development and community injury prevention.

We look forward to working with Dr. Rosen.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker  
Senate Committee on Health  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators Green and Baker and Members of the Committee:

**Subject: GM 578 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, Linda Rosen**

This is to express my support for the appointment of Dr. Linda Rosen to be the Director of the Department of Health. Dr. Rosen has served in the Department for more than a decade in various positions of responsibility. She has the experience and in-depth understanding of the department to be very successful as our leader. I know from my personal and professional interaction with her that she is very bright, committed and compassionate.

The department will benefit from Dr. Rosen's energy and vision as we continue on our mission toward greater equity and access to health resources. Dr. Rosen's recent focus on emergency medical services will benefit our department's emergency response capabilities. Her no-nonsense approach will help us continue to provide the highest quality of services. Her training as a physician gives her an expert's perspective on health promotion and disease prevention.

As the deputy in charge of environmental protection, I know that Dr. Rosen will be supportive of this important element of the Department's work.

Please confirm the Governor's appointment of Dr. Linda Rosen as Director of the Department of Health.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary L. Gill".

Gary L. Gill  
Deputy Director of Environmental Health

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**DATE:** February 21, 2014  
**TO:** Senate Committee on Health: Senator Josh Green, Chair,  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair, and Committee  
Members  
**FROM:** Marya Grambs, Executive Director, on behalf of Mental  
Health America of Hawaii  
**RE MEASURE #:** GM578, Linda Rosen nominated to be Director,  
Department of Health  
**HEARING AT:** February 24, 1:30 pm

As Executive Director of Mental Health America of Hawaii, I would like to express our **strong support** of the nomination of Dr. Linda Rosen to be Director of the Department of Health.

I have worked with Dr. Rosen for over 13 years and have found her to be a passionate, committed, conscientious, tireless, and highly professional individual. She has always been extremely invested in generating the best outcomes for the state of Hawai'i. She has both a breadth and depth of knowledge of the wide range of health issues facing our community. I am particularly impressed with her commitment to implementing a public health approach, and seeking to prevent, not only respond, to Hawaii's critical health issues.

I am familiar with Dr. Rosen's focus on and understanding of injury prevention, especially relating to suicide, and the importance of having a robust statewide crisis response network. Because suicide is the leading cause of preventable deaths in Hawai'i, and because our youth have such extraordinarily high rates of suicidal behavior, her expertise in this field is highly pertinent.

I have also worked with the past two DOH Directors and I believe Dr. Rosen would be an outstanding selection. In my humble opinion, there is no one better to lead the DOH than Dr. Rosen, and I would greatly look forward to working with her in this capacity.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



**From:** [Peter Whiticar](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** GM 578 Confirmation of Dr. Linda Rosen as Hawaii Director of Health 2/24/14 at 1:30 pm, Conference room 229  
**Date:** Friday, February 21, 2014 4:18:02 PM

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Chair Green and Senate Committee on Health:

It is my pleasure to testify strongly in favor of the confirmation of Dr. Linda Rosen as our new Hawaii Director of Health. I have known Dr. Rosen for approximately twelve years in my capacity as Chief of the STD/AIDS Prevention Branch in the Department of Health and as a colleague and friend.

The Governor has made an excellent choice in nominating Dr. Rosen. She is a strong leader, always inspiring others and supporting them to be successful. She has a keen intellect that promotes and relishes open, thoughtful discussion. She has a strong background in medicine that is well balanced by her passion for public health. I sometimes joke to Dr. Rosen that she seems to have a genetic predisposition to public health. For her, the health and well being of the people we serve is paramount.

This is a period of great change and challenge in public health and health care delivery in Hawaii and across the nation. Dr. Rosen has the vision, passion and energy to lead the Department with a focus on people and health outcomes. Sometimes, Hawaii steps into the light and leads the nation through our example. Dr. Rosen sees the Department in that light. I look forward to her leadership.

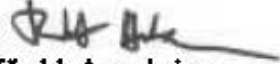
Thank you for permitting me to testify.

Peter Whiticar, Chief  
STD/AIDS Prevention Branch  
Hawaii Department of Health.



February 24, 2014

To: Senator Josh Green, Chair, Senator Rox Baker, Vice-Chair, and Senate Health Committee

From: Robert Hirokawa, Dr.PH   
President, Hawaii Public Health Association

Subject: **Strong Support for GM 578**  
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN

Aloha Senator Green, Senator Baker and Members of the Senate Health Committee,

On behalf of the Hawaii Public Health Association (HPHA), Board and our 600+ membership statewide, I wish to express our strong support for the confirmation of Dr. Linda Rosen as our new Director of Health. As the oldest and most respected public health professional association in the state, HPHA requested that Governor Abernethy appoint a PH-educated and experienced professional to lead the DOH, and we were pleased to see such a highly-qualified individual selected.

In addition to Dr. Rosen's 13 years of leadership in various positions within the Hawaii State Department of Health, she has earned her medical degree from the Baylor College of Medicine and a master's degree in public health from John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. As Chief of the DOH Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch, Dr. Rosen has overseen the development of our highly-acclaimed comprehensive emergency medical services system, including 911 ambulance services and trauma system development. She is highly regarded within the DOH as a tough but fair administrator, who is clearly evidence-based in her approach to problem-solving on public health issues.

Hawaii faces many challenges to its public health system, including threats to our health and environment, an evolving public health workforce and departmental accreditation, among many other issues. We believe that Dr. Linda Rosen will serve as a strong and capable administrator for public health, capably addressing the challenges the Department faces, collaborating well with staff and community, and providing vision for the largest public health workforce body in the state. We look forward to collaborating with Dr. Rosen and her staff on continuing to build a public health system that addresses Hawaii's changing needs.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important leadership issue.

Attachment: HPHA Factsheet



## **FACT SHEET**

### **About Hawaii Public Health Association**

HPHA is an association of community members, public health professionals and organizations dedicated to improving public health. HPHA also serves as a voice for public health professionals and as a repository for information about public health in the Pacific.

### **Mission Statement**

Our mission is to promote public health in Hawaii through leadership, collaboration, education and advocacy.

### **Vision**

Our vision is health equity in Hawaii and the Pacific and a strong public health workforce able to effectively respond to health challenges.

### **Values**

- HPHA believes that health is a basic human right, and consequently seeks to be a voice for social justice.
- HPHA recognizes the value of diversity and that specific problems and solutions arise for poor, rural and indigenous populations.
- HPHA believes that decisions based on evidence-based principles form the core of public health practice.
- HPHA is determined to be autonomous, independent and transparent.

### **HPHA strives to promote health equity and overall well-being by:**

- providing leadership and education on public health issues
- promoting advocacy and supporting coalitions for healthy communities, populations and environments
- fostering networks and training opportunities for public health professionals

### **Leading the Way for Public Health in Hawaii**

HPHA works to ensure good public health within our state, and provides a strong link between Hawaii's public health professionals and the American Public Health Association with which we are affiliated, as well as to other State Public Health Associations and organizations. We work to ensure the highest quality public health workforce; build a strong collective voice for sound public health policies; protect funding for core public health services, and increase awareness and community action to address the root causes of persistent health inequities in our society. We are a large network of public health professionals and partner organizations that recognize that individual health is strongly influenced by the social conditions in which a person is born, lives and works.



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February 24, 2014

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Green and Members of the Committee:


**SUBJECT:** GM 578 - Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN.


The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 578** relating to Gubernatorial Nominee Linda Rosen as the Director of the Department of Health (DOH).

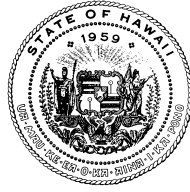
The Council is administratively attached to DOH and is mandated by Public Law 106-402 (DD Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2002) and Chapter 333E, Hawaii Revised Statutes to engage in advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities on behalf of individuals with DD and their families. We had the opportunity to directly work with Dr. Rosen when she was the Deputy Director of Health Resources Administration in preserving the DOH Respite program and increasing the DD Division's budget for State match funds for the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver Program for persons with DD. She understands self-determination, person-centered planning, and consumer-directed services for individuals with DD. Furthermore, Dr. Rosen is well aware of and understands the Council's role as a systems advocate that is independent of DOH.

The Council looks forward to working in partnership with Dr. Rosen and her leadership team in enhancing the quality of life for persons with DD. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support of GM 578**.

Sincerely,

  
Waynette K.Y. Cabral, M.S.W.  
Executive Administrator

  
J. Curtis Tyler III  
Chair



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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

**GM578, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the  
Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN.**

**February 24, 2014**

**Testimony of Glenn M. Wasserman  
Chief, Communicable Disease and Public Health Nursing Division**

1 **Position:** Support

2 **Comments:** Dr. Linda Rosen was Deputy Director of Health for Health Resources Administration  
3 when I first came to the department eight years ago ensuring a smooth transition for my Division. Dr.  
4 Rosen is intelligent, capable, and committed to both public health and the people of Hawaii. She has  
5 vast experience in multiple areas of the department providing her with broad operational knowledge and  
6 experience that will facilitate the strategic plan that Director Fuddy set during this administration.  
7 Whereas former Director Fuddy's actions in pursuit of goals were subtly nuanced, Dr. Rosen's actions  
8 will likely be more direct, creating within the department an entirely different atmosphere.

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10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



**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: Kathy Clark  
Chief Executive Officer  
Wilcox Memorial Hospital

**Re: GM 578, Gubernatorial Nominee Linda Rosen**  
**Testimony in Strong Support**

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My name is Kathy Clark, and I am the Chief Executive Officer of Wilcox Memorial Hospital (Wilcox). Wilcox is a nonprofit hospital and the primary hospital serving the island of Kauai. It has become a cutting-edge hospital serving the medical needs of residents and visitors. As a state-of-the-art Level III Trauma Center, Wilcox was recently ranked among the top 15% in the Nation for Outstanding Patient Experience in 2013. With 193 physicians on staff, Wilcox offers island residents and visitors expert diagnosis and treatment for more than 20 specialties. It is a state-of-the-art acute care facility with a full suite of services including emergency, OB/GYN, pediatrics, cardiology, gastroenterology, ophthalmology, pulmonology, nephrology, cosmetic surgery, internal medicine and family practice.

I write in strong support of the nomination of Dr. Linda Rosen to serve as the director of the Department of Health. Having worked with Dr. Rosen to develop a Level III Trauma Center on Kauai, I believe Dr. Rosen is an ideal candidate to lead the Department of Health. Having collaborated with Dr. Rosen in developing a statewide trauma system I have come to know her as a passionate advocate for health care needs for the people of Kauai. I cannot think of a better candidate for this position.

We ask that this Committee approve the nomination of Dr. Rosen and recommend her confirmation as Director of the Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Dr. Rosen.

**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: Martha Smith  
Chief Executive Officer  
Kapi`olani Medical Center for Women & Children

**Re: Re: GM 578, Gubernatorial Nominee Linda Rosen  
Testimony in Strong Support**

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My name is Martha Smith, and I am the Chief Executive Officer of Kapi`olani Medical Center for Women & Children (Kapi`olani). Kapi`olani Medical Center is the state's only maternity, newborn and pediatric specialty hospital with 207 beds and 66 bassinets. It is also a tertiary care, medical teaching and research facility. Specialty services for patients throughout Hawai'i and the Pacific Region include intensive care for infants and children, 24-hour emergency pediatric care, air transport, maternal-fetal medicine and high-risk perinatal care. The not-for-profit hospital offers several community programs and services, such as the Kapi`olani Child Protection Center and the Sex Abuse Treatment Center. Additionally, Kapi`olani's Women's Center is ranked among the top in the nation. Kapi`olani Medical Center is an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health, the state's largest health care provider.

I write in strong support of the nomination of Dr. Linda Rosen to serve as the director of the Department of Health. Having had the honor of working with Dr. Rosen for many years in addressing various health care issues in Hawaii, I believe Dr. Rosen is the ideal nominee to lead the Department of Health. Moreover, Dr. Rosen's experience as a physician provides her with knowledge in both acute care and public health. This combination makes her uniquely qualified for this position. She continues to demonstrate her ability to work with the private sector by developing a statewide trauma system that incorporates the capabilities that Kapiolani has as a pediatric trauma resource.

We ask that this committee approve Dr. Rosen's nomination and recommend that she be confirmed as the Director of the Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Dr. Rosen's nomination.



**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: Art Gladstone  
Chief Executive Officer  
Straub Clinic & Hospital

**Re: GM 578, Gubernatorial Nominee Linda Rosen**  
**Testimony in Strong Support**

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My name is Art Gladstone, Chief Executive Officer at Straub Clinic & Hospital. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a nonprofit health care system and the state's largest health care provider, committed to providing the highest quality medical care and service to the people of Hawai'i and the Pacific Region through its four affiliated hospitals, 44 outpatient clinics and more than 2,200 physicians and clinicians. The network is anchored by its four nonprofit hospitals: Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children, Kapi'olani Medical Center at Pali Momi, Straub Clinic & Hospital and Wilcox Memorial Hospital. Collectively, they lead the state in the areas of women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, bone and joint services and cancer care. Hawai'i Pacific Health ranks among the top 3.8 percent of hospitals nationwide in electronic medical record adoption, with system-wide implementation that allows its hospitals to offer integrated, coordinated care throughout the state.

I write in strong support of the nomination of Dr. Linda Rosen to serve as the director of the Department of Health. Having had the honor of working with Dr. Rosen for many years in addressing various issues concerning health care in Hawaii. I believe Dr. Rosen is the ideal nominee to lead the Department of Health. Dr. Rosen has experience in both acute care and public health. She has a proven track record in working with the private sector in developing a statewide trauma system. Dr. Rosen is passionate about improving health in Hawaii, and has the skill set as well as commitment to be effective.

We look forward to working with Dr. Rosen to improve health and the health care system for our communities through public-private collaboration.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Dr. Rosen's nomination.



**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: Jen Chahanovich  
Chief Executive Officer  
Pali Momi Medical Center

Re: **GM 578, Gubernatorial Nominee Linda Rosen**  
**Testimony in Strong Support**

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My name is Jen Chahanovich, Chief Executive Officer for Pali Momi Medical Center. Pali Momi is a not-for-profit hospital located in West O'ahu, and is dedicated to the health and well-being of all Hawai'i residents. With 128 beds and more than 400 physicians on its medical staff, Pali Momi offers a full range of services. The hospital has delivered many medical firsts for the community, including Central and West O'ahu's only interventional cardiac catheterization unit to detect and treat heart disease, a fully integrated minimally invasive surgical suite, CT scan and MRI services and the state's first retina center. Pali Momi is the only medical facility in Hawai'i that uses a team triage approach in its emergency room, where patients are promptly evaluated by an emergency physician. The Pali Momi Women's Center ranks among the top in the nation, and for the past three years, Pali Momi has been in the top five percent nationwide for providing outstanding patient service. The hospital is an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health, the state's largest health care provider.

I write in strong support of the nomination of Dr. Linda Rosen to serve as the director of the Department of Health. Having had the honor of working with Dr. Rosen for many years in addressing various trauma related issues in Hawaii, I believe Dr. Rosen is the ideal candidate to lead the Department of Health. She has a proven track record in working with various constituencies in West Oahu and has always worked with the aim of developing a statewide trauma system for the betterment of patients in Hawaii. Most importantly, Dr. Rosen has the integrity and respect of the community to be an effective leader in this position.

We look forward to working with Dr. Rosen to build a quality health care system for all of our patients in West Oahu and the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of Dr. Rosen.

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR MESSAGE 578  
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS  
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LINDA ROSEN

PRESENTATION TO THE  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

BY

MAJOR GENERAL DARRYLL D. M. WONG  
ADJUTANT GENERAL AND DIRECTOR OF STATE CIVIL DEFENSE  
February 24, 2014

Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

I am Major General Darryll D. M. Wong, State Adjutant General and Director of State Civil Defense. I am testifying in **SUPPORT** of GM 578, which considers gubernatorial nominee Dr. Linda Rosen as the Director of the Department of Health.

Dr. Rosen has an extensive resume that covers of 30 years in the medical field. She has over 24 years with the Department of Health, working in positions like the medical director of the Family Health Services Division and Pediatric Emergency Services, and deputy director for Health Resources Administration. She currently serves as the chief of the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch.

I urge your committee to recommend the Senate confirmation of Dr. Linda Rosen as the Director of the Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in **SUPPORT** GM 578.

## Testimony in SUPPORT of GM578, Consideration and Confirmation of Linda Rosen, M.D. as Director of the Department of Health

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association strongly supports the confirmation of Linda Rosen, M.D. as Director of the Department of Health.

Dr. Rosen has been a strong advocate and supporter for efforts aimed at addressing, reducing and preventing Hawaii's number one and number three causes of death, cardiovascular diseases and stroke. She currently serves as a stakeholder on the American Heart Association's "Mission:Lifeline" initiative in Hawaii aimed at improving the state system of care for the treatment of STEMI heart attack patients. She also chairs the State Stroke Task Force which is working on improving the state's stroke system of care, and on developing policy recommendations for consideration during the 2015 State Legislative Session to help achieve that goal.

In the past, Dr. Rosen has also served as an American Heart Association National Emergency Cardiovascular Care National Faculty member for Pediatric Advanced Life Support. In that role she participated in developing and implementing national guidelines used by healthcare professionals in the emergency treatment of pediatric patients.

In her role as the State's Emergency Medical Services Department she has been a strong and effective advocate for the implementation of the American Heart Association's guidelines for emergency cardiovascular care among the State's emergency first responders (the American Heart Association research in the advancement of cardiovascular emergency medical care is used by most organizations nationally and internationally that train professionals and the lay public in emergency cardiovascular care). Hawaii's EMS employees are recognized nationally as among the best trained in their profession nationally.

Dr. Rosen's medical background makes her an excellent candidate to fulfill the goals set out by the late Director of Health Loretta Fuddy, as well as to identify and address the future health needs of Hawaii. The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association strongly supports her confirmation.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald B. Weisman  
Hawaii Government Relations/Community Relations Director

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The Honorable Josh Green, M.D.  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health  
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RE: In support of GM 578 for Linda Rosen as Director of the Department of Health

Dear Senator Green,

It is with pleasure that I recommend Dr. Linda Rosen for confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health.

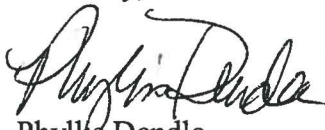
Others will outline her impeccable qualifications for the director's position. Her education and experience make her an ideal candidate for this challenging job. That she comes from within the department is very fortunate.

What I want to share with you and your committee is my admiration for Dr. Rosen for her honesty and frankness. I always feel confident acting based on the information I learn from her. She brings a good nature and sense of humor with her that will be essential in this job and she brings an unswerving dedication to doing what is best for the people of Hawaii.

I urge the committee to confirm her.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Phyllis Dendle  
Manager, Government Relations



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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

### **GM578, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN.**

**February 24, 2014**

#### **Testimony of Serafin Colmenares Jr., Ph.D. Executive Director, Office of Language Access**

I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Dr. Linda Rosen as Director of the Department of Health.

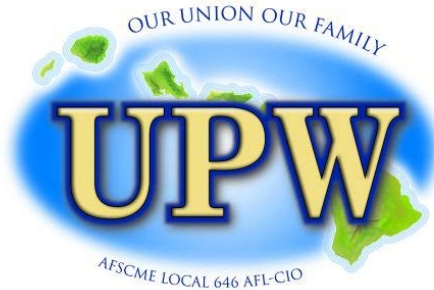
Dr. Rosen has been with the DOH since 2000. She has served as medical director of the Family Health Services Division and Pediatric Emergency Services, deputy director for Health Resources Administration and, most recently, chief of the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch, where she was responsible for administering a comprehensive emergency medical services system, including 911 ambulance services, trauma system development and community injury prevention.

A pediatrician by training, she has worked in the emergency and critical care and neonatology departments at the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children from 1985 to 2000. She has also been a faculty member of the John A. Burns School of Medicine since 1987, as assistant and associate professor of pediatrics, and is currently an associate clinical professor of pediatrics and surgery.

Dr. Rosen is a graduate of Punahou School and earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of California, Los Angeles, a medical degree from the Baylor College of Medicine, and a master's degree in public health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Given her outstanding qualifications and experience, I believe that Dr. Rosen will provide the needed leadership for the Department of Health. I, therefore, strongly urge the members of the Senate Committee on Health to confirm her appointment as Director of the Department of Health.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.



THE HAWAII STATE SENATE  
The Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

The Honorable Sen. Josh Green, Chair  
The Honorable Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

DATE OF HEARING: Monday, February 24, 2014  
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**TESTIMONY ON GOV. MSG. NO. 578 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND  
CONFIRMATION AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, LINDA  
ROSEN**

By DAYTON M. NAKANELUA,  
State Director of the United Public Workers,  
AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO ("UPW")

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua and I am the State Director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 14,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 1 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties. The UPW also represents about 1,500 members of the private sector.

The UPW supports the confirmation of Dr. Linda Rosen as the Director of the Department of Health (DOH).

Dr. Rosen has held many different administrative positions at the DOH since starting there in 2000. She has also served on a number of medical boards and committees. Dr. Rosen's 30 years of medical experience exemplify the dedication she has to the well being of Hawaii's people. Her incredible background in the field of medicine combined with her passion for service make her a perfect candidate for this position.

After careful review we humbly ask the committee to confirm the appointment of Dr. Linda Rosen as Director of the Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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David Kingdon, MPH, Paramedic	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Dr. Linda Rosen's confirmation as the new Director of the State of Hawaii Department of Health. Dr. Rosen has a unique background that combines clinical medicine, emergency services, and public health. This should lead to great opportunities for innovative approaches to the promotion of health and the control of disease and injury in our state. // Thank you for your consideration.

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**Senate Committee on Health  
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair**

Monday, February 24, 2014  
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Hawaii State Capitol

**Testimony Strongly Supporting GM 578, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN.**

Alistair W Bairos  
Chair, West Hawai'i Regional Board  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the West Hawai'i Regional Board, HHSC I appreciate this opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Linda Rosen, M.D., as the Director of the Department of Health.

As a general surgeon working at both Kona Community and North Hawai'i Community Hospitals I know well Dr Rosen's pivotal involvement in establishing the statewide trauma system and specifically in assisting all three of the Big Island's acute care hospitals in achieving Level III Trauma Designation. The care of each and every Big Island resident is enhanced because of this.

The West Hawai'i Regional Board of HHSC (Kona and Kohala Hospitals) strongly supports Dr Rosen's confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure

Mahalo,  
Ali Bairos, MD,  
Chair, West Hawai'i Regional Board,  
HHSC



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February 24, 2014

Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

**Testimony on GM578: Confirmation of Dr. Linda Rosen  
as Director of the Department of Health**

The Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition (KIPC) wholeheartedly supports the confirmation of Dr. Linda Rosen as the Director of the Department of Health. The Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition (KIPC) represents more than forty agencies and individuals who are committed to the protection of the children of Hawai'i from preventable injuries.

Dr. Rosen has provided years of astute leadership in the area of injury prevention for the state of Hawai'i, combining her medical expertise with the breadth of her public health experience and perspective. The fact that Hawai'i is nationally recognized as a leader in injury prevention is the strongest testament of Dr. Rosen's ability to achieve results. She can also be credited for strategically establishing a statewide trauma system with services on all major islands.

Dr. Linda Rosen is a committed and proven leader and visionary, and we highly recommend and support her confirmation as Director of Health.

Sincerely,

William "Speedy" Bailey  
President

February 24, 2014

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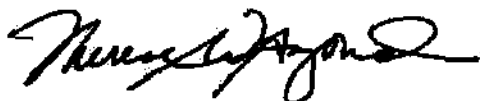
**Testimony on GM578: Confirmation of Dr. Linda Rosen  
as Director of the Department of Health**

I am a health educator for the Department of Health Injury Prevention and Control Section, and I have had the opportunity to work with Dr. Linda Rosen in different capacities since 1997. From the time she first collaborated with us as Chair of the Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition to her most recent position as Chief, EMS and Injury Prevention Branch, she has been a passionate, skilled and articulate leader.

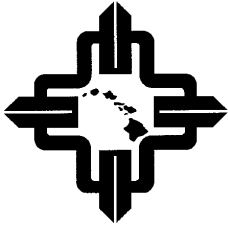
In my current position as Manager of the Injury Prevention and Control Section, Dr. Rosen is my supervisor. I can always rely on her clarity and guidance to support my work. I trust her judgement; for years now I have seen her make insightful and good decisions that have benefited the health and well-being of all of us in Hawaii. I have also seen that she is a leader who treats people fairly and equally.

Given Dr. Rosen's wide-ranging experience in public health and her understanding of the challenges and potential of this field, I am confident she will serve as a capable and visionary Director. I highly recommend and wholeheartedly support her confirmation as Director of Health.

Sincerely,



Therese Argoud  
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**Testimony Strongly Supporting GM 578, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN.**

Alice M. Hall  
Acting President and Chief Executive Officer  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Board of Directors, I appreciate this opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Linda Rosen, M.D., as the Director of the Department of Health.

It is our pleasure to support the appointment of Dr. Rosen. She has a proven track record of strong, decisive, and visionary leadership. In light of her years of extensive medical, public health and administrative experiences, Dr. Rosen is definitely a qualified and outstanding selection.

Dr. Rosen continues to be involved with community affairs. Her on-going community service and professional commitment to continually improve public health are noted on her curriculum vitae.

At the same time, HHSC is confident that Dr. Rosen will be able to address Hawaii's immediate health care issues. We look very much forward to working with Ms. Rosen and her staff in the critical years ahead.

On behalf of the HHSC Corporate Board of Directors, I am proud to support Dr. Linda Rosen to lead the state Department of Health. We commend Governor Abercrombie on selecting an individual of her caliber. Her confirmation is an important step toward ensuring that all Hawaii residents receive equal and continued access to quality, comprehensive and competent public health services.

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### **THE SENATE THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2014**

#### **Committee on Health**

#### **Testimony of Louis Erteschik, Executive Director in Support of GM 578 Nomination of Linda Rosen as Director of Health**

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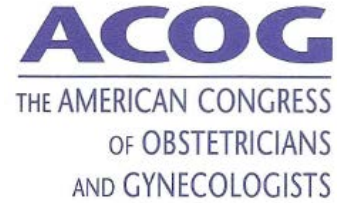
Chair Green and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Disability Rights Center testifies in support of this nomination. We are very pleased to see that Linda Rosen will serve as the Director. Prior to my tenure at the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, I worked at the Department of Health from 1991 to 2003. During that time I got to know Dr. Rosen. My office was down the hall from hers and we would talk from time about health policy and the impact we could have on individuals to assist them in achieving better lives. I came to know her as a deeply caring person with a great sense of professionalism. I have every confidence that she will effectively and compassionately carry out her duties and be a credit to the Governor for having selected her as the nominee.

I urge the Committee and the Senate to consent to her nomination and confirm her as the next Director of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this nomination.

**American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
District VIII, Hawaii (Guam & American Samoa) Section**  
Lori Kamemoto, MD, MPH, FACOG, Chair  
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**To: Senator Joshua Green, Chair, Committee on Health  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice-Chair, Committee on Health**

**From: Lori Kamemoto, MD, MPH, Chair  
Greigh Hirata, MD, Vice Chair  
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Hawaii Section**

**Re: GM 578, Relating to the Director of the Department of Health**

**Position: Strongly Support Dr. Linda Rosen's appointment to Director of Health**

Dear Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker and members of the Committee on Health:

The American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), Hawaii Section, strongly supports the appointment of Dr. Linda Rosen to the position of Director of the Department of Health.

Dr. Rosen, both as a clinician and as an administrator, has been a strong supporter of health in the state of Hawaii, particularly for our keiki. She is a well-respected member of our medical community, and will be a strong advocate for Women's Health.

Hawaii ACOG strongly supports Dr. Linda Rosen as our next Director of the Department of Health, and we urge you to confirm her appointment.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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TO:

Senator Joshua Green, Chair, Committee on Health  
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FROM: Hawaii Medical Association

Dr. Walton Shim, MD, President  
Dr. Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair  
Dr. Ron Keinitz, DO, Legislative Co-Chair  
Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director  
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: GM 578, Relating to the Director of the Department of Health

**Position: Strongly Support Dr. Linda Rosen's appointment to Director of Health**

Dear Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker and members of the Committee on Health:

The Hawaii Medical Association strongly supports the appointment of Dr. Linda Rosen to the position of Director of the Department of Health.

Dr. Rosen, both as a clinician and as an administrator, has been a strong supporter of health in the state of Hawaii, particularly for our keiki. She is a well-respected member of our medical community, and will be a strong advocate for all people's health in the State of Hawaii.

HMA strongly supports Dr. Linda Rosen as our next Director of the Department of Health, and we urge you to confirm her appointment.


Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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Date: February 24, 2014

To: The Honorable Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
Senate Health Committee

From: Peter A. Sybinsky, Ph.D.   
President and CEO  
Hawaii Health Information Corporation

Subject: GM 578: Support for confirmation of Linda Rosen, MD as Director of Health

The Hawaii Health Information Corporation appreciates the opportunity to submit this testimony in strong support for the confirmation of Dr. Linda Rosen as Director of the Hawaii State Health Department.

HHIC was created in 1994 to develop and manage a database of inpatient administrative and clinical information to assist Hawaii's healthcare institutions in cost control and quality improvement. Over the subsequent years, we have built a secure, high quality data base of hospital inpatient, emergency room, and other hospital-based services that provides a broad, up-to-date resource that is useful for a wide variety of quality, cost control and public health purposes. We have worked frequently with Dr. Rosen and her staff to use our data to develop Hawaii's Injury Control Plan, and on projects showing the health care costs associated with injuries.

Dr. Rosen possesses a strong professional education in medicine and public health, as well as extensive experience with the Department and its many constituencies. This combination of education and experience make her well-versed in the many dimensions of public health and therefore able to address the wide range of problems facing a public health department in this still-new millennium. We have found her to be an enthusiastic practitioner of public health and a strong proponent of evidence-based practice, qualities we feel are essential to an effective health director. Most importantly, Dr. Rosen is a thoughtful and creative leader, who has worked with a variety of constituencies to produce effective policies and programs. The most recent example of her effectiveness has been the recent high national ranking for Hawaii's Injury control program from the American College of Emergency Physicians. She is also an excellent person—it has been a privilege to work with her.

We look forward to future work with her in her new role. We strongly urge you to confirm the appointment of this highly qualified professional to fill the position of Director of the Hawaii State Department of Health.





**REHABILITATION HOSPITAL**  
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February 20, 2014

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair  
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health, Hawaii State Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 229  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: HTH 2/24/2014, GM 578

Dear Senators Green and Baker:

I would like to thank you and all the members of the committee for allowing me to testify on behalf of Rehabilitation Hospital of the Pacific in support of the nomination of Linda Rosen, MD for the position of Director of the Department of Health. Dr. Rosen has a decades-long history of serving the people of Hawaii in multiple roles including as a physician, as an educator, and as a state administrator. She has utilized her training and expertise in the fields of medicine and public health to improve the quality of healthcare in Hawaii and to enhance community efforts to reduce illness and injury through education, prevention and risk reduction.

I have been fortunate enough to serve on the Hawaii Stroke Task Force which is chaired by Dr. Rosen. I have seen firsthand that Dr. Rosen exhibits exemplary intelligence, practicality and leadership skills. She is a worthy successor to the late Director Fuddy and will enhance the department as well as Hawaii's healthcare system.

In closing, Dr. Rosen brings a unique mix of personal and professional qualities and accomplishments that will strengthen the Department of Health. I urge your support for her nomination. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your public service.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Roe, MD MBA  
President & CEO



# INJURY PREVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A SAFE HAWAI'I FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA

February 20, 2014

Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

Testimony on GM578: Confirmation of Dr. Linda Rosen as Director of the Department of Health

I am submitting testimony on behalf of the Injury Prevention Advisory Committee (IPAC), a community-based advocacy group founded in 1990 that works with the Injury Prevention and Control Section of the Emergency Medical Services Division. We are 100% in support of Dr. Rosen's confirmation as Director of the Department of Health.

I have had the privilege of working closely with Dr. Rosen for several years and can attest to her commitment to quality public health in the state of Hawai'i. I have found Dr. Rosen to be a highly intelligent and creative thinker who is action-oriented. She is a strategic thinker who can see all sides of an issue when making decisions. She has a wide breadth of knowledge in many areas of medicine and public health and she stays current on the trends in the field of public health.

She is the type of leader needed in the Department of Health.

Sincerely,

Chair Emeritus of IPAC

Chair of IPAC

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Todd Hairgrove	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Curt S. Morimoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dr. Rosen has been a proven leader with many years of administrative experience. She will continue to be a leader and set examples as Director of Health. Please confirm her for this position!!

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GM 578  
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH NOMINEE

Senate Committees on Health

Public Hearing – February 24, 2014  
1:30pm., State Capitol, Conference Room 229

By  
Jay Maddock, Ph.D.

I am writing to **support** the appointment of Dr. Linda Rosen as Director of Health.

I am a professor of public health at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and have served as director of the Office of Public Health Studies since 2006. I have also served as an Executive Board Member of the Hawaii Public Health Association since 2006 and chaired the Hawaii Board of Health for 4 years. My statement on this measure does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

I have worked closely with Dr. Linda Rosen over the past 7 years. I have found her to be an excellent colleague. She is bright and well trained in public health. She is collaborative in her working style and brings a problem-solving attitude to the table. I think she is an outstanding choice for Director of Health and believe that she will do an excellent job.

I hope that you are able to confirm her appointment quickly.

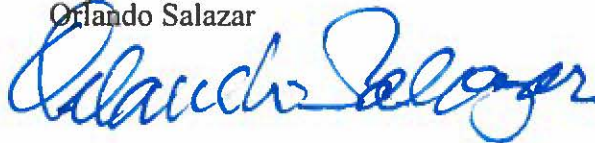
Testimony for Public Hearing  
Health Committee  
February 24, 2014

Orlando Salazar  
46-205 Kalali Street  
Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744

Bill: Governor Abercrombie message 578 (GM578)  
Confirmation of Doctor Linda Rosen as Director of  
the Department of Health

Good afternoon Health Committee Members. My name is Orlando Salazar. Governor Abercrombie has announced appointing Dr. Linda Rosen as Director of the Department of Health and I as a concerned citizen of Hawaii who has seen a great deal of Dr. Rosen's hard work and constructive actions would like to request your support. I urge the Health Committee to support her confirmation. Thank you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,  
Orlando Salazar





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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Sherry Pollack	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Aloha I am writing to express my complete support for the confirmation of Dr. Linda Rosen as the Director of the Department Of Health. Dr. Rosen is well-qualified and an excellent choice for this position. In my personal experience working with her at the DOH she has been an inspiring leader with a 'can do' personality, and very dedicated to improving and safe-guarding the health of the people of Hawaii. The Governor could not have chosen better! Mahalo for your consideration, Sher Pollack

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Heather Lusk	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dear members of the committee, I strongly support the appointment of Dr. Linda Rosen as Director of the Hawaii State Department of Health. I have been blessed to work with Dr. Rosen both when I worked for DOH and also while at a non-profit. She is dedicated, smart, creative, compassionate and works well with others. Please confirm her! Thank you, Heather

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Barbara Brooks	Individual	Support	No

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Anna Marie Later	Individual	Support	No

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the confirmation of Dr. Linda Rosen as the Director of the Department of Health. Dr. Rosen has shown exceptional leadership in all her years at the Department of Health in various positions as well as in community organizations. She will lead the Department in promoting and assuring the public health mandate through her knowledge, skills, abilities, and experiences in the health field. Thank you for the opportunity to testify. Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka (as a private citizen)

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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

**GM578, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the  
Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN.**

**February 24, 2014**

**Testimony of A. CHRISTIAN WHELEN, Ph.D.  
Administrator, State Laboratories Division**

1 **Position:** Strong Support

2 **Comments:** Dr. Linda Rosen is a compassionate and competent public health professional who has  
3 served the Department with distinction in many capacities. She is highly respected and often sought for  
4 her thoughtful insight on complex issues. She understands and appreciates the roles that the State  
5 Laboratories fulfill in providing sophisticated scientific analyses that contribute to evidence-based  
6 decisions, as well as the regulatory oversight to ensure laboratories statewide meet high quality  
7 standards.

8 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

**GM578, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the  
Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN.**

**February 24, 2014**

**Testimony of Lorrin Kim  
Chief, Office of Planning, Policy, and Program Development**

1 **Position:** SUPPORT

2 **Comments:**

3 I have had the pleasure of Dr. Rosen as a department colleague for five years and have observed first-  
4 hand her passion for and leadership of critical public health issues. Her record speaks for itself when it  
5 comes to Hawaii's robust trauma and injury prevention systems providing fulltime coverage statewide,  
6 even in remote rural areas.

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8 I look forward to working in a department under her leadership with a continuing and renewed focus on  
9 health equity.

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11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gerald Ohta	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Testifying in support of the nomination of Ms. Nora Nomura. Through her professional career both in public health and in employee-employer relations as well as in her personal experience, Ms. Nomura is well-acquainted with the issues facing us in our family and societal futures here.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Gerald Ohta	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Dr. Linda Rosen is a proven administrator with Public Health training and experience who will continue to serve us all well. She is an astute and effective commentator on public health issues and administration. Imua!

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It is with great pleasure that I write on behalf of Linda Rosen, MD for Director of Health. I have been fortunate to have sat on a few committees with Dr. Rosen, especially in Child Death Review. I have found her to be engaged in the concerns and issues that places our children at risk for injuries and death. She has been a strong advocate for strengthening families health and wellness within communities. I believe she will continue to carry on the mission and vision for our State Health Department.

Thank you,

Cash Lopez  
Hawaii County Resident

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Senate Health Committee Members:

It gives me great pleasure to support the nomination of Linda Rosen to the position of Director, Department of Health.

I have only known Linda for the past 6 years but have always found her to be honest, straightforward, a good judge of people and situations and excellent under pressure.

Our shared experiences in surviving 3 Tsunami threats and working through a horrific plane crash have shown me that Linda can confront any situation, make meaningful and positive assessments of the facts at hand, and formulate solutions that consistently turn out to be the optimum solution to a problem.

The State of Hawaii would be well served by the experience Linda brings to the position of Director, Department of Health.

Mark Miller  
Kalaupapa, Hawaii

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

February 21, 2014

Hearing Date: Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 1:30PM

**Subject:** GM 578 Consideration and Confirmation for Dr. Linda Rosen

Aloha Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, and members of the Senate Committee on Health,

It would be a privilege for both the State of Hawaii and the Department of Health to have Dr. Rosen as Director. She not only has a wealth of professional experience and knowledge with health care and public health, but she is also an exceptional leader.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kari Benes

Nancy A. Haag  
92-6031 Nemo Street  
Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

February 24, 2014

The Honorable Josh Green, M.D.  
Chairperson, Senate Committee on Health  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 215  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Green and Members of the Committee:

Re: Governor's Message 578, Nomination of Linda Rosen for Consideration as Director of the Department of Health

Although I have appeared before your Committee in my official capacity as the Administrator for the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD), which is one of the four Divisions within the Behavioral Health Administration of the Department of Health, I am submitting written testimony on my own accord to express my strong support for the confirmation of Linda Rosen as Director of Health.

ADAD plans, coordinates, provides technical assistance, and establishes mechanisms for training, data collection, research and evaluation to ensure that resources are utilized in the most effective and efficient manner possible. ADAD is the primary and often sole source of public funds for substance abuse prevention and treatment services. Agency efforts are designed to promote a statewide, culturally appropriate, comprehensive system of services to meet the needs of individuals and families. (Treatment services have, as a requirement, priority admission for pregnant women, injection drug users, native Hawaiians and adult offenders.)

ADAD is a "lean" organizational unit charged with the mission of ensuring the provision of substance abuse prevention and treatment services statewide. Since assuming the Division Chief position at ADAD in June 2012, I have been afforded ongoing support and encouragement to accomplish the agency's key public health functions: needs assessment, quality assurance and policy development. As the lead public health officer for the State, Dr. Rosen has the responsibility for ensuring that services are evidence-based with measurable outcomes and fiscally accountable. Critical to her success in policy and program development/implementation will be her approach which has been inclusive as well as collaborative rather than crisis-driven.

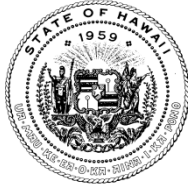
Dr. Rosen has well demonstrated the requisite knowledge, abilities and skills to lead the Department through future challenges. Your expeditious and favorable consideration in confirming her as Director of Health will ensure that the Department has the dedicated, competent leadership necessary to address current and emerging public health issues.

Sincerely,



NANCY A. HAAG

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR



Testimony of  
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February 24, 2014  
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State Capitol, Room 229

**G.M. 578**

**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN .**

Senate Committee on Health

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the confirmation of Linda Rosen as the Director of the Department of Health.

Dr. Rosen has more than 30 years of experience in the medical field and also served as chief of the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch. She was responsible for administering a comprehensive emergency medical services system, including 911 ambulance services, trauma system development and community injury prevention.

We look forward to working with Dr. Rosen.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

To: Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

From: Nancy Bartter

Date: Monday, February 24, 2014

Subject: GM 578, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN.

I strongly support the nomination of Dr. Linda Rosen as Director of the Department of Health (DOH). I have worked with Dr. Rosen at the DOH for more than 10 years and also with her as a Medical Reserve Corps volunteer. She is knowledgeable, forthright, and an effective leader. Her varied experience in healthcare and public health make her an excellent choice for the Director of Health.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

February 21, 2014

Testimony given for GM 578

This testimony is given in support of Dr. Linda Rosen's appointment to the Director of Health. Throughout the years that I have worked with Dr. Rosen she has always shown a deep commitment to the health and well-being of the people, in the State of Hawaii. Through her various work assignments within the Department of Health she has demonstrated the ability to form partnerships that work collaboratively to improve public health services in the State. She continues to develop, encourage and cultivate working commitments with other State agencies to address health as well as social issues that would benefit and enhance the public health, safety and well-being of individuals within the State, during times of emergencies as the Chief of the Emergency Medical Services Section through her participation within the City & County Civil defense and various bio-disaster exercises. She is a very hard-working, insightful, knowledgeable and compassionate person who is very aware of the changes occurring in the health and human services arena and works to make a difference even after her time as a Deputy Director for the Human Resources Administration (HRA), but will still take the time and ask about family and mutual friends. I have enjoyed knowing and working with her throughout the years at the Department of Health and feel that she will continue to pursue excellence and improve the quality of Health for the people of Hawaii as the Director of Health.

Sincerely,

Ms. Trudy Murakami,  
Colleague & Friend



To: Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Committee on Health

From: Sandra M. Pak, MPH

Hearing: February 24, 2014, 1:30 PM, Room 229

Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 578, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN.

I support the confirmation of Linda Rosen as the Director of Health. I have had the privilege of working with Dr. Rosen for a number of years and admire her depth of knowledge and dedication. As an employee of the department of health, I am pleased that Linda is trained in public health. She is capable of assuring the provision of the Ten Essential Public Health Services.

Linda understands the value of data--that data can be used to monitor health status, to inform decision making, to develop effective plans and policies, to inform the public about health issues, and to evaluate the effectiveness of services. She understands the need to transform science into evidence-based services.

Linda knows that prevention is the best medicine. Under her direction, her programs have focused on preventing morbidity and mortality. The Emergency Medical Services & Injury Prevention System Branch (EMSIPSB) uses the Spectrum of Prevention to reduce intentional and unintentional injuries.

Linda knows that it takes a village to raise a child. Linda purposely recruits partners to work on achieving common goals. She's led multi-agency collaborations, such as the Injury Prevention Advisory Committee, Keiki Injury Prevention Coalition, and Suicide Prevention Task Force to work on public health goals.

Linda knows that the legislative and executive branches can work together to reduce death and disability by enacting laws, such as child passenger safety and pedestrian safety laws.

Linda's skills, knowledge and dedication will benefit our Hawaii *ohana*. I look forward to working under her leadership. I urge her confirmation and thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Hearing Info:

Senate Committee on Health  
Monday, February 24, 2014, 1:30pm  
Conference Room 229

To: The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair

Fr: Annette Taeko Mente

Re: Testimony In Support of GM 578: Confirmation of LINDA ROSEN as the Director  
of the Department of Health

Aloha Chair Green and Members of the Committee,

My name is Annette Mente and it gives me great pleasure to submit this letter in support of the nomination of Linda Rosen as the Director of Health. I have worked as a planner for the Department of Health, Family Health Services Division (FHSD) for 14 years and worked directly with Dr. Rosen when she served as the FHSD Medical Director and continued to work with her, to lesser degree, in her subsequent Department positions.

She is a consummate public health leader, dedicated, passionate, hard-working, knowledgeable, and highly skilled. Although she is often busy, I find her generous with her time and expertise. Indeed, I think one of Dr. Rosen's greatest strengths is her ability to teach, instruct, and counsel. Rarely, do I leave a conversation with her without having learned some new related to public health.

Dr. Rosen has always demonstrated a keen understanding of the public health field and is committed to build the critical partnerships necessary to extend the effectiveness of our efforts. She is a creative, analytic, and a strategic thinker; quickly able to understand and deal with new and complex issues.

I am always amazed by her seemingly endless capacity to manage a multitude of tasks and responsibilities with incredible enthusiasm, energy, and optimism that is often contagious. She is always supportive of staff professional and personal lives; and encourages people to find a healthy balance. She is respectful of staff, demanding excellence and always supportive of our continued professional development. She is often able to see our own professional potential (even when we cannot) and helps to support that ability.

Her years of experience in health care and public health as well as her extensive knowledge of the Department will serve her well as Director. I strongly support her confirmation as Director of Health as do many of my peers.

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**GM578**

Submitted on: 2/23/2014

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
andrea	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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February 22, 2014

Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
Committee on Health

Testimony on GM578: Confirmation of Dr. Linda Rosen as Director of the Department of Health

I, Nicholas Lee Hines, testify in *Support* of Dr. Linda Rosen as Director of Health. Although I have worked with Dr. Rosen at the Department of Health's Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch (EMSIPSB), I am testifying today as a private citizen.

Injuries in Hawaii are responsible for more deaths of children and young adults from ages one through 40 than all other causes combined. Just as harmful is the fact that many people continue to consider injuries as accidents, unpredictable and not preventable. Dr. Rosen's leadership in every critical step toward saving lives and preventing injuries are neither accidents nor unpredictable. Hawaii has received an "A" grade for Public Health and Injury Prevention in the 2014 American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) *Report Card for America's Emergency Care Environment*. The report card also ranked Hawaii second in the nation for injury prevention.

More to my point, if a bell curve was graphed using the leading causes of death and disability in Hawaii, injuries would be the fourth leading cause of its shape and size. Now imagine shifting the entire curve toward fewer deaths and disability. Dr. Rosen is a curve shifter, and her contribution to injury prevention undoubtedly contributed greatly to shifting Hawaii's health.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Lee Hines, M.P.H.

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**GM578**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Hirokazu Toiya	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in strong support for Dr. Linda Rosen's nomination to the position of Director of the Hawaii State Department of Health. Dr. Rosen has represented the Department of Health in emergency management and civil defense functions, and time after time, Dr. Rosen has demonstrated composure, leadership, subject matter expertise, and sound decision making under pressure. I can think of no one better to fill the position of Director of Health than Dr. Rosen. Her credentials speak for themselves and I hope that the senate will see the content of her character and confirm her as the Director of Health. Hirokazu Toiya, MPH

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**GM578**

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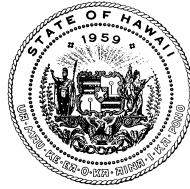
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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Emily Roberson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to express my strong support for Dr. Linda Rosen's appointment as the Director of the Hawaii State Department of Health. I have had the opportunity to work with Dr. Rosen in the past, and I could not think of an individual who is more qualified or better prepared for this incredibly important position. On top of her impressive qualifications, Dr. Rosen has a deep passion for helping the individuals and families of Hawaii. I am truly excited for the people of Hawaii that they might have as competent and passionate an advocate as Dr. Rosen in the position of Director of Health. I urge the Senate to confirm her appointment so that she may get to work for Hawaii's people in this new position as quickly as possible. Sincerely,  
Emily K. Roberson, MPH, PhDc

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

### GM578, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN.

February 24, 2014

#### Testimony of David Fray Chief, Developmental Disabilities Division

1 **Position:** Supports

2 **Comments:** I strongly support the nomination of Dr. Linda Rosen for Director of Health. Dr. Rosen  
3 has a strong background in both public health and in private health care that enable her to engage and  
4 lead within the Department and with health professionals and organizations across our State. She  
5 possesses a breadth of knowledge and a keen mind that seeks health equity and creative solutions for all  
6 including our most vulnerable citizens. I have confidence that the Department will benefit from her  
7 experience and passion for public health. I have worked with Dr. Rosen as a colleague and under her  
8 direct supervision in her previous position of Deputy Director of the Health Resources Administration in  
9 the Department. In the latter capacity she exhibited compassion and conviction to support the programs  
10 and challenges to serve people with disabilities. I have great respect for her ability to understand  
11 complex issues and make wise decisions. I wholeheartedly endorse her nomination.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**From:** [sherry lauer](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** GM578 appointment of Linda Rosen  
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Senate Committee on Health  
Testimony in support of Linda Rosen GM578

February 22, 2014

Senate Committee on Health,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of Linda Rosen MD who would be a wonderful Director of Health for the State of Hawaii. Dr. Rosen is extremely knowledgeable and would be a great asset to the Department of Health as the Director of Health. Dr. Rosen has shown her leadership skills and abilities with some of her best work including the creation of the Trauma System. Dr. Rosen was able to drive the creation of the Trauma System and create a superb trauma network that greatly has improved the quality of care to the injured patients of Hawaii. I have had the great pleasure of working with Dr. Rosen and look forward to her continued success as the Director of Health. I believe that with the appointment of Dr. Rosen as the Director of Health, is a great benefit for the people of Hawaii and will only strengthen our wonderful state.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sherry Lauer RN, BSN



**TESTIMONY OF ROBERT TOYOFUKU IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF  
DR. LINDA ROSEN AS DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

February 24, 2014

To: Chairman Josh Green and Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

My name is Bob Toyofuku and I am submitting this testimony in support of the nomination of Dr. Linda Rosen as the gubernatorial nominee to be the Director of the Department of Health.

I have worked with Dr. Rosen on various issues over the past several years and found her to be fully informed about the matters we were involved with as well as willing to consider all aspects when there were various views and solutions to resolving an issue. I found her to be very reasonable to deal with and that she always conducted herself in a professional manner and with integrity.

I feel that Dr. Rosen is eminently qualified to be the Director of the Department of Health because of the knowledge gained throughout her many years with the Department and her ability to be decisive. She is noted for her competence, hard work, and also her dedication to the Department and to the improvement of the general health and well-being of our state. I am confident that she will be an excellent Director and a great asset to the Department of Health. I wholeheartedly support her nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

**From:** [Robert Pennybacker](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Confirmation of Linda Rosen as Director of Health  
**Date:** Sunday, February 23, 2014 10:24:25 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am submitting testimony on behalf of Dr. Linda Rosen for her confirmation as the Director of the State Department of Health. I have known Linda for close to forty-five years and have met very few people with the same combination of compassion and intelligence as Dr. Rosen. Having grown up in Hawaii, Linda also has an acute understanding of our island culture and the many ethnic groups that make up our population. She herself is part Pacific Islander (French-Marquesan) and, as a result, has a first-hand understanding of the needs and perspectives of native peoples. Linda has inherited her Polynesian grace and sensitivity from her mother and her scientific acumen from her late father, the renowned research scientist Dr. Leon Rosen. I cannot think of a more uniquely qualified person to fill the position of the Director of Hawaii's State Department of Health.

--Robert Pennybacker

**From:** [Eric Tash](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Cc:** [Linda Rosen](#)  
**Subject:** Testimony in support of GM 578: Monday Feb 24, 2014, 1:30 pm, Room 229  
**Date:** Sunday, February 23, 2014 9:54:14 AM

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**THE SENATE, 27th LEGISLATURE, STATE OF HAWAII  
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair  
HTHtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

**Date: Monday, February 24, 2014**  
**Time: 1:30 p.m.**  
**Room: 229**

**Re: Very Strongly Support GM 578, Appointing Dr. Linda Rosen as Director of Health.**

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

I strongly support GM 578, and urge you to confirm Dr. Linda Rosen as Director of Health.

Dr. Linda Rosen is a dedicated, brilliant, passionate, innovative, ethical, and hard working public health professional who would make a great Director. And I would know. I have worked with Dr. Linda Rosen for more than 15 years in my capacity as Manager of the Department of Health's Injury Prevention and Control Section in the EMS and Injury Control Branch before I retired in 2010. For about 10 of the years, Dr. Rosen was my direct supervisor.

Dr. Rosen was a great Branch Chief and supervisor; supporting, inspiring and motivating her staff. And, when needed, she was direct but fair. Her door was always open for us to talk with her no matter what the issue. She is very detailed yet sees the bigger picture. She is a visionary, yet has the administrative ability and skill to transform the Department into a national model of excellence. Under Dr. Rosen's leadership, the Department's Injury Prevention Section received a grade of "A" for Public Health and Injury Prevention in Hawaii from the American College of Emergency Physicians. Their report card also ranked Hawaii #2 in the nation in injury prevention. Dr. Rosen cares about the issues and strives for a collaborative approach to public health. And she is strong enough to make the hard decisions.

I urge you to confirm Dr. Rosen as Director of Health.

Thank you for allowing me to testify.

Sincerely,

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**February 23, 2014**

**TO:           The Honorable Dr. Josh Green, Chair**  
**The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair**  
**Members of the Committee on Health Education**

**DATE:        Monday, February 24, 2014**

**TIME:        1:30 PM**

**PLACE:       Conference Room 229**

**FROM:        WESLEY LO**

**SUBJECT:     Testimony Regarding GM 578 Submitting for consideration and**  
**confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health,**  
**Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN.**

I am writing in support of Dr. Linda Rosen's appointment as the Director of Health for the State of Hawaii

I have worked with Dr. Rosen for many years in her capacity at the State Emergency Management Services (EMS), and over the years, no consider her a close personal friend.

Dr. Rosen's clinical background has certainly provided a great baseline for her role at EMS; however, what has set her apart is her passion and perseverance for healthcare in the State of Hawaii. Her efforts at EMS have not only elevated the State EMS program, but has elevated the state of Healthcare in Hawaii, in particular in the area of Trauma. Without her leadership, I do not believe that our State would be at the levels it is today in the area of Trauma and Emergency Services.

In choosing a Director of Health, you would want somebody with a clinical background, an understanding of how to operate within the State system, a good understanding of both providers and consumers of healthcare services, and a passion for the health of a community.

Dr. Rosen has all these traits.

I urge the committee to approve Dr. Rosen's appointment.

**From:** [Edwards, Kurt D LTC USARMY \(US\)](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Letter of Testimony on Nomination of Director of Health Dr. Linda Rosen (UNCLASSIFIED)  
**Date:** Sunday, February 23, 2014 8:56:45 AM

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I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Linda Rosen for the past seven years. We have worked together on the development, implementation, and current conduct of the State of Hawaii Trauma System. I have found her to be receptive, innovative, persistent, and overall a superior leader. She was able to bring together various health organizations with diverse interests into a cooperative group for the betterment of Hawaii's trauma patients. I have limited experience with state governments but I found this to be a remarkable accomplishment.

I firmly believe that Dr. Linda Rosen's appointment as the Director of Health will benefit health care in the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

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February 21, 2014

The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair  
The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators Green and Baker and Members of the Committee on Health:

SUBJECT: GM 578 - Confirmation as the Director of the Department of Health,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, Linda Rosen

My name is Danette Wong Tomiyasu and I am the Chief of the Family Health Services Division at the Department of Health. I am submitting this letter as a private citizen in STRONG SUPPORT for the nomination and confirmation of Dr. Linda Rosen as the Director of Health. She has demonstrated her public health knowledge and expertise during her tenure at the Department serving as the Medical Director for the Family Health Services Division, Deputy Director for the Department's Health Resources Administration, and as the Chief of the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch.

Dr. Rosen is a proven public health leader, an excellent administrator who is knowledgeable about Department operations, compassionate, and a strong advocate for Hawaii's underserved and vulnerable populations. Her leadership as Director of Health will help strengthen the Department's work to protect and improve the health and environment for all people in our State. Her wealth of knowledge and experience in both the public health and the medical arenas will serve the State well as health and health care in Hawaii undergoes transformation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of Dr. Rosen's nomination as Director of Health.

**From:** [Dave Nelson](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Dept of Health - new Director  
**Date:** Friday, February 21, 2014 7:38:33 PM

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**Hello -**

**I have worked with Dr. Linda Rosen for years because I am an Emergency Physician on Maui. Because of her training, work experience, and knowledge of what is possible to achieve, I think she is well qualified to be the new director of the State Dept. of Health. Aloha - Dave Nelson, M.D. (808-870-6508 Cell)**

February 22, 2014

To: Members of the Committee on Health  
Meeting: 1:30pm on Monday, February 24, 2014  
Room: 229, Hawaii State Capitol Building

Committee Members,

My name is Nancy Kern. I worked for the Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) for approximately 25 years from 1989 - 2013. I retired at the end of 2013.

My professional collaboration with Dr. Rosen preceded my work at the Department of Health. In the late 1970's, I was the President of the Hawaii Chapter of the National SIDS Foundation (having lost an infant to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome in 1977). The SIDS office was in the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children on the 7th floor, where Dr. Rosen spent some of her time as a staff member of KMC. Dr. Rosen was always supportive of our efforts in working with and supporting the community impacted by SIDS deaths. She would sometimes spend time talking with our SIDS parents, advising them on their situations and supporting them in providing information and encouragement to them as they recovered from the devastating impact of having lost an infant to SIDS. During this time, Dr. Rosen was always kind, sensitive, compassionate and professional in her interactions with the parents and child care providers.

It was, therefore, a pleasure for me when I was transferred to the position of Suicide Prevention Coordinator in the EMS/Injury Prevention Branch of DOH in January 2010. Dr. Rosen was the Branch Chief of this Branch and we continued our professional collaboration on behalf of the public health needs of individuals statewide, this time advocating for those with diverse mental health challenges that placed them at risk for suicide. Again, Dr. Rosen supported this project, providing needed focus and direction for the suicide prevention program, and addressing the many challenges that arose regularly as a result of dealing with a challenging population.

One afternoon in 2012, a suicidal young man came to our DOH workplace where we did not provide direct services. I met with him, but soon realized that the situation was beyond what I was able to manage. I will be forever grateful that Dr. Rosen was in her office that afternoon and joined us, talking with this individual for two hours and managing the situation so that it was resolved with compassion, tact and kindness.

Dr. Rosen's skills, including her capacity to perceive the "big picture", understand the components of that picture, organize these components into manageable elements, and collaborate with staff to address these elements so that the needs of the community are addressed and met will serve the state of Hawaii well.

We are fortunate to have an individual of Dr. Rosen's experience, competence, skills, accomplishments, dedication and compassion who will be dedicated to serving the people of Hawaii as Director of the Department of Health.



I hope members of the Committee on Health will take advantage of this fortunate situation and confirm Dr. Rosen as Director of the Hawaii DOH.

Thank you very much for your attention to my testimony.

With aloha,

Nancy Kern  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96822  
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TO: Chair Josh Green  
Vice Chair Baker  
Members of the Committee

FR: Nanci Kreidman, M.A.  
Chief Executive Officer

RE: G.M. 578 Support

Aloha. Please accept this statement in support of the appointment of Dr. Linda Rosen as the succeeding Director of the Department of Health. As a long time advocate for innovation in public health and women's health, it will be to our collective advantage to have Dr. Rosen at the helm of our state agency.

At the Domestic Violence Action Center, our commitment to partnering with the health care sector to assist families find safety and peace is enthusiastic and in motion. Domestic violence is much more than a problem for the criminal and civil justice systems; there is ample research confirming that domestic violence results in adverse health outcomes and higher health care costs. With the partnership of the Department of Health we can enhance programming, involve community health centers, and do more than prevention to bring peace to island families.

Dr. Rosen brings a skillset, a sensibility and a public health practice that will compliment the work ahead.

We encourage your favorable action on this appointment. Thank you.

**From:** [florentinajames@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:florentinajames@hawaiiantel.net)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** Request to confirm Dr. Linda Rosen  
**Date:** Friday, February 21, 2014 10:39:03 PM  
**Importance:** High

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Dear Legislators:

Please confirm the appointment of Dr. Linda Rosen as director of health. Dr. Rosen is a quick thinking caring intellectual. She would be a great value to our state with her broad range of experience in the practice of medicine and more than a decade of experience in administrative public health. She has served in several positions in the health department, the most recent being Emergency Medical Services chief. In addition, Dr. Rosen understands health data, information and statistics which are essential in managing the department and improving public health. I personally witnessed how fast she grasped numbers, charts, figures and statistical information back in year 2000 when I first met her.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Florentina Reyes-Salvail



February 22, 2014

To: Senate Health Committee

From: Craig Thomas, MD

Re: GM578

I support Dr. Linda Rosen's nomination as Director of the State Department of Health. Dr. Rosen and I both began practicing emergency medicine in Hawaii in 1983. She was proactive pediatric emergency physician, reaching out to community hospitals to improve pediatric emergency services and facilitating transfers for tertiary care when appropriate. Over the years I've solicited her help often.

As her career evolved she utilized her public health training to focus on injury prevention making Hawaii a leader nationally. More recently she's improved pre-hospital and emergency medicine across the state, including coordinating care delivered by C&C EMS, HPD, Ocean Safety and HFD, coping with the closure of the St. Francis hospitals and improving statewide trauma services. Current projects include incorporating telemedicine into stroke care and adopting new technology and procedures to facilitate ambulance dispatch and patient disposition.

In summary, Dr. Rosen is smart, energetic and committed to improving health in Hawaii. Confirming her as director will give her the opportunity to apply her skills and experience to make our state healthier.

Thank you for your consideration,

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Thomas".

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

GM578, Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Dr. Linda Rosen, as Director of the  
Department of Health

Testimony of Herman Tuiolosega

February 24, 2014  
1:30 P.M.

Mr. Chair, Madam Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee, I submit this written testimony in strong support of Dr. Linda Rosen as Director of the Department of Health.

I'm a planner in the Department of Health and have known Dr. Rosen since she started with the department. Dr. Rosen is a very caring and conscientious person with a strong sense of public duty and a no-nonsense, get-it-done attitude. She fosters respect amongst employees and in so doing inspires unified support to advance the goals of the department to provide public health services.

The governor has made a superb choice and I respectfully urge your committee to approve the nomination for Dr. Rosen as Director of the Department of Health.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Dr. Rosen.

**From:** [Calvin Sia](#)  
**To:** [HTHTestimony](#)  
**Subject:** GM578 - Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director Health Gubernatorial Nominee LINDA ROSEN  
**Date:** Saturday, February 22, 2014 12:14:50 AM

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Senator Josh Green and Members of the Senate Health Committee,

This letter is written in support of LINDA ROSEN for Consideration and Confirmation as the Director of Health, Gubernatorial Nominee.

She has a strong background in the medical field from individual care to public health; and over the past decade, of Administrative skills in the Department of Health.

My close relationship with her has been with the implementation of EMS-C, or Emergency Medical Services for Children that the late Senator Daniel Inouye and I were successful in enacting in law as part of the EMS system of care for children nationally and in Hawaii. She was our first appointed Pediatric Emergency Medicine Director for our Hawaii. She helped improved EMS-C paramedic and first responder training, not only on Oahu but statewide, with a focus on developing regionalization of care for high risk infants and children from the Neighbor Islands. This was especially important with coordination for air transportation and its special needs for premature, low birth weight infants.

We also worked closely when she was appointed Medical Director for Family Health Services Division and Deputy Director for Health Resources with our Early Childhood prevention and intervention programs, like our Healthy Start home visiting program for prevention for child maltreatment and positive child development. She was most receptive and positive in support of our Family Centered Medical Home concept and early childhood comprehensive system of care for at risk mothers and young children.

Dr. Rosen understands the broad scope of health care transformation and the challenges that lay ahead . She is bright, articulate, and a good thinker. I strongly support her confirmation.

Aloha,

Calvin C.J. Sia, MD FAAP  
Past President, Hawaii American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Medical Association  
Past Chairman, American Medical Association Section Council on Pediatrics,  
Immediate Past Chair, American Academy of Pediatrics National Center for Medical Home  
Implementation, Professional  
Advisory Committee