

HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS

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

Wednesday, April 9, 2014
Conference Room 229
1:30 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol

Testimony Strongly Supporting GM 654, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRANDON STARR, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

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 Andrew Garrett, as a gubernatorial nominee to the HHSC Board.

Mr. Garrett is very involved in public affairs, healthcare and the community through his work as the Project Manager of the Hawaii Healthcare Project, a public-private partnership between the Office of the Governor and the healthcare industry stakeholders. Additionally, Mr. Garrett has an extensive background in community/public relations activities. His experience and knowledge with these collaborative efforts would be a great addition to HHSC Corporate Board of Directors.

On behalf of the HHSC Corporate Board of Directors, I am proud to support Mr. Andrew Garrett. We commend Governor Abercrombie on selecting an individual of his caliber.

His 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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Comments: I would like to submit my support for Brandon Starr to be considered for the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. Mr. Starr is a legal assistant to Ry Barbin and is very professional and responsible. Over the past year, Mr. Starr has assisted me with executing projects and he gets the job done. He does what he says he will do. Probably, Mr. Starr represents the voice of our future and understands needs of his generation. I fully support Governor Abercrombie's selection of Brandon Starr to be a the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

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April 2, 2014

Senator Josh Green
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Re: Brandon Starr
Nominee to Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Dear Chairman Green:

I write to you in support of the nomination of Brandon Starr to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health System Corporation, for a term expiring on June 30, 2017.

I have known Mr. Starr for approximately 6 years. Brandon Starr is currently my Paralegal and manages my law office. In my experience, Mr. Starr is a man of immense integrity and responsibility.

Brandon is highly motivated and I have always known him to research any issue in depth. Although he is not currently involved in the area of health, he is the type of person who would immediately research and become acquainted with all the issues necessary to serve effectively on the Board of Directors. As an example of Brandon's commitment to knowing the issues, since learning of the nomination by the Governor, he has already taken substantial time to research the Board's history and to review the Stroudwater Associates report to become familiar with the issues facing the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. The Stroudwater report is a comprehensive, independent review and evaluation of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Brandon has a deep attention to detail and is self motivated in his tasks. As my employee for 6 years, he has always been punctual and seldom needs time away for personal matters or illness.

If Mr. Starr is confirmed to this gubernatorial appointment, I believe that he would serve as an asset to the Board and would be of great assistance to the other Board Members due to his knowledge and commitment.

I respectfully request that you view favorably Brandon Starr's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, and submit to the State Senate for approval.

If you have any questions, or need any further information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryther L. Barbin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ryther L. Barbin

**TESTIMONY OF BRANDON STARR
TO THE SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE**

GM 654

To Chair Green, Vice-Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee:

It is truly an honor to have been nominated by Governor Abercrombie to serve on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. I sincerely thank his administration for the nomination. I'd also like to thank those that have submitted testimony on my behalf.

I believe I bring a lot to the table to benefit this Board. My legal experience can be drawn from in many situations; whether it be researching a legal question before the Board, or simply interpreting the terms of a contract. My studies have primarily focused on a legal background, but I also bring experience in accounting, corporation structure and management, as well as management of information systems. I also genuinely believe that my age and experience working with young people will help bridge the gap between the younger demographic in our community and the decision makers that they deem to be just out of reach.

Healthcare affects everyone, and I believe it to be one of the most important things residents of Hawaii deal with in their day to day lives. I believe that the value of health isn't realized until you no longer have it and, therefore, I want to make a difference in that area before a closer attention to healthcare on my part becomes a requirement. I am here because I want to see this Board succeed and I want to know that I've done everything I can to contribute to that success.

Most importantly, I believe I am here because I get results. I focus on a task at hand, and I get the job done. When the possibility of this Board was brought to my

attention I dove in head first on research. I researched the Board's history, its issues, the legislation that brought it into existence. I read the Stroudwater Associates report, filed in 2009, to better ascertain the health and future of the Board. Again, because I consider this Board to be a "task at hand"; one that I intend to focus on helping, and committing myself to, any way that I can.

Thank you for considering my nomination. I appreciate the opportunity.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon Starr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping line extending from the end of the name.

-Brandon Starr

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April 7, 2014

The Honorable Josh Green
Chair
Senate Health Committee
Hawaii State Senate
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Chair and Members of the Committee:

It is my pleasure to support the nomination of Mr. Brandon Starr to serve as a member of the board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

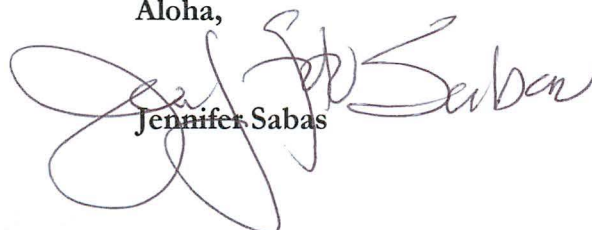
Brandon Starr is a talented and committed young man who I was fortunate to get to know through Ry Barbin, who worked as the Maui Field Representative for the former U.S. Senator Dan Inouye. Brandon is an employee of the Law Offices of Ry Barbin. In the last few years, I had the opportunity to visit with and get to know Brandon. He was most helpful in assisting with the final Dan Inouye legacy campaign event on Maui at which time we thanked all of our supporters for their years of loyal support, and distributed the campaign memorabilia we had remaining. Brandon was a great team player, with a willingness to pitch in, combined with a thoughtful attention to detail.

It is heartwarming to see young professionals in our community step forward and answer the call to public service. It is a critical component, an essential ingredient to the continued vibrancy of our democracy.

You cannot open the morning paper and not see a story related to health care - whether it relates to Obama care, the Hawaii Health Connector, the solvency of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, or health insurance rates going up. These issues are complex, and there are underlying policy issues and choices to be made about the future of health care in Hawaii. Having a young community member from a neighbor island interested in public service, and involved in both learning and making decisions that will help to shape the health care choices that his generation will rely upon is positive, and a reaffirmation of our democratic process.

I applaud Brandon Starr's nomination and support his confirmation fully and without reservation.

Aloha,


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April 8, 2014

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair
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Dear Chair Green, Vice Chair Baker, and Health Committee Members:

**SUBJECT: GM 654 – BRANDON STARR FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE HAWAI'I HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION**

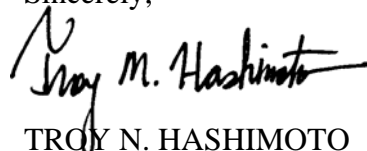
Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support** of Mr. Brandon Starr's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation. As Chair of the Maui County Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i and a life-long resident of Maui County, I am honored to support Mr. Starr's nomination.

I know of Mr. Starr through his involvement in the community and working with him in various organizations. In my interactions with him, he has always been very much engaged and highly intelligent. He is honest and trustworthy and I know he will be a strong and sensible voice in directing our hospital system. With training in the legal field, I believe he will look at issues logically and make decisions that will make sense for our residents.

I strongly believe more young people must serve in key positions across the State and have our voices heard, as after all, we will be the long-term beneficiaries of decisions that are made today. Hawai'i Health Systems is the primary provider of acute care in Maui County and we must have a strong organization to support our residents both young and aging. A fresh, young voice is needed to bring innovative ideas on how our health care is delivered and I am glad that Mr. Starr is being considered.

I am certain Mr. Starr is well prepared for this challenge and I strongly support his nomination. Please feel free to contact me at 281-3906 or via e-mail at troyhashimoto@gmail.com should have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



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