

GM558

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, JULIETTE TULANG, for a term to expire 06-30-2017.

Report Title: Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation

Description:

Companion:

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Current Referral: CPH

Introducer(s):



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 29, 2016

Testimony of Rep. Clift Tsuji
Before the Senate Committee on Commerce Consumer Protection, and Health
Tuesday, March 1, 2016 9:30 a.m. State Capitol, Room 229
RE: GM558

Aloha Chair Baker and Committee Members:

Please accept my support for Juliette (Julie) M. Tulang's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (Board). With her varied, extensive work history, I believe that Julie is someone who will bring significant benefit to this Board, especially in these challenging fiscal times.

I have known Julie for over 30 years, and can attest to her work ethic and responsible leadership. Julie is keenly aware of the crucial role HHSC plays on the Big Island. We have served together on the Hawaii Medical Center Foundation Board for several years, and we have also collaborated on community and professional levels.

Julie's collective experiences give her a valuable perspective as relatable to the responsibilities of the Board. I point to her career endeavors related to physician training, nutrition, health education, and elderly care, just to name a few.

This individual has distinguished herself in her profession and community. The prospect of what she could further accomplish serving on the Board is a point worthy of consideration. I humbly ask that you give positive consideration to Mrs. Tulang's nomination.

Sincerely,

CLIFT TSUJI



"Health care that is safe, health care that works, and health care that leaves no one behind"

February 26, 2016

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Recommendation for Juliette Tulang - GM 558
To serve on the Hawai'i Health Systems Board of Directors

Dear Senator Baker, Senator Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health:

On behalf of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) East Hawai'i Regional Board, I am pleased to recommend Ms. Juliette Tulang for the At-Large position on the HHSC Corporate Board.

Ms. Tulang has demonstrated an exemplary level of commitment to the healthcare needs of the East Hawai'i Region through her leadership as member and current Chair of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation. The Foundation is the source of philanthropic support for the hospital and the healthcare needs for our Community. Throughout the years, they have raised funds to purchase equipment, update and renovate rooms, and improve the capabilities of our staff to provide superior patient experiences. Under her leadership, the Foundation has mobilized community education and support for the Family Medicine Residency Program, and raised substantial financial commitments to underwrite unfunded expenses for the Program.

Among her many avenues of community service, I would highlight her leadership in the following: American Cancer Society Board, University of Hawai'i- Hilo Athletic Booster Club, Hawai'i Island Food Bank Chair, Arthritis Foundation Board, The Salvation Army Board and the Hawai'i Heart Association Board.

Her professional career encompassed over 25 years of public service to the County of Hawai'i as in Director-level positions for the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Ms. Tulang has served the East Hawai'i Community and our Board is honored to recommend her for a seat on the HHSC Corporate Board. If given the opportunity, we are confident that she will serve as an effective Steward of the State's public hospital system and as conscientious Advocate for the safety net healthcare interests of all residents of our State.

Sincerely,

Kurt Corbin
East Hawai'i Regional Board Chair
Hawai'i Healthcare Systems Corporation
808-932-3103 direct

February 26, 2016

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, CPN Chair
Hawaii State Capitol
415 S. Beretania St., Rm 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker:

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Juliette Tulang's Appointment to the
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Board-At-Large Position

It is with great pleasure and honor that I submit this letter of support for Juliette "Julie" Tulang, who has been a supervisor, friend and, most importantly, a mentor to me. I have known Julie for over 25 years and can say that my life has truly been enriched by her close friendship that continues till today.

Having worked as the Human Resources Specialist for the Parks and Recreation Department since 1984, I worked closely with all the Department's Directors and Deputies. During Julie's tenure as the Deputy and/or Director of the department of 600+ employees over a span of ten years, she was knowledgeable, hard-working, and dedicated to the job. She made it a point to learn the department's budget, line by line, so that she knew what the department needed and could do without, thereby making her a strong advocate when she faced the County Council each year. As the Deputy and/or Director, she got deeply involved in the personnel aspect of the job, took the time to meet with the staff, hear their concerns, and found mutually agreeable solutions to many problems, e.g. staffing, equipment, morale, etc. She was a hands-on administrator and got right in the middle of conflicts when needed, but did so very tactfully that both sides felt they were winners. Her forte in this area was that she was a tireless worker who was a team player, forging strong loyalties and trust among all staff levels.

Julie's passion to make Hawaii County a better place has been a life-long commitment, as she was active in many service organizations and has continued serving in various capacities in community organizations, such as 4H, Zonta, Hilo Medical Center Foundation Board, Sub-Area Health Planning Council-Hawaii Island, American Health Association Board, American Cancer Society Board, and Hawaii Island Food Bank, to name a few. In the past eight years, she has been an advocate at the Legislature and in the community for financial support for the Primary Care Training Program on Hawaii Island.

I am confident that Julie will continue to work hard for responsible health care for our island and state. Please give her your utmost consideration for this appointment.

Sincerely,

Amy O. Miyao
402 Ehehene Place
Hilo, HI 96720

Conrad Hokama
1992 Waiuanue Ave.
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

February 26, 2016

Hawaii State Senate Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health Committee
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chairperson
Senator Michele Kidani, Vice-Chairperson
Senator Will Espero
Senator Les Ihara Jr.
Senator Clarence Nishihara
Senator Russell Ruderman
Senator Sam Slom

Re: GM 558 Governor's nomination of Juliette Tulang to Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

I am writing in support of Juliette Tulang's nomination as a board of director to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Ms. Tulang has the skills to serve our statewide community well. She is a seasoned administrator in the public sector and has recently dedicated her service in the health care arena. She is willing to work hard and will also have compassion for all stakeholders.

Her integrity, diligence and commitment will complement the other members of the board and will strengthen the overall capacity of the corporation as they deal with the complex issues going forward to redirect and refocus the healthcare resources to meet the needs of our communities.

Your favorable consideration of Juliette Tulang to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation is humbly requested.

Sincerely,

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Conrad Hokama
Piipihonua, Hawaii Island

Submitting testimony in support of appointment of Juliette Tulang to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Hearing Date: March 1, 2016

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Conference Room 229, State Capitol

Chairperson Senator Rosalyn H. Baker and members of the Committee:

My name is Gary Yoshiyama and I am submitting testimony in support of the appointment of Juliette Tulang to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC).

I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Mrs. Tulang for more than 3 decades. I am a former union representative for the Hawaii Government Employees' Association and worked with Mrs. Tulang in various management roles she fulfilled. Most recently and over the past 6 years I have worked with Mrs. Tulang in my capacity of director on the HHSC's East Hawaii Regional Board and her leadership capacity on the Hilo Medical Center Foundation Board.

Mrs. Tulang is a longstanding contributing member of our island community. She is committed to improving our community and is hard working.

I have found Mrs. Tulang to be competent, deliberate, eager to learn and share, a good team member and leader, fair, and of high integrity.

I believe Mrs. Tulang will be a great asset and contributor on the HHSC Board of Directors.

I ask for your favorable consideration of Mrs. Tulang's appointment to the HHSC Board.

Thank you very much.

GARY YOSHIYAMA

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Janet H. Fujioka	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I strongly urge you to confirm the appointment of Julie Tulang to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. She is very knowledgeable on the structure and operation of the Hawaii Health System. I have worked with Julie on numerous committees and know that she commits herself to any task and responsibility she accepts. Julie relates well to people and respects opinions of others. Julie has excellent leadership skills. Thank you for your consideration of Julie Tulang.

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February 24, 2016

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Commerce and Consumer Protection and Health Committee
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 230
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Baker,

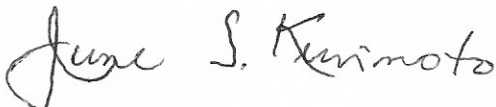
Subject: Letter of Support for Juliette Tulang Appointment to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Board-At-Large Position

I have known Juliette (Julie) for over twenty three years.

I have been impressed with her organizational skills and her ability to negotiate very difficult situations in a positive manner. Her leadership skills are demonstrated in the various positions she has held over the years as the Deputy Director for Hawaii County and Director of Parks and Recreation and Coordinator of the island-wide Elderly Nutrition Program. Her knowledge of health issues that face our state and our island has proven to be very effective in her position as the Hawaii Medical Center Foundation President over the past three years and a Board member for eight years. She has been an advocate at the Legislature and in the community for financial support for the Primary Care Training Program on the Hawaii Island. I have observed her caring leadership skills over the past years and highly recommended her for the Hawaii Community Foundation Hawaii Island Office and as a Board member for Hilo Medical Center Foundation. Her knowledge of finances has been an asset as we move to assist Hilo Medical Center in some of their improvements within the Medical Center.

I have great confidence that she will be a hard worker for responsible health care for our island and state.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "June T. Kunimoto". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

June T. Kunimoto

26 February 2016

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Chair Baker
Vice Chair Kidani

Dr. Nina Buchanan
152 Maikai St
Hilo, HI 96720
808-965-6303

GM 558 Relating to the confirmation to the Board of CPH Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Julie Tulang.
Hearing 2016 March 1st

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani and Committee Members,

For the past several years, I have observed Mrs. Tulang in several different settings and capacities. She is a moving force in the Zonta Club of Hilo as Service Program Chair. In that capacity she has harnessed the power of the membership to give back to the community through a number of project such as remodeling the Hope Services building in Pahoa and providing a make over day for some of the Hope Services clients.

As President of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation, Mrs. Tulang has facilitated many successful found raising events and kept members of the community updated on the needs of the Hilo medical community. This has prepared her well to become a member of the Board of CPH Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation.

She tirelessly seeks to improve Hilo access to high quality, cost effective services. She is well positioned to forward the mission of HHSC to... "provide accessible, high quality, cost-effective services which address the healthcare needs of Hawaii's unique island communities" and the vision, "to be recognized as a progressive model for an accessible, integrated, patient-centered and fiscally responsible healthcare system

focused on assuring high quality care to improve the health of our communities.”

I urge you to confirm Mrs. Tulang to the HHSC board as an already proven volunteer leader.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Nina Buchanan

(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

I am interested in serving on the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Board as an at-large member to be an advocate for responsible, responsive health care for our communities throughout this state.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

As an at-large board member my role is to be a servant leader who will advocate for safe, quality health, and adequate resources to operate all the HHSC facilities responsibly.

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

I will strive to listen and understand the needs/cares of our people, and articulate that at the HHSC board, and be responsible to communicate back to our communities.

(4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

I have an understanding of the legislative process of policy development and maintenance. Throughout my professional career and my volunteer experiences, I have been involved in different phases of health and wellness, such as the Hilo Medical Center Foundation Board, Elderly Nutrition program, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society Board and Hawaii Island Food Bank to name a few. Through the years I have developed a working knowledge and expertise in working with members of our State Legislature.

(5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

To be part of the team that strives to continually improve the best role for the HHSC system in this changing environment with awareness of the balance between quality health care and financial resources.

(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

1. Leadership & Organization skills
2. Communication skills (listening and articulating)
3. Awareness of health care challenges in rural Hawaii

(7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

1. Service on the Board of Trustees for Hilo Medical Center Foundation-8 years
 - a. Board President – 3 years
2. Field Marketing staff for Hawaii Community Foundation – 7 years
3. Retired County of Hawaii Administrator
 - a. Director for Parks and Recreation – 2 years
 - b. Deputy for Parks and Recreation-6 years
 - c. Director of Elderly Nutrition Program -18 years

(8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board?

How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

No conflicts of interest