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**Senate Committee on Commerce, consumer Protection and Health  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair**

Tuesday, March 1, 2016  
Conference Room 229  
9:30 a.m.  
Hawaii State Capitol

**Testimony in Support of GM 558, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Juliette Tulang, for a term to expire 06-30-2017**

Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.  
Chief Executive Officer  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

As CEO for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) and on behalf of the HHSC corporate board of directors, I am pleased to offer our **strong support** for Governor's Message No. 558 nominating Juliette M. Tulang to the HHSC Board of Directors.

The HHSC Board of Directors appreciates the background and experience that Governor Ige's appointee would bring to the Board. Having attended high school at Honokaa High School, Ms. Tulang furthered her education at Linfield College in Oregon with an emphasis on education and early childhood development and nutrition. She was a teacher in her early career, then went on to positions with the County of Hawaii, Department of Parks and Recreation working in the Elderly Activities Division. From then on she steadily rose in positions of responsibility until she became Director of the Department.

The experiences she had in her career as a teacher and County Department Director would be valuable alone to the Board, but Ms. Tulang went on to gain additional experience in her position with the Hawaii Community Foundation, Hawaii Island Office in marketing and development. After retiring she went on to volunteer for a myriad of positions in the community the most relevant of which is her current service as President of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation. We believe that Ms. Tulang's experience and dedication to community service will make her an excellent board member.

In summary, we ask for your favorable consideration of Mr. Tulang's nomination and thank you for the opportunity to testify.

February 29, 2016

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair;  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair,  
and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection  
and Health

Aloha.

In reference to Juliette Tulang's nomination (GM558) to the HHSC Corp  
Board, I would like to express wholehearted support.

As a community leader, she bridges changing and colliding cultures,  
bringing people together to work for common cause.

Ms. Tulang has her finger on the pulse of the healthcare system of Hawaii  
Island, and on the pulse of the community's needs.

Her experience and strength of purpose will help HHSC face the challenges  
in its immediate path and help plan for the long run.

I apologize for the late testimony. Please don't let my poor manners reflect  
on Julie.

Mahalo for your service.



Barbara A. Hastings