

GM559

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

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

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
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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: GM559

Aloha Chair Baker and Committee Members:

Please accept my support for Wayne Kanemoto's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporations (Board).

I have known Wayne for over 20 years, and can attest to his aptitude and leadership. We have collaborated on the community and professional levels. Wayne was a member of the East Hawaii Regional Board for HHSC, and is keenly aware of the crucial role HHSC plays for the Big Island. He also completed many meaningful projects during his long-time career with the state Department of Education.

Wayne's collective experiences give him a valuable perspective as relatable to the responsibilities of the Board. I am especially encouraged by his commitment to community service, and his belief that Hawaii's public health system needs to be a government funding priority.

This individual has distinguished himself in his profession and community. The prospect of what he could further accomplish serving on the Board is a point worthy of consideration. I humbly ask that you give positive consideration to Mr. Kanemoto's nomination.

Sincerely,

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HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION – EAST HAWAII REGION

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 Wayne Kanemoto – GM 559
To serve on Hawai'i Health Systems Board of Directors

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

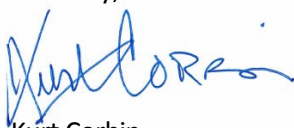
Please accept this letter of recommendation in support of Wayne Kanemoto's application to represent Hawai'i County (East) on the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation's Corporate Board.

Mr. Kanemoto has demonstrated an exemplary level of commitment towards the mission of the East Hawai'i Region to improve our community's health through exceptional and compassionate care while serving on the East Hawai'i Regional Board of HHSC from June 2012 to 2015. He has served as the Board's Vice Chair and participated in a wide range of committees including: Legislative Ad Hoc as Vice Chair, Strategic Planning as Vice Chair and Chair, Community Engagement/Legislative as Vice Chair and Chair, Finance & Audit as a member, and Governance as a member.

The East Hawai'i Regional Board is grateful for Mr. Kanemoto's service. In lending his expertise, he has contributed to our Board being professionally and fiscally well managed. He is presently involved with Kanalani Enterprise, LLC. Previously, Mr. Kanemoto served in the United States Army and Army Reserve for over 30 years. His 33-year career in education began as a teacher in Biology Sciences on Oahu and concluded as principal on Hawai'i Island for 18 years at Laupahoehoe High and Elementary School and the Hilo Community School for Adults. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Iowa State University in Zoology, a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Hawai'i in Curriculum, Administration and was a Colonel, U.S. Army in Infantry & Civil Affairs. In addition to his professional expertise, Mr. Kanemoto understands the importance of community engagement. He has been a member of Hawai'i County Workforce Investment Board, Hawai'i Family Literacy Consortium, Hawai'i Community School Consortium, Hawai'i Government Employees Association (Unit 6), and Summer Youth Academy.

Mr. Kanemoto has served the East Hawai'i Regional Board of HHSC with great distinction and I am honored to recommend him for a seat on the HHSC Corporate Board. If given the opportunity to serve on the Corporate Board, Hawai'i Island will be best represented and the healthcare safety net interests of all in our state will be in good hands. Please contact me if further information is needed by calling 932-3103.

Sincerely,



Kurt Corbin
Chair of East Hawai'i Regional Board
Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation

February 28, 2016

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

RE: Recommendation for Wayne Kanemoto – GM 559 To Serve on Hawai`i Health Systems Corporation Board of Directors

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

This is a letter of support for Mr. Wayne Kanemoto's nomination to represent Hawai`i County (East) on the Hawai`i Health Systems Corporation's Corporate Board.

I was the Planning Director for the County of Hawai`i for 8 years and have been providing private planning and land use services for over 30 years. During this period, I have served on a number of non-profit boards as well as County Commission and Board. I was also fortunately appointed to serve on the inaugural East Hawai`i Regional Board of the Hawai`i Health System Corporation (HHSC).

As one who has and continues to serve on boards and commission, I can understand the rigors and level of commitment such service demands. Nonetheless, the service is all done to aid our community in a small way. It is from that perspective that I view Mr. Kanemoto and his nomination to serve on the State HHSC board.

Mr. Kanemoto was one who replaced me on the East Hawai`i HHSC board. I was comforted with his appointment on this board. Mr. Kanemoto is a person whom I have known for many years, and we keep in touch socially, during which we discussed matters of common interest, one of which is the health and medical care of our community.

We all know that serving on the Regional Board or any other public board or commission is time consuming, if one chooses to be a responsible board or commission member. In my opinion, Mr. Kanemoto has been a very responsible Regional Board member, not only as evidenced by his stellar attendance record but asking and following up on pointed questions. Perhaps he can do that since he is semi-retired and has more time than one – in spite of the level of commitment - juggling one or two full-time jobs. More than having the needed time, however, I believe it is his fervor and compassion to improve the health care of our community.

Further, he has not only contributed to the Regional Board's focus but demonstrated his administrative skills as the Board's Vice-Chair and chair and vice-chair of a number of the Board's ad hoc committees. Perhaps this came as a result of his being an officer with the military as well as principal of a public school.

Honorable Senators Baker and Kidani and Members of
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health:
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Since its inception, the East Hawai'i Regional Board of HHSC has been scandal free and has acted in a fiscally responsible manner. I cannot help but believe that Mr. Kanemoto – not only because of his concern but leadership skills – has been one of those who have helped steer and provided the Board with the direction it has and continues to take. If appointed to the HHSC Corporate Board, I am confident that he will continue to lend his administrative skills to help improve health care for the entire State of Hawai'i in a compassionate and fiscally responsible manner.

Accordingly, I respectfully request your favorable consideration of Mr. Kanemoto to this State Board. If you require or need additional information on this matter, please feel free to contact me at (808) 989-064, as I will not be able to attend your meeting. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

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Terry Larson

To: Senante Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Subject: Legislative Support Testimony - Wayne Kanemoto GM 559

RE: Submitting testimony on behalf of Mr. Gary Yoshiyama in support of Mr. Wayne Kanemoto's appointment to the HHSC Board of Directors, GM 559.

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

My name is Gary Yoshiyama and I am submitting testimony in support of the appointment of Mr. Wayne Kanemoto to the HHSC Board of Directors.

I have known and worked with Mr. Kanemoto for the 25 years in my capacity as a past Hawaii Division Chief of the Hawaii Government Employees 'Association and over the past 3 years on the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board of Directors.

Mr. Kanemoto is a professional and capable educator and administrator. He is a committed and hardworking member of our community. It has been my privilege to work with Mr. Kanemoto within HHSC. He has invested much time and energy in insuring we in HHSC fulfill our mission to the members of our East Hawaii and statewide communities. Mr. Kanemoto is methodical and motivated; he is intelligent and knowledgeable; he is a team player and leader. I have learned much from and greatly admire Mr. Kanemoto. I am proud to say, "we are on the same team".

Thank you very much for your favorable consideration of Wayne Kanemoto's appointment to the HHSC Board of Directors.

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GM 559 - Wayne Kanemoto
Hawaii Health System Corporation Board

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

I want to serve on the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) board to improve the health care for the citizens and communities of Hawaii.

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

Responsibilities: As a board member, I am responsible for everything that does or does not happen. I will work to establish trust with the public and government to set the foundation to get things done. I will also use my knowledge of trends and issues at the national and state level to form the strategies for tomorrow

Roles: Maintain a strategic focus. Conduct oversight and review of operations, management and finance of all regions. Develop and maintain communication/relationships with communities and health care organizations. Make informed decisions as required.

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

I am a user of the health system. I am experienced and knowledgeable of the different areas such as access to health care (shortage of health care professionals), insurance reimbursement, long term care, Medicare, Medicaid, and quality performance measures.

- (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 skills in leadership, operations, management, analysis, planning, relationships, communication, and working with the community. I have used these skills while in the military and state government. I have served on the state Work Force Development Board, Hawaii County Workforce Investment Council, Chair of the Community School for Adults, consultant for the State of Hawaii Department of Defense After School Youth Program. In the military I served in a variety of positions that required the demonstration of leadership, etc.

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

- a. Determine the future of HHSC with the changing climate and regulations in the state and national level.
- b. Write policies that will take HHSC to that future.

- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.
- The complex and changing environment of health and health care requires people who are:
- Creative: I have experience thinking outside the box and creating viable solutions to problems.
- Open minded: Change is constant and we must be open to a wide range of solutions to improve the health care system in Hawaii.
- Persistent: A commitment to stay the course is an asset to the board to address the issues and problems faced.
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.
- I served on the East Hawaii Regional board for three years. We have gone through the implementation and improvement of electronic health records which is a major issue for the corporate board. Worked on decision making in partnerships, clinical integration, quality measures, long term care, etc.
- I held the positions of Vice Chair of the board, Chair Community Engagement/ Legislative Committee, Chair Strategic Planning Committee. These have given me the knowledge and experience to use at the corporate level.
- (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?
- I do not foresee any conflicts of interest.