

GM580

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, CLINTON YEE, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

Report Title: Statewide Health Coordinating Council

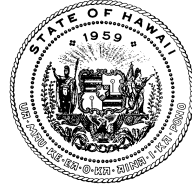
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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

GM 580, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Testimony of Romala Sue Radcliffe SHPDA Administrator

Tuesday, March 1, 2016
9:30 a.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation
2 of Mr. Clinton Yee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation of the
5 SHCC Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Clinton Yee.

6 Mr. Yee has a strong financial background in the health care industry. He is the
7 Corporate Controller at the Queen's Health Systems/The Queen's Medical Center. Prior to
8 serving at Queen's Health Systems, he was the Controller at Hawaii Pacific Health; a
9 healthcare consultant with the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation; and Assurance Senior
10 Manager at KPMG LLP-Honolulu.

11 With Mr. Yee's experiences in the financial arena, we are looking forward to the
12 valuable expertise he will bring to the SHCC. We ask for your support on the confirmation of
13 Mr. Clinton Yee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.



March 1, 2016 at 9:30 AM
Conference Room 229

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

To: Chair Rosalyn H. Baker
Vice Chair Michelle N. Kidani

From: George Greene
President and CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**
GM 580, Submitting Mr. Clinton Yee for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 180 member organizations who represent almost every aspect of the health care continuum in Hawaii. Members include acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, assisted living facilities and durable medical equipment suppliers. In addition to providing access to appropriate, affordable, high quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 20,000 people statewide.


We would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to **support** the consideration and confirmation of Mr. Clinton Yee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. Mr. Yee has a deep understanding of our health care system, with a particular expertise in the financial underpinnings of the entire system. His strong experience at some of Hawaii's largest institutions makes him particularly qualified to serve on the council. Mr. Yee has also shown to be very capable as a member serving this committee previously.

Without reserve, we support Mr. Yee's confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. Thank you for your consideration of this nomination and we hope your committee considers the candidate favorably.



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair, Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Members, Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

From:  Paula Yoshioka, Senior Vice President, The Queen's Health Systems

Date: February 26, 2016

Hrg: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health; Tuesday, March 1, 2016 at 9:30 am in Room 229

Re: **In Support of GM 580, Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, CLINTON YEE**

My name is Paula Yoshioka, and I am the Senior Vice President for The Queen's Health Systems (QHS). I am testifying for QHS in strong support for GM 580, Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Clinton Yee.

I have known Mr. Yee in my role as Executive VP and now Senior VP of The Queen's Health Systems (QHS) since 2006 when he accepted an appointment as the QHS Corporate Controller. Since 1988, Mr. Yee has held increasingly responsible positions in the health care industry; first as an Assurance Senior Manager with KPMG, LLP with advisory service responsibilities to particular hospitals in Hawaii, as the Controller for Hawaii Pacific Health and now as a Corporate Controller.

Mr. Yee brings a solid background of healthcare finance and accounting that includes complex financial system analytics, cost reporting, debt financing and refinancing transactions. Because he must work closely with service line vice presidents and other program directors, he has the exposure to and knowledge of health care capital needs. He leads the capital budgeting process and understands how decisions for new hospital programs and expanded levels of service are made. He is very aware of the need for quality and the necessity of appropriate levels of health care in our community.

As a person, Mr. Yee is always very professional and pleasant. He carries a very strong work ethic and is a person of integrity. I hope you will strongly consider his nomination. I believe he will make an outstanding contribution to the work of the SHCC.

The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.



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Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
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Sent via: baker4@capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: GM 580 - Nomination to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Clinton Y.L. Yee

Dear Senator Baker and Committee Members:

This letter is written in support of the nomination of Clinton Y.L. Yee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

I have worked directly with Mr. Yee, in his capacity as Director, System Corporate Finance of The Queen's Health Systems (Queen's), during the past two years. Mr. Yee has strong knowledge and experience in the healthcare industry here in Hawaii. He is routinely involved in numerous projects and initiatives here at Queen's. During his career, he has worked with many of the hospitals here in Hawaii which provides him with a unique understanding of the common challenges facing Hawaii hospitals.

I support Mr. Yee's nomination. I believe that his 26 plus years of experience serving the healthcare industry in Hawaii combined with his passion to serve the community will be an asset to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert K.W.H Nobriga
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

GM580 – Clinton Yee

Office of Senator Rosalyn Baker

Hawaii State Capitol

I am writing in response to your email dated February 17, 2016 requesting information. The following provides my responses to the questions:

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

I have served on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council since 2012 and have enjoyed the opportunities to help ensure access to healthcare on a broader level, along with providing networking opportunities.

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

I understand that the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) administers the Certificate of Need (CON) process and the periodic update of the State Health Plan. As I member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, I believe that my role would be to assist in reviewing CON applications providing comments, asking questions and making recommendations to SHPDA. In addition, I would assist in preparing and revising the Health Services and Facilities Plan.

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

By being an active participant and making independent judgments about the areas for decisions. I will strive to ensure that the consumer is protected in making decisions or deliberations.

(4) Given your understanding of the role 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, or knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

I have a Bachelor in Business Administration – major in accounting and a Master of Accounting (concentration in taxation) from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. After graduation I joined KPMG, LLP, auditing companies primarily in the healthcare, electric utility, construction and retail industries. During the last fifteen years I have worked in the healthcare provider industry at the Queen's Health Systems and Hawaii Pacific Health. During this time my responsibilities included financial reporting, accounting, accounts payable, payroll, government reimbursement and taxes. During my career, I have developed technical accounting, auditing, finance, general

business and analytical skills. In addition, my experience during the last fifteen years at large healthcare systems provides a unique perspective into healthcare needs from the provider's perspective. I believe that this experience may be beneficial in a role as a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

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

While performing reviews of CON applications, I hope to provide meaningful comments, questions and recommendations that will assist SHPDA in carrying out its responsibilities. I also hope to gain a better understanding of SHPDA and the Health Services and Facilities Plan.

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

Reliability – I can be counted on to get assignments done on time and correctly. In relation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, I will be committed to performing my duties with the upmost care.

Analytical Abilities – During my work experiences I have developed strong analytical abilities. This quality should assist in evaluating complex proposals and issues.

Healthcare provider experience – With approximately fifteen years of healthcare provider experience, I should be able to evaluate issues from the unique provider perspective.

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

One important project was the implementation of an accelerated financial statement closing timeline that enabled us to complete our financial audit in early October, as opposed to the previous late November timing. The project involved coordination of various personnel and resulted in a much more efficient audit process. This is one simple example that illustrates my strong analytical abilities that may be of benefit to the Statewide Health Planning Council.

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

My assumption is that CON applications from the Queen's Health Systems would result in an instance of a conflict of interest - particularly if making recommendations to SHPDA. In addition, there will be instances in which a CON application involves a project/service in direct competition with the Queen's Health Systems. In these instances, I would notify the Council of the conflict and excuse myself from discussion or recommendations related to this matter.

Should you require additional information or have any questions, please contact me at 691-5272 or clyee@queens.org.

Sincerely,

Clinton Yee

Director, System Corporate Finance