

# GM589

# Testimony

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, LYNN MILLIGAN, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

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## HAWAII STATE CENTER FOR NURSING

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March 1, 2016

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair,  
And Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 219  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Taniguchi and the Senate Committee on Higher Education and The Arts:

I am very pleased to support GM 589 for the appointment of Lynn Milligan, MSN/ED, RN, C-NE, RAC-CT, to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. Lynn Milligan has nearly 20 years of experience working as a nurse in Hawai'i, with an emphasis in long term care. Her active participation in American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinator, including presentations, participating in panel discussions, and her publications for ANAC and with the Hawai'i Executive Office on Aging-Department of Health demonstrates her leadership and investment in the continued development of the nursing profession.

She is described as analytic, culturally competent, an excellent team leader and an expert in long term care by her colleagues at the Hawai'i State Hospital Systems' Leahi Hospital. This, coupled with dedication to high quality nursing practice is in-line with the HSCN's mission and vision and makes her an ideal candidate for the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

As an interim member of the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing, Lynn Milligan is engaged and present. Ms. Milligan is active meetings and events, in developing content for our newsletter, and sharing strategies and successes of activities at Leahi Hospital to support the dialogue and ensure progress of our local nursing campaigns and initiatives.

Lynn Milligan is dedicated to nursing and a safe and well-cared for patient population and this is qualified by her excellent personal and professional endeavors. The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing will be pleased to have her serve on and compliment our Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

Laura Reichhardt, MS, A-GNP-C, RN  
Director



March 1, 2016

Chair Taniguchi and the Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts

I am very pleased to support GM 589 for the appointment of Lynn Milligan, MSN/ED, RN, C-NE, RAC-CT, to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. Ms. Milligan has been an Adjunct Faculty member at Chaminade University of Honolulu School of Nursing since 2013. She is a positive role model, an inspiring representative on Gerontological Nursing and is fully committed to her students' growth by selflessly giving of her time and knowledge to further each student's development.

Lynn Milligan is not only a master of nursing knowledge, she is a leader because she is able to use that knowledge to inspire and drive others. She continues to advance the nursing profession by educating nurses in the use of nursing science to improve patient care and the human condition. Students often describe her teaching style as a unique combination of being both "challenging and nurturing" which advances their knowledge but in a way that feels fully supported.

In her role as Nurse Manager, Lynn has a way of single-handedly motivating every nurse she meets to advance their thinking, practice and education. As a result of meeting her, many staff nurses have continued their education and returned to practice influencing and supporting a professional model, improving patient care, and "giving nursing a voice." She possesses an unwavering commitment to advancing the domain of nursing and collaborative practice and an openness to do whatever it takes to make care delivery the best it can be. She exemplifies the very best in what it means to be a nurse leader, mentor and teacher.

John Quincy Adams once said, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." Ms. Lynn Milligan lives those words. She is a strong voice for the profession of nursing.

Respectfully,

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March 2, 2016

Dear Chair Taniguchi and the Senate Committee on Higher Education and The Arts,

I am pleased to support GM 589 for the appointment of Lynn Milligan, MSN/ED, RN, C-NE, RAC-CT, to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. I have had the privilege and honor to work alongside Lynn as her colleague for nearly 15 years – her vast accomplishments, academic excellence, and contributions to long-term care makes her a superlative candidate for the HSCFN Advisory Board.

She has been an active panel member of the Directors of Nursing Expert Advisory Panel of the American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinators since March 2014; and has served as an interim member of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board since July 1, 2015.

Lynn's outstanding personal and professional endeavors and investment are evident in her resume – Chaminade University adjunct clinical instructor (January 2013—May 2015), national publications, evidence based research project (2011), and conference presentations contributing to the nursing profession, long-term care, and overall quality of care for the elderly.

Her multiple accomplishments and contributions to teaching, research, and clinical practice qualifies her to share her expertise as a panel member on these prestigious boards / committees – and truly, exemplify her value and excellence in the nursing profession. She is dedicated to the nursing profession and embodies the necessary characteristics to assist in the development of other nurses and future nurses. I truly believe Lynn will be even more productive in the future to support HSCFN's mission, "...disseminates nursing knowledge to support excellence in practice and leadership development..."

I have had the honor to work with Lynn for over a decade and she continues to serve as a critical source and role model for her colleagues.

I appreciate your time and efforts in considering this letter of recommendation for the appointment Lynn Milligan to the HSCFN Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

Christina Sacoco, RN, MS

March 1, 2016

Chair Taniguchi and the Senate Committee on Higher Education and The Arts

*Diligent, Patient, Reliable, Compassionate, Driven.* These are the words I would use to describe Lynn Milligan, MSN/ED, RN, C-NE, RAC-CT. I am very pleased to support GM 589 for the appointment of Lynn Milligan to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. She has nearly 20 years of experience working as a nurse in Hawai'i. She actively participates in American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinator (AANAC), having attained C-NE and RAC-CT certifications. In addition, she has done presentations, panel discussions, and publications for AANC and the Hawai'i Executive Office on Aging-Department of Health. These are some highlights that demonstrate Ms. Milligan's commitment to support nursing excellence for the health care workforce. It also shows her desire of quality care for the people of Hawai'i.

Lynn Milligan is an excellent team leader. As her colleague since 2007, I have experienced firsthand the expertise she has in long term care. She is a diligent Nurse Manager who leads by example. She is patient and the reliability that she demonstrates remains steadfast. She also plans, implements, and evaluates all programs of the nursing unit. She collaborates with others on the nursing team to ensure quality care. She communicates well, and has the ability to adapt herself to a variety of people and personalities. She can be counted on to bring people together in a way that I know fosters collaboration.

Ms. Milligan is compassionate, and able to provide leadership and care in our culturally diverse workforce and patient population. She is dedicated to high quality nursing practice. This aligns with Hawai'i State Center for Nursing's vision and mission and makes her an ideal candidate for the Advisory Board.

As a nurse of Hawai'i, I enthusiastically offer this letter of support for GM 589, the appointment of Lynn Milligan to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Franchele K. Martin". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Franchele K. Martin, RN, BSN, RAC-CT

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## Chair Taniguchi and the Senate Committee on Higher Education and The Arts

RE: GM 589 Lynn Milligan

I am very pleased to support GM 589, for the appointment of Lynn Milligan, MSN/ED, RN, C-NE, RAC-CT, to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. Lynn Milligan has nearly 20 years of experience working as a nurse in Hawai'i, with her specialty being long term care.

Her active participation in American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinator, including presentations, participating in panel discussions, and her publications for ANAC and with the Hawai'i Executive Office on Aging-Department of Health demonstrates her leadership and investment in the continued development of the nursing profession.

I have known Lynn Milligan for over 15 years and collaborated with her about patient care needs. She is caring, goes the extra mile with patients and their families. She is an expert in long term care at the Hawai'i State Hospital Systems' Leahi Hospital. She is dedicated to high quality nursing practice and is passionate about HSCN's mission and vision. This makes Lynn Milligan an ideal candidate for the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Lynn Milligan is dedicated to nursing and tirelessly promotes nursing across all cultures. She strives for empowering nursing in all avenues. I have known her to work relentlessly to groom young new nurses. She is dedicated and passionate.

The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing will be pleased to have her serve on the Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

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Chair Taniguchi and the Senate Committee on Higher Education and The Arts

I am very pleased to support GM 589 for the appointment of Lynn Milligan, MSN/ED, RN, C-NE, RAC-CT, to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. Lynn Milligan is a masters prepared nurse with 20 years of experience working in long term care. Her rich experience in this field included working as a Director of Nursing in a facility, and currently is at Leahi Hospital as a nurse manager. She is respected leader not only at the facility she is in, but a mentor and support to students and colleagues.

She has also actively participated as an American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinator. She has presented in panel discussions, and has published articles for ANAC and with the Hawai'i Executive Office on Aging-Department of Health.

As the former Nursing Director of Leahi I fully support and encourage her participation in the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. Her voice will be important in that she represents long term care and the nursing needs of the elderly. In the Hawaii State Plan on Aging produced by the Executive Office on Aging, their report submitted September 2015 noted that "By 2035, the older adult population (projected to be 474,586 individuals, 60 years or older) will represent 29.7% of the total population, a 310.3% increase during the 55 year period from 1980 - 2035, whereas the total population is projected to increase 65.1% during this same 55 year period."

Her experience with our kapunas will help develop nursing care for this special population in Hawaii which will be a third of our population soon! I have enjoyed working with her and look forward to her direction on the advisory board. She consistently demonstrates that her practice is evidenced based. She is passionate about the geriatric population and understands intuitively the needs of this population.

As a former member of the Center for Nursing Advisory Board I support her participation and endorse her as a member for this board.

Sincerely,



Lani Tsuneishi, RN MSN  
Director of Nursing  
Hawaii State Hospital



March 3, 2016

Senate Committee on Higher Education and the Arts  
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair  
State Capitol, Room 219  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. Taniguchi,

I am writing to recommend Lynn Milligan, MSN/ED, RN, C-NE, RAC-CT (GM589), for the position on the Hawaii State Center of Nursing Advisory Board. I had the pleasure of working directly with Lynn since 2008 at Leahi Hospital and her tremendous abilities and commitment never ceased to amaze me. I worked under Lynn for 2 years then worked alongside with her for the past 6 years and during that time, we worked together closely, so I fully understand her capabilities.

Lynn's incredible compassion and adaptability with patients, families and staff has let her excel in her position as a manager. Her uncanny ability to know what her patient and families wants before they tell him makes patients and their loved ones comfortable with her. Lynn has always remained as a patient advocate when it comes to delivery of care.

Lynn is very intelligent, compassionate and committed to her work. She is a leader when it comes to newer, safer, more effective, efficient ideas to improve the outcome of our patients. She has initiated committees and meetings at Leahi Hospital to improve and stay up-to-date on nursing practices. She is also able to work effectively with other co-workers, making her a great asset to the team.

On a more personal note, Lynn had inspired me to return to school and further my education in 2012 after almost 20 years being out of nursing school. She highly encouraged and assisted me from application until graduation in 2014.

With her abilities, adaptability, and dedication, Lynn will make a great addition to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. I have no doubts she will complement the Advisory Board with her dedication and creative ideas.

Sincerely,

Lee Hanta, BSN, RN, CRRN