

# GM691

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, LAURA COLBERT, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

**Report Title:** Statewide Health Coordinating Council

**Description:**

**Companion:**

**Package:**

**Current Referral:** CPH

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## Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

### GM 691, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

#### Testimony of Romala Sue Radcliffe SHPDA Administrator

Thursday, March 24, 2016  
9:00 a.m.

1 **Agency's Position:** The State Health Planning and Development Agency supports the  
2 nomination and confirmation of Ms. Laura Colbert to the Statewide Health Coordinating  
3 Council (SHCC).

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation of the  
6 SHCC Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Laura Colbert.

7 Ms. Colbert comes with significant executive management experience and over a  
8 decade of work in the human services and healthcare arena. She is the Chief Operating  
9 Officer with the law firm Chun Kerr LLP. She previously served as a business consultant to the  
10 St. Francis Healthcare System and Wahiawa General Hospital, served as Vice  
11 President/Director of Operations of Liberty Dialysis-Hawaii; Business Development Analyst  
12 with St. Francis Healthcare System; President and CEO of Lanakila Rehabilitation Center;  
13 Executive Vice President of Child and Family Service; and Executive Assistant to the  
14 Governor, State of Hawaii.

1           Ms. Colbert is active in the community, having served on various Boards, including the  
2 Voyager School; Hawaii Health Information Corporation; Catholic Charities; and Organization  
3 of Women Leaders.

4           We ask for your support on the confirmation of Ms. Laura Colbert to the Statewide  
5 Health Coordinating Council.

THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2016

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION & HEALTH  
Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani

Hearing March 24, 2016 @ 9:00 a.m.

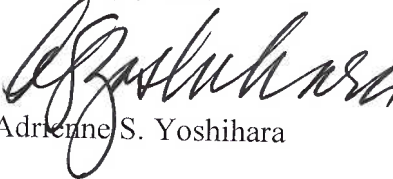
Testimony on GM 691  
(Relating to Confirmation of Laura Colbert)

I support the nomination of Laura Colbert to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council ("SHCC") for a term to expire on June 30, 2020, and urge your committee's confirmation of her appointment.

I am a partner with Chun Kerr LLP, and served as Managing Partner of the firm for 2014 and 2015. Laura has served as the Chief Operations Officer of Chun Kerr since October, 2014 through the present. I therefore worked closely with Laura in managing the business affairs of the law firm. She is credited with automating and integrating the firm's accounting/financial systems with much of our operating systems during a period in which Chun Kerr nearly doubled in size.

Prior to joining the firm, Laura had extensive experience in business consulting, large projects management, and medical facilities turnarounds. Laura's varied and deep professional background enables her to bring a fresh perspective and wealth of experience to the SHCC. If confirmed, I believe that Laura will make a significant contribution to the SHCC and to the State of Hawaii.

Very truly yours,



Adrienne S. Yoshihara



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DATE: March 23, 2016

FROM: Adrienne S. Yoshihara *AS*

RE: Testimony for Confirmation of Laura Colbert

**Description of Document(s) transmitted herewith:**

1. Testimony on GM 691 (Relating to Confirmation of Laura Colbert).

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**Remarks:**

**Laura KM Colbert**  
SHCC

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

I am interested in continuing to serve as a community member of SHCC. As such, continue serving the community interest, sharing my experiences and knowledge of the healthcare industry.

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

Providing objective community insights in an advisory capacity to the SHPDA Executive Director, focusing on the Certificate of Need applications and the Health Services and Facilities Plan.

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

I bring my financial understanding of business and operational effectiveness in assessing the prospective viability of businesses to the review of CON applications to protect the consumer from businesses that are short-lived and those unable to meet the quality standards of both healthcare and viable financial viability.

(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.

Having spent 12 years in the healthcare industry in several roles, as a financial analyst to strategic planning to operations manager, I believe I can bring insights to the SHCC.

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

Continue to evaluate the CON applications and participate in an update to the Health Services and Facilities Plan which is likely due for an update with the national healthcare changes.

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

Objective, providing benefit of an unbiased perspective.

Balanced, providing the pros and cons of issues (as well as applications).

Strategic, bringing current issues into longer term perspective.

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

Twelve years in acute and chronic healthcare settings.

Responsibility for master planning to operational management

(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?

As a member of the Executive management team of a law firm, there may be clients associated with issues before SHCC. The approach would be to reclude from participation and decision-making.