

GM713

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, CRAIG NAKAMOTO, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Report Title: Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea

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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

GM 713, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council

Testimony of Romala Sue Radcliffe SHPDA Administrator

Friday, April 1, 2016
9:30 a.m.

1 **Agency's Position:** The State Health Planning and Development Agency supports the
2 nomination and confirmation of Mr. Craig Nakamoto to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning
3 Council (HONSAC).

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation of
6 HONSAC Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Craig Nakamoto.

7 Mr. Nakamoto is the Health and Regulatory Counsel for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan,
8 Inc., Hawaii Region. He was formerly the Director of Communications of the Hawaii
9 Community Development Authority, an Associate for Hisaka, Yoshida & Cosgrove, and has
10 held various legal counsel or compliance positions within the Queen's Health Systems or the
11 Queen's Medical Center for over 10 years.

12 He has a Master of Laws in Taxation from Boston University School of Law, a Juris
13 Doctor from the University of Oregon, School of Law, and a Bachelor of Arts in English
14 Literature and Speech Communications from the University of Hawaii.

15 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Mr. Craig Nakamoto to the Honolulu
16 Subarea Health Planning Council.

Testimony of Phyllis Dendle
Director, Government Relations

Before:

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

April 1, 2016
9:30 am
Conference Room 229

RE: GM713 Craig Nakamoto
Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea
Expiration Date: June 30, 2020

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Craig Nakamoto for confirmation for appointment to the Honolulu Subarea Council for the State Health Planning and Development Agency. He was first appointed to the council in 2012. Craig is the Health and Regulatory Counsel for Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. in Hawaii and has been in this position since June 2009.

Craig provides advice and counsel for Kaiser in areas including: compliance, regulations, privacy, scope of practice, and real estate and facility issues. From 2001 to 2003 he served as general counsel for The Queen's Health Systems in a similar role. This capped a decade long stint at Queen's that began in 1992. Throughout his career either health care or real estate or both have been elements in his work. With this useful knowledge and experience he is uniquely qualified for his role on the Honolulu Subarea Council.

Craig has consistently shown a commitment to understanding the full picture of any issue in which he is involved. He can focus on both the detail and the larger picture with ease. He is well liked by his co-workers and frequently sought out by Kaiser's leadership and staff for his expertise. I believe the council will find him both knowledgeable and congenial.

On behalf of Kaiser Permanente Hawaii and myself I urge the committee and the senate to confirm Craig Nakamoto for appointment to the Honolulu Subarea Council. Thank you for your consideration,

Responses from Craig K. Nakamoto, Gubernatorial Nominee for the Honolulu Subarea Council for SHPDA (HONSAC)

March 28, 2016

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

Membership on the HONSAC aligns with my duties at Kaiser. As one of the provider members on HONSAC, I am afforded the opportunity to learn more about the CON process and provide input on the State Health Services and Facilities Plan (“Plan”). Additionally, this is a way of providing service to the community and State.

If confirmed for another term, I hope to be asked to sit on a CON panel.

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

As a member of the HONSAC board, I have not had an opportunity to review a CON application, something that I want to do, if confirmed for a second term on HONSAC. If asked to review a CON, my role would be to make sure that costs of health care expenditures are justified so that the consumer is not affected by high cost of health care. As a member of a Subarea Council, one of my other responsibilities is to provide input on the Plan.

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

By making sure that the Plan addresses the health care needs of the community. If asked to sit on a CON panel, to provide input on the efficient use of resources for medical facilities and major equipment, balancing need, cost, and care.

- (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.

Most of my private legal practice has been in health care, first with The Queen’s Health Systems and now with Kaiser. In addition to the legal knowledge about health care, I have an understanding about the operations of the health care industry, having worked closely with Kaiser Administrators and managers on various issues that affect both hospitals and clinics.

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

More community education opportunities. During my current term, HONSAC obtained a grant, working with the non-profit Alzheimer's Association Hawaii Chapter, to provide funding for Alzheimer's education. Physicians provided a series of sessions to help other providers identify the onset of Alzheimer's. In my next term, if confirmed, HONSAC hopes to obtain a grant, through a non-profit organization, to fund and produce public service announcements that address elder abuse.

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

Community minded, passionate, and experienced in health care. All of these self-described qualities will add to the diverse nature of HONSAC because HONSAC is, essentially, a community board that is related to health care and the health care industry.

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

Previous to working for Kaiser, I was a government relations and communications director for the Hawaii Community Development Authority. In that role, I further honed my skills in government relations and communications and dealing with the media.

- (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?

No, not as a member of HONSAC. If asked to sit on a CON panel, conflicts could arise. In that situation, conflicts would be resolved in accordance with the State ethics rules.