

# GM 684

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 06-30-2021.

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

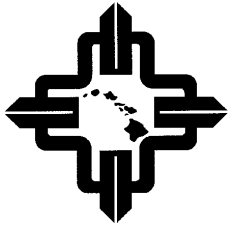
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**Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health**  
**Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair**  
**Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair**

Friday, April 7, 2017  
Conference Room 229  
9:00 a.m.  
Hawaii State Capitol

**Testimony in Support of GM 684, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Wayne Kanemoto, for a term to expire 06-30-2021**

Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.  
Chief Executive Officer  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

As CEO for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) and on behalf of the HHSC corporate board of directors, I am pleased to offer our **strong support** for Governor's Message No. 684 nominating Wayne Kanemoto to the HHSC Board of Directors for a second term.

The HHSC Board of Directors appreciates the background and experience that Mr. Kanemoto brings to the Board. Mr. Kanemoto attended Hilo High School and then went on to further his education at Iowa State University and earned a Master's degree in Education from the University of Hawaii.

Mr. Kanemoto built a distinguished career in education first as a science teacher then as an administrator serving as a principal on Hawaii Island for 18 years including Laupahoehoe elementary and high schools, and the Hilo Community School for Adults. He also served over 30 years in the United States Army and Army Reserve.

Since his retirement Mr. Kanemoto has volunteered extensively in the East Hawaii community chairing the Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium and the Community School Consortium. He has been an active member of the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board having served as Vice-Chair of the Board and Chair of the Strategic Planning and Community Engagement Committee. His background and experience at the regional level are of great value to the HHSC Board.

Since joining the HHSC Board Mr. Kanemoto has contributed expertise to Board meetings and participated fully in Board subcommittees, currently chairing one of the most critical HHSC system-wide committees, the Policy Committee.

In summary, we ask for your favorable consideration of Mr. Kanemoto's nomination for a second term as we look forward to continuing to work with him in fulfilling HHSC's mission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



**HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION**  
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The Twenty-Ninth Legislature, State of Hawaii  
The Senate  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Testimony by  
Hawaii Government Employees Association

April 7, 2017

GM684 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation  
to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems  
Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, WAYNE KANEMOTO

The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO strongly supports the reconfirmation of Wayne Kanemoto to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation.

Mr. Kanemoto earned his Bachelor's Degree from Iowa State University and a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Hawaii. In addition to over 30 years of service in the United States Army and Army Reserve where he was a Colonel in the U.S. Army in Infantry & Civil Affairs, Mr. Kanemoto has dedicated 33 years in educating the youth of Hawaii. He began his teaching career on Oahu as a teacher in Biology Sciences and then served as a principal on Hawaii Island for 18 years at Laupahoehoe High and Elementary School and the Hilo Community School for Adults. During his tenure as principal, he served as the Bargaining Unit 6 representative on our Board of Directors for 6 years, where he championed public employee rights. Mr. Kanemoto has demonstrated an exemplary level of commitment throughout his accomplished career in education and with the U.S. Army and we trust that he will continue to bring the same level of dedication to the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our support of Mr. Wayne Kanemoto's reconfirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Randy Perreira  
Executive Director

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**GM684**

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Comments: I wholeheartedly support the nomination of Wayne Kanemoto for the HHSC Board. He is the right person for the this position.

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Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Committee:

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to write this letter of recommendation and endorsement of Mr. Kanemoto for a position on the Hawaii Health Systems Corporate Board of Directors.

I was privileged to have served with him for two years as members of the East Hawaii Regional Board of HHSC. He demonstrated an active interest in the fiduciary responsibilities and the community benefit obligations of the Board. He chaired our Strategic Planning Committee and was regarded as a central figure in the leadership of the Board. We felt so strongly about his vision, standards and expectations of the organization that we nominated him to be our Governor's representative at the Corporate Board.

Mr. Kanemoto has committed his life's work to the benefit of our Community. First as an educator and school administrator, and as an officer in our nation's military. In those pursuits he has been tireless and selfless to the benefit of others.

I am, therefore, pleased to have this opportunity to submit my recommendation without reservation.

Sincerely,

Kurt Corbin  
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April 2, 2017

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senate Committee On Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature

In Reference to **GM 684** – Scheduled for Hearing on Friday, April 7, 2017  
at 9:00 am, in Conference Room 229, State Capitol, 415 South Beretania  
Street.

**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR WAYNE KANEMOTO for  
consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii  
Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) , Gubernatorial Nominee, for a  
term to expire 06-30-2021.**

Senator Rosalyn Baker and Members of the Committee,

Please accept this letter of recommendation for Wayne Kanemoto's  
appointment to the HHSC Board of Directors.

My name is Gary Yoshiyama. I am a resident of the Big Island and  
retired from the position of HGEA's Hawaii Division Chief in June 2004. I  
am honored to have had the opportunity to serve on HHSC's East Hawaii  
Regional (EHRB) Board from July 2009 to June 2016 to include service as  
Board Chair in the 2013-15 term.

I have known and have had the pleasure of working with Mr.  
Kanemoto for three (3) decades, and have worked closely with Mr.  
Kanemoto on the EHRB since June 2012. The attached May 2015 EHRB  
letter outlines Mr. Kanemoto's character, his service and numerous  
contributions he made on the EHRB.

The words I use to describe Mr. Kanemoto are "engaged",  
"thorough", "team player and leader", "eager to learn and does his  
homework", "share". In terms of character, the words: "integrity,  
committed, trustworthy and straightforward" come to mind.

Mr. Kanemoto will continue to actively participate and positively  
contribute to the vision and mission of HHSC.

**GM684**

**Wayne Kanemoto: Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation**

**(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 Hawaii Health Systems corporate board for one year. Engaged in the transition of the Maui region to Kaiser Hospital system. Served as the chair of the policy committee.

A member of 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.