

# GM 685

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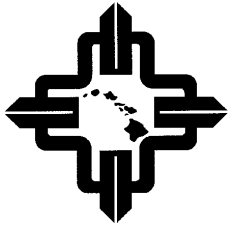
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**Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair**  
**Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair**

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

**Testimony in Support of GM 685, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANTONETTE TORRES, for a term to expire 6-30-2021.**

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Chief Executive Officer  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC), I am in **strong support** of the confirmation of Antonette Torres, to a second term on the Hawaii Health Systems Corporate Board.

As a public health nurse with many years of serving the Kauai community Ms. Torres has extensive administrative and public health expertise as well as a proven track record of strong, decisive, and visionary leadership. She brings a fresh public health perspective to many of the challenging issues health care systems face today. In her first term as an HHSC Board member Ms. Torres contributed significantly to deliberations at our Board meetings, participated fully in Board committees, and currently serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Board.

We are very fortunate that Ms. Torres is willing to continue to serve as an HHSC Board member. I am confident that she will make even greater contributions as a member with her confirmation for a second term. She will serve Hawaii well in the future and we look forward to working with her.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments: I strongly support Mrs. Antonette Torres for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. Mrs. Torres possess the requisite qualifications for reappointment as evidence by her involvement with community groups, health care committees and boards, and leadership/managerial position.

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**Antonette "Toni" Torres:**

**Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation**

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

Four years ago, I was interested in the concerns with HHSC. Best way “to be in the know” was to become involved thus my initial pursuit to be a Board member four years ago. My interest continues to this day.

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

Role and responsibility of a board member is to do one’s fiduciary duty in assuring the HHSC Administration is accountable for the system involving the HHSC Regions in the areas of legal and legislation, quality, finance, human resources, compliance, and informational technology.

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

I am a member of a community where there are two HHSC hospitals on my island. I can support the Regional Boards as well as advocating for community needs for medical services.

Another important area, is to continue the communication with the community the difference of roles between the HHSC Board and the Regional Boards.

Finally, for Statewide, I can bring the concerns of the consumers to the HHSC Board and HHSC Administration.

**(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.**

In the past four years as a Board member, I have gained a greater understanding of the continued challenges of HHSC. From their financial strife to the change in leadership of the corporation; The legislative process, union challenges as well as hospital systems transitions of Maui Memorial Hospital from public to private.

As a public health nurse, I bring the perspective of overall health, the concerns of health care workers and the views from the community that impact the services and practices of the Regions.

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

During my term, I am hoping to continue my fiduciary duty in seeing that the HHSC System continues its support to the HHSC Regions.

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

The three qualities that I bring will benefit the Board in discussion and decision making toward the betterment of the organization:

Knowledge of Community  
Knowledge of Health Care  
Good listener.

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

My current experience as an HHSC Board member this term would be beneficial in the next term. As I have gained the knowledge of the HHSC operations and most importantly, the relationships with HHSC Administrative team as well as Regional CEOs and their Regional Chairpersons.

- (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 have done informal consultation with the Board of Ethics in the past, and have excused myself on discussions regarding HGEA Bargaining Unit 9. CEO, Board Chairperson, and HHSC legal counsel are aware of this situation.