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Conference Room 414

Senate Committee On Higher Education

To: Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

From: Michael Robinson
Vice President – Government Relations & Community Affairs

Re: GM 721 – Testimony in Support of Gubernatorial Nominee Paula Yoshioka

My name is Michael Robinson, and I am the Vice President of Government Relations and Community Affairs at Hawai'i Pacific Health (HPH). Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system with over 70 locations statewide including medical centers, clinics, physicians and other caregivers serving Hawai'i and the Pacific Region with high quality, compassionate care. Its four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox – specialize in innovative programs in women's health, pediatric care, cardiovascular services, cancer care, bone and joint services and more. Hawai'i Pacific Health is recognized nationally for its excellence in patient care and the use of electronic health records to improve quality and patient safety.

I am writing in strong support of GM 722 regarding the nomination of Paula Yoshioka to the Medical Education Council.

I have had the pleasure of working with Paula Yoshioka for several years as both a member of the Health care Association of Hawai'i Government Relations Committee – which she Chaired and on a variety of issues outside of the organization. Paula brings both the insight from the point of view of a seasoned and experienced health care administrator in both the private and public health care setting combined with a deep understanding of the educational institutions and their roles in implementing change in our community.

The Medical Education Commission will be fortunate to have Paula serve in her capacity to move the mission of the organization which is to analyze and assess the healthcare workforce with an emphasis on JABSOM's graduate medical education program.

I strongly support Paula Yoshioka to serve on the Medical Education Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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To: Chair Kaiali'i Kahele
Vice Chair Michelle N. Kidani

From: Paige Heckathorn
Senior Manager, Legislative Affairs
Healthcare Association of Hawaii

Re: **Testimony in Support**
GM 721, Submitting for consideration and confirmation Ms. Paula Yoshioka to serve on the Hawaii Medical Education Council

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), established in 1939, serves as the leading voice of healthcare on behalf of 160 member organizations who represent almost every aspect of the health care continuum in Hawaii. Members include acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, hospices, assisted living facilities and durable medical equipment suppliers. In addition to providing access to appropriate, affordable, high quality care to all of Hawaii's residents, our members contribute significantly to Hawaii's economy by employing over 20,000 people statewide.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to **support** the nomination of Ms. Paula Yoshioka to serve as a member of the Hawaii Medical Education Council (HMEC). Ms. Yoshioka is an exceptionally qualified candidate who will bring years of insight and experiences to the role.

We have had the great fortune of working with Ms. Yoshioka over several years. Recently, she served as the chair of our Government Relations Committee, helping the Association to set our legislative priorities, engage members and community leaders and provide expertise on important issues at the state and federal level. Her contributions to HAH and its members cannot be overlooked and she will bring those same talents and skills to the HMEC.

A summary review of Ms. Yoshioka's education and experience make it clear that she is an excellent candidate for this position. We would like to add, also, that she brings humor and joy to every situation. She is truly a pleasure to work with and, undoubtedly, will bring her well-known dedication and amiability to the HMEC. We could not recommend Ms. Yoshioka more highly for this role.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our support.

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DATE: April 14, 2017

TO: Senator Kaiali'i Kahele
Chair, Committee on Higher Education
Submitted Via Capitol Website

RE: **GM 721 – Confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Paula Yoshioka
Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 1:15 p.m.
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Dear Chair Kahele and Members of the Committee on Higher Education:

We are Gary Slovin and Mihoko Ito, and we are writing in **support** of the nomination of Paula Yoshioka to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council.

We have worked with Paula for several years in her role as the representative of Queen's Medical Center at the Healthcare Association of Hawaii's (HAH) government affairs committee. Paula has served as both a member of the committee and as its Chair. In both roles Paula has been a major contributor to HAH. She possesses all the qualities you would want in both roles. She is bright and hardworking; she is collaborative, a team player. But she is also willing to state a point of view and argue it in a reasonable but educated manner. When she differed from the prevailing point of view, she had a reason. It wasn't "just because". As a member she paid due deference to the chair while contributing her and Queen's positions. And as Chair she was not afraid to be a leader.

Paula is also a fun person, easy to get along with. In healthcare, she is a leader and well informed. She was always prepared. We feel she has all the qualities needed to be a productive and collaborative member of the Medical Education Council, and we are very pleased to lend our strong support for her nomination.

Gary M. Slovin
Mihoko E. Ito
R. Brian Tsujimura
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Tiffany N. Yajima
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Chamber of Commerce HAWAII

The Voice of Business

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Higher Education
Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 1:15 P.M.
Conference Room 414, State Capitol**

**RE: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGES 721 SUBMITTING FOR
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
HAWAII MEDICAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, PAULA YOSHIOKA**

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Chamber of Commerce Hawaii ("The Chamber") **supports** the confirmation of Ms. Paula Yoshioka to the Hawaii Medical Education Council.

The Chamber is Hawaii's leading statewide business advocacy organization, representing about 2,000+ businesses. Approximately 80% of our members are small businesses with less than 20 employees. As the "Voice of Business" in Hawaii, the organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern. Senior Vice President of Corporate Development Queen Health System

Paula Yoshioka is a veteran of healthcare administration, currently the Senior Vice President of Corporate Development at The Queen's Health Systems. Throughout her career at Queen's, she worked closely with and managed a wide range of hospital staff, from medical and nursing officers to information technology specialists to food and environmental service providers. Prior to Queen's, she was associate chair of administrative services for the University of Hawaii's John A. Burns School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. She was also deputy director at the state health department; chief of staff under Lt. Governor Mazie Hirono; assistant chief, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division; associate administrator of the Hawaii State Hospital; and assistant superintendant in the Hawaii Department of Education.

Possessing a broad range of experiences, community contacts and managerial responsibilities, with a sharp focus on the area of medical administration, Paula is uniquely qualified to serve on the UH-affiliated Hawaii Medical Education Council. Her career advancements throughout the years have made her particularly well-suited to provide the Council with valuable insights into improving the healthcare work environment, including identifying ways to address the State's physician shortage, as well as developing enhancements to healthcare training programs and ensuring that they are sufficiently funded.

We strongly support Paula's nomination to the Hawaii Medical Education Council and appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony.