

Hearing: April 12, 2018, 1:30 p.m., Conference Room 224

The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele  
Chair, Senate Committee on Higher Education  
Hawai'i State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96813

RE: In support of GM543 Kecia Kelly for  
Center for Nursing Advisory Board to expire June 30, 2021

Aloha e Senator Kahele,

It is with pleasure that I recommend Kecia Kelly, DNP, MBA-HCM, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE for appointment to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board. Kecia has been the chief nursing executive at Kaiser Permanente Hawai'i's Moanalua Medical Center since 2016.

In her role as chief nursing executive, she represents nursing and patient care on the hospital's executive leadership team, works collaboratively with labor partners, provides strategic leadership for nurses and manages other designated patient care functions and services within the hospital.

Prior to joining Kaiser Permanente, Kecia was in the Hospital Corporation of America's Chief Nursing Officer Development Program, where she served as an associate chief nursing officer at Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center and Rocky Mountain Hospital for Children in Denver, Colorado, and the Sky Ridge Medical Center in Lone Tree, Colorado.

She began her nursing career in the U.S. Army Nurse Corps as a commissioned officer, and worked as a clinical staff nurse in the newborn nursery and neonatal intensive care unit at Las Colinas Medical Center in Irving, Texas. She served in several administrative roles, including director of maternal newborn NICU services at Baylor All Saints Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas, and assistant vice president of women and children's services at the Medical Center of Lewisville in Lewisville, Texas.

Kecia brings with her experience from a variety of health care settings that help to inform her decisions and recommendations as an advisory board member. She is incredibly knowledgeable and capable of understanding the larger issues facing the nursing practice. Kecia is a well-liked and trusted colleague who is frequently sought out for her advice. Therefore, she will be an asset to Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Accordingly, I urge the committee and the Senate to confirm the appointment of Kecia Kelly for the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan L. Ching". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jonathan" being the most prominent part.

Jonathan L. Ching  
Government Relations Specialist



April 2, 2018

The Honorable Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair,  
And Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 213  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Kahele:

I am pleased to recommend Kecia Kelly, the Chief Nursing Executive at Kaiser Permanente's Moanalua Medical Center, to serve as Advisory Board member to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing.

Kecia Kelly is a strong leader with dedication to mentoring emerging leaders, identifying opportunities for improvement and establishing achievable action plans, and expanding community partnerships to achieve shared improvements and gains. Her leadership style is in line with the goals and values of the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing and her vision for nursing in Hawai'i will move the activities and outputs from the Center into the future.

In the coming years, the Center will revise its strategic plans with a focus on addressing community needs including the pipeline for specialty nurses, establishing recruitment and retention support for advanced practice registered nurses, and the unique needs of the neighbor islands in respect to nursing and health care. As the Chief Nursing Executive of Kaiser Foundation Hospital – Hawai'i Region, Kecia will have access to on-the-ground conversations related to these needs and will be able to inform and advise the Center in its development and execution of action plans.

Further, Kecia's strong skillset in leadership development and ability to identify and implement internal and external approaches to systems improvement will help the Center remain useful in our efforts to addressing the needs of the nursing and healthcare communities needed to transform healthcare.

With this letter, I respectfully request your consideration of Kecia Kelly for the appointment to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing.

Respectfully,

Laura Reichhardt, MS, APRN, NP-C  
Director  
Hawai'i State Center for Nursing