



April 2, 2018

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

Dear Senator Kahele:

I am pleased to recommend Anne Scharnhorst, Allied Health Department Chair and Associate Professor at University of Hawaii Maui College to serve as member of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Anne Scharnhorst is a strong leader in nursing academia and a strong leader in the Maui nursing community. She has partnered with the Hawaii State Center for Nursing on local, state, and national initiatives and has represented Hawaii on a number of national academic progression in nursing activities. Her vision for elevating the Maui nursing community through education and partnerships has resulted in large increases in baccalaureate prepared nurses on the island, with overwhelmingly positive feedback from the professional nursing community on Maui, and the statewide nursing academia community.

As the neighbor island needs for nursing changes rapidly, it is important that the Hawaii State Center for Nursing hears and addresses these needs, not only at our program level, but also through feedback from our Advisory Board. With Anne Scharnhorst's participation, I feel that the Center will have improved program offerings to meet the needs of our neighbor island nurses.

Anne is energetic, perceptive, a clear communicator, and a keen strategist. Her perspectives as an educator and a neighbor island nurse will strengthen the strategic and program plans and long term impacts of the Center. With this letter, I respectfully request your consideration of Anne Scharnhorst for the appointment to the Hawaii State Center for Nursing.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Reichhardt".

Laura Reichhardt, MS, APRN, NP-C  
Director  
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**GM-544**

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Comments:

April 3, 2018

**To: Center for Nursing Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee GM544**

**From: Nancy Johnson, MSN, APRN, Professor of Nursing**

**Re: ANNE SCHARNHORST-Board Member for a term to expire 06-30-2021.**

Aloha Board Members;

It is my privilege to write this letter of support for Associate Professor Anne Scharnhorst, Nominee for Hawaii Center on Nursing Advisory Board. Anne Scharnhorst is a highly respected nursing faculty member at University of Hawaii Maui College and is a leader in Hawaii nursing and health care communities.

I strongly support Anne Scharnhorst's nomination to the Center of Nursing Advisory Board based on her board knowledge of nursing practice, nursing education, and health issues in Hawaii. She is a strong leader, with a commitment to meet current issues: shortage of nurses, shortages of all health care providers, and unmet health care needs in our community.

Sincerely,

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Professor and Nursing Faculty  
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04/04/2018

To whom it may concern:

It is with great pleasure that I recommend Anne Scharnhorst consideration and confirmation to the Center of Nursing Advisory Board. I have known Ms. Scharnhorst for 10 years both in her capacity as an Associate Professor of Nursing and Department Chair for the Allied Health Programs at University of Hawai'i Maui College. From 2012-2015 we were both co-department chairs and worked closely with her. She has a strong commitment to our Allied Health Programs and has worked hard making them the best that they can be. I believe that she would be a good addition to the Advisory Board especially representing interests of nursing from the neighbor islands.

I strongly recommend Ms. Scharnhorst for this position. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely

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