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Senate Committee on Higher Education
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GM 545 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council, gubernatorial nominee, LISA RANTZ, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Kim, and members of the committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support for the Governor's nominee, Ms. Lisa Rantz, for consideration and appointment to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council (HMEC).

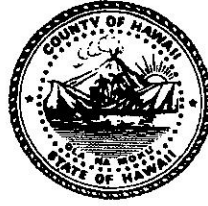
Lisa Rantz is the Executive Director of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation and offers over ten years of high level experience overseeing various non-profit educational entities who have partnered with Hawai'i Community College and the Hilo-Waiākea Complex. Lisa has successfully obtained and managed over \$5 million in grants that support educational opportunities for socioeconomically disadvantaged students and their families in rural Hawai'i. Lisa's passion for education and work with the local communities make her a valuable asset for the HMEC. The results of her efforts make it possible for JABSOM students and residents to have a portion of their training done on neighbor islands. This exposure is critical to help recruit and retain physicians for neighbor island and other rural/underserved communities throughout Hawai'i.

The HMEC is comprised of eight Governor-appointed and Legislature-confirmed individuals and five ex-officio members, including the Dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine who serves as the Chair. The HMEC is administered by the Designated Institutional Official and Director of the Graduate Medical Education programs. Lisa will serve as a community (non-clinical) representative on the council.

Solving Hawai'i's physician (and health professions) workforce shortage requires multi-sector engagement and ownership, a multi-pronged and longitudinal approach, as well as ideas and resources from the private sector (*i.e., insurers, hospitals, businesses and private health care organizations committed to improving and maintaining healthy citizens and communities*) the public sector (*i.e., primary-, secondary-, and higher education, legislature, Departments of Health and Human Services and Federal agencies*) and the larger communities of Hawai'i.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in strong support of the Governor's nomination of Lisa Rantz.

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April 09, 2018

The Honorable Senator Kaiali'i Kahele
Hawaii State Capitol
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Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM 545: Nomination of Lisa Rantz to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council

1:15 p.m. April 12, Conference Room 224

Dear Senator Kahele and Members of the Committee on Higher Education:

I am writing this letter in support of the nomination of Ms. Lisa Rantz to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council.

Ms. Rantz brings to the Council a tremendous wealth of experience and institutional knowledge with a special emphasis on serving low income, at risk students.

In more recent years, she was instrumental in obtaining a two million dollar line item in the governor's budget to support the Primary Care Training Residency Program.

I have every reason to believe Ms. Rantz will provide effective contributions to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council, and the State of Hawai'i will benefit from her experience and leadership.

Aloha Piha,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan L.K. Lee Loy".

Susan "Sue" L.K. Lee Loy
Council Member, County of Hawai'i



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Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
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Hawaii State Senate Committee on Higher Education

Re: GM 545 Lisa Rantz to the Hawaii Medical Education Council

Aloha Chair Kahele and Vice Chair Kim,
I strongly support the confirmation of Lisa Rantz to the Hawaii Medical Education Council. As an active member of our Chamber serving in her capacity as the Executive Director of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation, her extensive knowledge on the healthcare issues affecting our island and state along with her ability to work with community stakeholder groups and our local, state and U.S. legislators has made her an asset to our organization and importantly, our community.

Additional highlights of her service:

- Executive Director for Area Health Education Center (AHEC), a health career workforce pipeline program to recruit students into health careers and support rural health rotations for medical students and resident doctors.
- Supports the Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency Program with elective rural rotations across the state of Hawaii and community medicine opportunities.
- Successfully obtained the Primary Care Physician Shortage Designation for the County of Hawaii which allows for loan repayment, the primary issue faced by doctors coming out of residency programs when they choose where to practice medicine.

Lisa is known as a person of great integrity, and one who looks for what is best for our island community. I am pleased to offer her my support.

Sincerely,

Miles Yoshioka, Executive Officer



April 11, 2018

Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair
Members of Senate Committee on Higher Education
RE: GM545

Aloha Kakou –

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the nomination of Ms. Lisa Rantz to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council.

I have known Ms. Rantz for several years in my capacity as President and fellow board member of the Hawai'i State Rural Health Association. No one could want a better board member! Ms. Rantz is smart, hard-working, willing to go the "extra mile", and always with a smile on her face.

I recommend her to you for this position without qualification.

Mahalo,

Anne M. Chipchase, MA, CVM
President

GM-545

Submitted on: 4/11/2018 11:10:46 AM

Testimony for HRE on 4/12/2018 1:15:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Patricia Bray | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I think Lisa will be an excellent addition to the Hawaii Medical Education Council. Lisa has done great work with the Hilo Medical Center Foundation to support the community and rural healthcare in Hawaii.

THE SENATE
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REGULAR SESSION OF 2018

COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
Senator Donna Mercado Kim, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Thursday, April 12, 2018
TIME: 1:15 PM
PLACE: Conference Room 224
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Support of GM 545

Support for Gubernatorial Nominee, LISA RANTZ to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council, for a term to
expire 06-30-2021.

Julie Tulang, Hilo Medical Center Foundation Board Member and President-Elect to the Hawaii Health
Systems Corporation Board

Aloha Senator Kahele and the Higher Education Committee,

Lisa Rantz will be an outstanding resource and productive member of the Hawai'i Medical Education Council, she has extensive knowledge of the health care staffing needs on Hawai'i Island and our State.

Lisa comes from an education background where she developed various programs to help students reach their goals. Currently, as the Executive Director of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation, she has been diligently working to develop health career awareness for middle and high school students. The program utilizes medical students from UH John Burns School of Medicine, UHH Nursing programs and Hawai'i Family Practice residency doctors.

Lisa is a hard working dedicated person who is committed to making our island community a wonderful place to live, work and play. I highly recommended Lisa Rantz to this appointment on the Hawai'i Medical Education Council.

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Submitted on: 4/11/2018 11:47:13 AM

Testimony for HRE on 4/12/2018 1:15:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Jerry L. Chang | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Aloha Chair Kahele and Vice Chair Kim and members of the Senate Higher Education Committee.

I am submitting my personal testimony in support of Lisa Rantz confirmation to the Hawaii Medical Education Council.

I am a board member of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation and can attest to the competence and professionalism of Ms. Rantz. In the short time that she has been the Executive Director of the foundation she has escalated our presence in the community and started new programs to support the Hilo Medical Center, its patients, Doctors, and staff. Among other duties, she has organized the Health Teen Camp for the past 2 years with tremendous success.

With her extensive background in education, the proven track record of accomplishments and necessary qualifications, I have full trust that she will be a valuable addition to the council.

Mahalo,

Jerry L. Chang

GM-545

Submitted on: 4/11/2018 11:47:38 AM

Testimony for HRE on 4/12/2018 1:15:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Penny DePeralta | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

I have worked with Lisa Ranz quite often and she is awesome. She plays an integral part in the support of our residency program on the Big Island.

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Submitted on: 4/11/2018 12:38:00 PM

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| Carol Q Galper, EdD | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Ms. Rantz has the educational background, the linkage to medical education through the GMEC membership at Hawaii Island Family Medicine Residency in Hilo, and has the background as Executive Director of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation to serve well on the Hawaii Graduate Medical Education Committee. Her appointment will help represent an understanding of the issues faced in the neighbor islands as well as an understanding of the policies required by the ACGME in residency programs. As a colleague on the Hawaii State Rural Health Association, I find her that her professionalism and intellect will serve this committee and the state of Hawaii well. I give her my unabashed support.