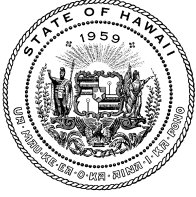


# GM628

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, WESLEY SUMIDA, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

Report Title: Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea

Current Referral: CPH



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## Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

### GM 628, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council

#### Testimony of Romala Sue Radcliffe SHPDA Administrator

Thursday, March 29, 2018  
9:30 a.m.

1 **Agency's Position:** The State Health Planning and Development Agency supports the  
2 nomination and confirmation of Dr. Wesley Sumida to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning  
3 Council (HONSAC).

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation of  
6 HONSAC Gubernatorial Nominee, Dr. Wesley Sumida.

7 Dr. Sumida is an Associate Professor at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K.  
8 Inouye College of Pharmacy. He is based at the Queens POB III University Department of  
9 Medicine Faculty Practice. He also served as faculty at Lau Ola Native Hawaiian Health Clinic.  
10 Prior to his academic career, he worked at Kaiser Permanente for approximately 22 years in  
11 various pharmaceutical positions, culminating in Director of Inpatient Pharmacy. He also was  
12 a Pharmacist at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, Washington.

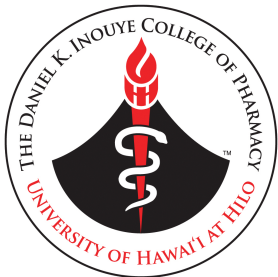
13 Dr. Sumida is active in the community. He volunteers to conduct health screenings and  
14 provide education throughout the State that includes Kawaihae on Hawaii Island, Papakolea in  
15 Honolulu, and Kapolei in West Oahu. He was past President of the Hawaii Pharmacists

1 Association. He is a member of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists and the  
2 American College of Clinical Pharmacy.

3 He has earned numerous awards throughout his career. In 2017, he was awarded the  
4 Faculty Service Award at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. He also was awarded  
5 the Pharmacy Leadership Award from the Hawaii Pharmacists Association in 2010 and the  
6 Kaiser Permanente Exceptional Contribution Award in 2004.

7 Dr. Sumida has a Doctor of Pharmacy and a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the  
8 University of Washington, School of Pharmacy.

9 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Dr. Wesley Sumida to the Honolulu  
10 Subarea Health Planning Council.



March 11, 2018

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to offer my strong support for Wesley Sumida, PharmD, for appointment to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council (HONSAC). I am a Professor at Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) and a health economist. I have been a member of the advisory committee to HONSAC since 2011 and currently serve as the Vice Chair.

I have known Dr. Sumida since 2014 when he joined the faculty of the DKICP. He is an experienced clinical pharmacist who served for many years as the Director of Inpatient Pharmacy at Kaiser Permanente. Since joining the DKICP, he has worked closely with faculty from the Department of Native Hawaiian Health and has been instrumental in providing our pharmacy students, half of whom are from outside of Hawaii, with exposure to the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander cultures.

Dr. Sumida's research has focused on reducing health disparities for Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Peoples. I believe his clinical expertise and interest in eliminating disparities make him well qualified for the appointment. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at [dtjuarez@hawaii.edu](mailto:dtjuarez@hawaii.edu).

Sincerely,

Deborah Taira, ScD  
Professor of Pharmacy Practice  
Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy  
University of Hawaii at Hilo



March 13, 2018

To the Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker,

Please accept this letter of strong support for the nomination of Wesley Sumida, Pharm.D. to the State Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea. I have known Dr. Sumida through our professional community for over 10+ years. Dr. Sumida joined the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) in 2014 while I was the Chair for the Dept. of Pharmacy Practice DKICP.

Dr. Sumida has extensive work experiences in clinical pharmacy and leadership positions which included responsibilities for health care delivery services. He has demonstrated a strong drive to serve his community and participates in numerous community activities. His past professional service as a board member and previous president of the Hawaii Pharmacist Association highlight the networking strengths he will be able to bring to the council. Dr. Sumida is currently faculty-in-residence with an active ambulatory primary care clinical pharmacy practice in JABSOM's Dept. of Native Hawaiian Health. He has created a highly desired learning environment for our 4th year pharmacy students to learn about underserved populations within our state. Most uniquely he has developed a teaching environment that promotes student development in not only clinical skills but cultural implications towards western health care services. An example would be his work in the Papkolea community health program. The integration of specific student service learning activities to benefit federally designated medically underserved areas and populations attests to his commendable focus to learn about improving health care delivery to people within our state.

Thank you for this opportunity to support Dr. Sumida's nomination. Please feel free to contact me for any additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Ma".

Carolyn Ma, PharmD.BCOP  
Dean

cc: Roy Goo, Chair, Dept. Pharmacy Practice, DKICP

March 15, 2018

To Senator Rosalyn Baker,

My name is Dr. Dee-Ann Carpenter and I offer this letter of strong support for the appointment of Wesley Sumida, Pharm.D. to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea. I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Native Hawaiian Health at the John A. Burns School of Medicine.

I have worked with Dr. Sumida since 2014 when he joined our Department of Native Hawaiian Health Lau Ola Clinic, becoming a preceptor to senior pharmacy students doing their outpatient ambulatory rotation in our clinic. We have worked closely together on a variety of projects and community based events, including health screenings and first aid. He has consistently demonstrated a passion to help our communities during outreach activities and has always maintained a vision to instill the meaning of "kuleana" or responsibility within pharmacy students to give back to their communities through service. He has helped to organize pharmacy support for various events such as Papakōlea Health Fair, Ho'oku'ikahi i Pu'ukoholā, and 'Imi Ho'ola high school outreach. I am happy to say that we have begun incorporating our previous students, who are now pharmacists, into our ongoing voluntary community health screening and education events in areas such as West Oahu and Hawai'i Island.

I believe that Dr. Sumida will be a valuable member of the Health Planning Council due to his extensive pharmacy experience, community focus, and leadership.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my support. Please feel free to contact if I can be of any further assistance. Thank you for your consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dee-Ann Carpenter', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dee-Ann Carpenter, MD