

# GM632

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Kaua'i Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, ORIANNA SKOMOROCH, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

Report Title: Health Planning Council, Kaua'i Subarea

Current Referral: CPH



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

### GM 632, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Kauai County 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 Ms. Orianna Skomoroch to the Kauai County Subarea Health  
3 Planning Council (KCSAC).  
4 **Fiscal Implications:** None  
5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation of KCSAC  
6 Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Orianna Skomoroch.  
7 Ms. Skomoroch was formerly the Kauai Regional Chief Executive Officer for *Hawaii*  
8 *Health Systems Corporation* and was also concurrent administrator over both Kauai Veterans  
9 Memorial Hospital and Samuel Mahelona Hospital. In addition, she opened all three of the  
10 West Kauai Clinics in Waimea, Hanapepe and Kalaheo. Ms. Skomoroch has over 35 years of  
11 experience in the health care arena. She served as Administrator, Kauai Veterans Memorial  
12 Hospital, Waimea, Hawaii, which became the West Kauai Medical Center (KVMH); Vice-  
13 President, Hospital Operations, G.N. Wilcox Memorial Hospital; Assistant Vice-President,  
14 Clinical Services, Methodist Hospitals, Gary/Merrillville, Indiana; and Director, Combined  
15 Services, The Rehabilitation Institute, Methodist Hospitals, Gary/Merrillville, Indiana.

1 Ms. Skomoroch is active in the community serving on the Hale 'Opio Kauai, Inc. Board  
2 of Directors and the Kauai Humane Society Board of Directors. She also served previously at  
3 Kauai Primary Health Committee; American Heart Association; American Hospital Association,  
4 Governing Council for Long-Term Care and Rehabilitation; and Roselani Place Assisted Living  
5 Center, Maui. Ms. Skomoroch currently serves as chair of the Kauai County Subarea Health  
6 Planning Council.

7 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Ms. Orianna Skomoroch to the Kauai  
8 County Subarea Health Planning Council.

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WOMEN'S HEALTH & WELLNESS INC

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March 15, 2018

Attention:

Senator Rosalyn Baker

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Hawai'i State Legislature

**Re: confirmation of Orianna Skomoroch to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council**

I have known Ms. Skomoroch for over 18 years, in my capacity as a healthcare provider at KVMH hospital with HHSC. I was privileged to work with her on the development of a new Family Birth Center, and the restoration of OB/GYN services, after Kauai Medical Clinic withdrew support for the West Side of Kaua'i.

While I quote below my letter of 2016, I can only say, that since her departure from HHSC, she has served as CEO for the Kikiaola Group in Waimea, and interim CEO at the Kauai Humane Society, not to mention a number of non-profit boards and other groups. Whether serving in a volunteer capacity for a number of organizations, or in a paid position, she always bring intelligence, experience and compassion to her zeal for community service.

“Having had the opportunity to observe her analytic and strategic planning skills first hand, I can wholeheartedly recommend her for this Council. Her many years of excellence in exemplary resource planning for the preservation of KVMH on West Kaua'i and the safety net clinic and hospital services are testimony enough to her ability to deploy scarce resources in innovative ways, in order to maintain health care for rural, underserved areas.

I particularly appreciated her steadfast resolve to frugal expenditures of state funds to cover community needs without sacrificing standards of care. With little support for her efforts, she saved two hospitals and a failing healthcare system on Kaua'i.”

We will be eternally grateful. She is gracious, experienced, and a brilliant negotiator. Her integrity is impeccable, and her Aloha extends to all.” I can offer no better words than these,

Sincerely yours, Virginia Beck, WHCNP-BC, CTP, MBT