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

### GM 668, Gubernatorial Nominee to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council

#### Testimony of Romala Sue Radcliffe SHPDA Administrator

Wednesday, April 11, 2018  
9:30 a.m.

1 **Agency's Position:** The State Health Planning and Development Agency supports the  
2 nomination and confirmation of Ms. Emelyn Kim to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning  
3 Council (WOSAC).

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation of WOSAC  
6 Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Emelyn Kim.

7 Ms. Kim comes with a strong background in programs and services for an aging society.  
8 She currently serves as a consultant and provides services relating to individual and family  
9 group counseling and caregiver training.

10 Prior to this, Ms. Kim was the Project Coordinator for the Kupuna Adult Care Home  
11 Project based at the Kapiolani Community College's Kupuna Education Center. She also  
12 served as Program Coordinator for O`hana Care with the Honolulu Gerontology Program at  
13 the Child and Family Services. Ms. Kim was also a Senior Market Planner with the Hawaii  
14 Medical Service Association. She has been active with the Hawaii Pacific Gerontology Society  
15 (HPGS) and served as Co-Chair of its 2010 HPGS' Biennial Conference. Ms. Kim also served  
16 as HPGS' Conference Treasurer in 2012.

1           She is currently a member of the WOSAC and serves as its vice-chair and we ask for  
2 your support on the confirmation of Ms. Emelyn Kim to serve another term on the West Oahu  
3 Subarea Health Planning Council.

April 6, 2018

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Committee on Health  
Hawaii State Senate

Subject: **Support of EMELYN KIM FOR SHPDA HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL,  
WEST OAHU SUBAREA**

Dear Senators Baker and Members of the Senate Health Committee:

I am writing to full support of Ms. Emelyn Kim's nomination to the SHPDA West Oahu Subarea Council. She is a long time resident of the area and is particularly knowledgeable about the aging and long-term care needs of the community. I have known her for her past work as a colleague working with me to improve the continuing education of small residential care home and adult foster home providers. These homes that are concentrated in West Oahu are becoming the focal point for long-term care as the state begins to shift from institutional to home based care. I am confident that the knowledge that Emelyn Kim has regarding challenges and needs of the elderly and family caregivers and the small residential care providers will be able to provide important insights for SHPDA.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cullen T. Hayashida". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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April 7, 2018

Senator Rosalyn Baker,

As a Registered Nurse and Certified Care Manager for 25 years, who has worked with Eme Kim over the years. I am recommending her to be nominated to the Health Planning Council, West Oahu sub area.

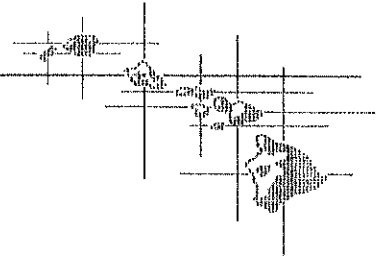
I have worked with Eme in assisting elders and their families with their many needs. Eme has always been a thoughtful, caring service provider who will always go that extra mile when people need help. She demonstrates integrity and a strong work ethic and has an awareness of the big picture in healthcare. I think she would be a suitable member of your council

Sincerely,

Sue Cornish RN, BA, MPH, CMC

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April 9, 2018

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE,  
CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

**Confirmation Hearing, Wednesday, April 11, 2018**

Testimony in support of Gubernatorial Nominee, **EMELYN KIM** to serve  
on the **Health Planning Council, West Oahu Subarea.**

Dear Senator Baker and members of the Committee,

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of the appointment of Gubernatorial nominee EMELYN KIM to serve on the Health Planning Council, West Oahu Subarea.

Citizen involvement in volunteer government service is an integral part of a healthy democracy. Emelyn Kim is one such volunteer having already served four years on the Health Planning Council, West Oahu Subarea. The Governor has nominated her for a second term, and I fully support her reappointment.

My name is Jo Kamae Byrne and I am President of Honolulu Information Service, Inc., a Hawaii public records research company established in Hawaii in 1982 by my late husband, Desmond J. Byrne.

I have known Emelyn Kim for more than 30 years, starting as fellow community volunteers with the Hawaii Jaycees during the 1980s. Over these many years I have seen the hard work and dedication Eme brings to each of her endeavors, particularly in the area of kupuna care.

With her professional qualifications and work experience in both the private and public sectors, Emelyn Kim will be a positive and valuable volunteer on the Health Planning Council, West Oahu Subarea. I fully support her appointment to serve a second four year term.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jo Kamae Byrne