

# GM518

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, KATHERINE DAVIS, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Report Title: Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea

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

### GM 518, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council

#### Testimony of Romala Sue Radcliffe SHPDA Administrator

Friday, March 29, 2019  
9:30 a.m.

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

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

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

7 Dr. Davis is currently an Associate Specialist (Professor) & Director for Community  
8 Partnerships at the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene  
9 (SONDH). She wears several hats as she also concurrently serves as the Associate Director  
10 for Evidence-Based Practice at the Hawaii State Center for Nursing, Nurse Researcher at  
11 Queen Emma Nursing Institute of the Queen's Medical Center, and the Quality Director for the  
12 Hawaii Keiki: Healthy and Ready to Learn Program, SONDH and Hawaii Department of  
13 Education. Prior to her current appointment, Dr. Davis was a Nurse Researcher for the Center  
14 for Pediatric Nursing Research & Evidence-Based Practice, Children's Hospital of  
15 Philadelphia. Clinically, she also served as a Registered Nurse and Pediatric Nurse  
16 Practitioner.

1           Dr. Davis is active in the local community as well as on the national front. Dr. Davis  
2 currently serves on 17 committees or task forces that include the Graduate Medical Education  
3 (GME) Strategic Planning Committee, University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine  
4 at Manoa and the National Association for Pediatric Nurse Practitioners Research Committee.

5           Dr. Davis has a Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science in Nursing from Emory  
6 University. She has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from University of North Carolina at  
7 Chapel Hill.

8           We ask for your support on the confirmation of Dr. Katherine Finn Davis to the Honolulu  
9 Subarea Health Planning Council.



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**by  
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University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**

**GM 518 Consideration and Confirmation of Katherine Finn Davis to the Health  
Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea**

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to give my strong support for the appointment of Katherine Finn Davis, PhD, APRN, CPNP-PC, FAAN to serve on the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea. I had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Davis initially in 2015 and began my work with her in 2016 when she began working in a tri-appointment as the Director of Community Relations for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Associate Director for Evidence-Based Practice at the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing, and Nurse Researcher at the Queen's Medical Center. In her Center for Nursing work, she engages nursing and interprofessional care teams in development of evidence-based practice, research and quality improvement through education, coaching and long-term mentorship, among many other undertakings. Further, her role as Director of Community Partnerships apprises her of emerging and longstanding quality improvement needs, gaps in services, and workforce supply deficits while simultaneously enabling her to connect available resources and educational opportunities with these identified needs. Combined, this work both aligns workforce opportunities and elevates the knowledge, skills, and abilities of the nursing workforce and their interprofessional colleagues to better address healthcare needs of the people in Hawai'i.

As a colleague, she is both a leader and a high-functioning team member who engages in detailed yet timely work to elevate the skills our nursing and healthcare colleagues and connect them with the right people and right opportunities to maximize outcomes. I feel her excellence and expertise will lend itself well to the mission and work of the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea.

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March 29, 2019

by

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**GM 518 Consideration and Confirmation of Katherine Finn Davis to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea**

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to give my strong support to the appointment of Dr. Katherine Finn Davis to serve on the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea. As Dean of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene (SONDH), I have worked with Katherine since 2016 when she joined the School as Director for Community Partnerships. At the University of Hawai'i, she is committed to developing collaborative relationships between universities, healthcare systems, and government agencies to implement strategic responses to community and nursing workforce needs while engaging community organizations to inform program offerings and curricula. She is highly engaged with the community on a day-to-day basis and has a genuine care for the people of Hawaii.

As an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse with nationally recognized expertise in evidence-based practice, Dr. Davis is very knowledgeable of healthcare across the continuum and has demonstrated outstanding abilities to work across disciplines and systems. She is skilled and passionate about leading interprofessional teams to implement research and evidence to inform clinical practice at the bedside and in the community to improve health outcomes and quality of care. She serves as peer reviewer for numerous nursing and medical journals and has spoken nationally about her research and evidence based practice endeavors. Most recently, Dr. Davis was inducted as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing in November 2018 for her sustained scholarship efforts that have contributed at the patient, organizational, and national levels including development of national evidence-based clinical practice guidelines for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and American Academy of Pediatrics.

Dr. Davis is collaborative, enthusiastic, and committed to making a difference. She is honored and proud to call Hawai'i home and looks forward to contributing her more than 25 years of experience to serve the Hawai'i community. Her expertise and passion will be beneficial toward the Council's health planning efforts and I strongly recommend her appointment. Thank you for this opportunity to write in support of her application.