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GM652 Consideration and Confirmation of Arthur Sampaga Jr., to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board

Dear Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education:

It is with great humility that I write this letter of support for Arthur Sampaga Jr., RN, MSN, CCRN, CHEP, CNML, Chief Nursing Officer of Hilo Medical Center, to be appointed to the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Mr. Sampaga is a longstanding partner of the Center. In recent years, he has helped, considerably, expand projects and programs of the Center to Hawai'i Island, which has led to improved engagement to other neighbor islands as well. In 2016, Mr. Sampaga led the initiative to bring the Center's Evidence-Based Practice Program to Hilo and launched a nurse residency program at Hilo Medical Center by joining the Hawai'i Nurse Residency Program Collaborative. He is also highly engaged in academic progression in nursing, advanced practice registered nurse transition to practice, community based health care management teams, and culture of health initiatives.

His representation of Hawai'i Island will enable the Center to continue to improve our programs, products including workforce research, and work related to our strategic priorities that meet the needs of some of our most rural nursing communities. Additionally, his role as a nurse executive and his ability to be a change agent and futurist will help the Center continue to develop and deliver to the State's utmost benefit.

Thank you for your consideration of Arthur Sampaga, Jr for the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board position.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Laura Reichhardt".

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