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GM 736, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Honolulu County Subarea Health Planning Council

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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 to the
6 HONSAC Gubernatorial Nominee, Dr. Katherine Finn Davis.

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

15 Dr. Davis is active in the local community as well as on the national front. Locally,

1 Dr. Davis serves on the Hawaii Health Workforce Summit Planning Committee and the
2 Graduate Medical Education (GME) Strategic Planning Committee, University of Hawaii John
3 A. Burns School of Medicine at Manoa. Nationally, Dr. Davis serves on the National
4 Association for Pediatric Nurse Practitioners Research Committee and the National Nursing
5 Practice Network Transformation to Evidence-Based Practice Workgroup.

6 Dr. Davis has a Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Science in Nursing from Emory
7 University. She has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from University of North Carolina at
8 Chapel Hill. She is also a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing.

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

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by

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GM 736 Consideration and Confirmation of Katherine Finn Davis to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang and Members of the Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health; I am pleased to give my strong support for the reappointment of Katherine Finn Davis, PhD, RN, 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. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of the consideration and confirmation of Dr. Katherine Finn Davis.

May 11, 2020

Aloha Senator Baker,

I am honored to have been re-appointed to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu area (HONSAC). I am eager to serve my community in any way I can. Below are my responses to the required questions.

Sincerely,
Katherine Finn Davis

(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

I currently serve as Co-Chair for the HONSAC. I am eager to continue as a member of the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea as I feel that my expertise in the healthcare arena and my commitment to community service could continue to benefit the Council. I also very much enjoy the opportunity to serve in the location where I live and work to improve quality of life for Hawai'i residents.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

The roles and responsibilities include being an active listener to learn about broad health needs and advocate for our community. Our Council is focused on elder care, so we are particularly sensitive to issues that we hear about through our jobs or other outlets that affect our kupuna. As members, we have a responsibility to work as a team to achieve common goals and to bring each of our individual areas of expertise to the table when determining issues to take on and how to best address them.

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

Given my extensive experience in healthcare and skills applying evidence to practice, I can protect the consumer by ensuring that any endeavors that the HONSAC implements will be evidence-based and current with healthcare trends and scope.

(4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

In my professional life I hold many prominent positions. I am Director for Community Partnerships at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, Associate Director for Evidence-Based Practice Programs at the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing, and Nurse Researcher for The Queen's Medical Center. This broad base allows be to interact with healthcare providers and the community across the state to learn about what the most important healthcare needs are at the time. I have over 25 years of experience as a pediatric

nurse, nurse practitioner, and researcher so am well versed in health promotion and disease prevention. I am also a national leader in evidence-based practice, able to bring evidence to any problem at hand and explain the science to any member who is unfamiliar.

(5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

My hope is to participate in the Council's activities in a meaningful and contributory way so that we may achieve the goal(s) we set for ourselves. We are currently working on a series of Public Service Announcements (PSAs) for medication safety and adherence for our community dwelling kapuna.

(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

I am persistent, evidence-based, and a team player. I work well in groups to determine the strengths of each member and to encourage them to use that strength to contribute to the team's collective efforts. I will bring the most current evidence to the table as we discuss healthcare issues. I am also a person who always sees a project through to the end.

(7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

I have had the position of Director for Community Partnerships for the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene for the past 3.5 years. This experience has allowed me to meet community members both healthcare affiliated and otherwise from around the state. I feel that this experience gives me a broad perspective of the community of interest. For the past 25 years, I have served as a nurse, nurse practitioner, and researcher all of which give me a vast background in healthcare issues. I have also served as Co-Chair for the HONSAC for the past 6 months, so am getting experience with leadership of this Council.

(8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest. If a conflict arose, I would discuss it with Karen Ho, SHPDA representative, and the Chair of the Council.