

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

As someone who has spent almost his entire life living a few blocks from Leahi Hospital, the hospital has been a big part of my life. In elementary school, my class and I would go to Leahi Hospital at least twice a school year. As a class, we would spend our time talking with the patients who did not have regular visitors and sometimes even sing to them. This is a tradition that has continued for the school to this day and I am happy to have been a part of it.

I drive past Leahi Hospital almost every single day and it is a constant reminder about the good they have done, and continue to do, in my community. While I have always wanted to ensure that Leahi Hospital be able to continue that good work, my interest in the board did not happen until much more recently. In the current climate, the future of Leahi Hospital and Maluhia, as well the growing need for long term care services for our most vulnerable kupuna, are topics still in need of much discussion, and I would like to be a part of it.

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

I believe the roles of the board members take many forms. Board members are awarded the responsibility of being protectors of the corporation and the community that uses their services. Being responsible for balancing the furthering of the public interest and ensuring that the corporation will be able to continue its service is a difficult task.

Board members are also innovators. Especially in this difficult time, we are faced with unprecedented challenges, requiring new and creative policies and procedures to effectively manage a delicate system. The board members are responsible for aiding in the development and implementing the best plan that is appropriate for its community.

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

While I hope that it will not be necessary to be a consumer of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, that possibility is something that is constantly on my mind. I am one of the many members of the public caring for aging relatives. It is my hope that, I will be able to care for them for as long as possible. However, as they grow older, I have had to face the reality that there may come a time when I will not be able to.

As a board member, I would be given a rare opportunity to provide an amplified voice for the concerns that I, and many community members, have been contemplating for years. Issues concerning adequate privacy and space, quality of care, and quality of life are very important questions while providing long-term care to our kupuna.

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.

During high school, I was placed into many college classes. As a result, I was able to graduate from University of Concordia, Irvine, in just two years, with a degree in business

management. During my time there, I honed my skill in marketing, accounting, economics, and finance, and information systems, completing project after project, while developing skills in leadership, planning, and strategy to help my team work together and efficiently achieve our goals.

After returning home, I further developed these skills in the House of Representatives. Starting as a staff member during the legislative session, I quickly became the office manager and worked to build a team that could meet its goals each and every session. Each year came with new challenges and opportunities to learn about issues effecting the state, especially with regards to the higher education, finance, and judiciary committees. I did all this while attending the William S. Richardson School of Law.

I am confident that my business and legal education, along with the management, finance, and interpersonal skills I have developed over the past near decade will be an invaluable asset and significant contribution to the board.

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

While my main hope as a member of the board would be to ensure the continued function of these essential services, there are two projects in particular that I hope to help accomplish. The first project is something that I think is very important as we move forward. With funding cuts over the last few years, Leahi Hospital was forced to shut down part of their facility. It is my hope that I can be a part of reopening these spaces to help provided service to more of the community.

The second project I would like to focus on is building a secondary parking lot at Maluhia. This is a project that has been in its initial design phase for years but has been unable to break ground. Currently, some staff members are forced to park out in the residential areas and there is limited capacity for visitors. This problem also burdens the residents in the area as it reduces the number of parking spaces available for residents. I would look forward to working with everyone involved in order solve both these problems.

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

I am conscientious, calculated, and committed. If confirmed, I can promise that I will be a conscientious servant, doing my best to do what is right and fulfill my duties well and thoroughly. I can promise that every action will be calculated, using all the knowledge and information available to me, to work toward the best solution. I can promise that I will be committed and loyal to the board, the tasks before me, and the community, for as long as you will have me.

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

After passing the bar exam, I took a job at the Managing Director's Office, for the City and County of Honolulu. While the original job was primarily to aid the different departments

coordinate efforts regarding proposed legislation, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic turned that job description upside-down. Instead, I became tasked with many different projects. Along with my coworkers, we worked together to come up with new programs and ideas to protect the community's safety, provide access to healthcare, and mitigate economic impacts while we all move through this difficult time.

This experience has been, and continues to be, helpful to reinforce problem solving and communication skills, as well as provide knowledge of the most pressing issues facing the community during this pandemic.

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?

As an attorney, the most foreseeable conflicts of interest will arise with clients. One of the requirements for passage of the bar exam is to also pass an ethics test. This test is guided by the ethical behaviors that are required of all attorneys by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. As such, regarding these types of conflicts of interest, I am required to handle them according to those rules. That could mean not accepting them as clients, abstention from voting, and disclosure of the conflict.



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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

July 1, 2020
Conference Room 229
9:30 a.m.
Hawaii State Capitol

**Testimony in Strong Support
Governor's Message 825**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, **KEVAN WONG**, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

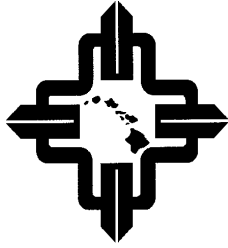
Linda Rosen, M.D., M.P.H.
Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC), thank you for the opportunity to present testimony **in strong support of Governor's Message 825**, in consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, **KEVAN WONG**, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

Mr. Wong's quiet, humble nature belies his strong commitment to his community and to Hawaii. Mr. Wong's expansive community service experience is an indicator of his kindness and concern for others. Amongst his many volunteer activities, Mr. Wong has participated in a number of Farm to School programs, which aligns to HHSC's Farm to State efforts. Mr. Wong has indicated an interest in learning more about healthcare and hospital operations, which certainly this Board position will allow. Currently employed by the City and County of Honolulu Mayor's Office, Mr. Wong can provide county perspective to strategic decisions as it may relate to HHSC, especially as it relates to mental health, a pressing issue for HHSC and the Oahu Region. As a lifetime Diamond Head-area resident, Mr. Wong will bring a welcomed community voice to the HHSC Corporate Board. A former legislative staff member, Mr. Wong may provide valuable insight in support of all HHSC regions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before this committee in strong support of this nominee and we thank Mr. Wong for his willingness to serve on the HHSC Corporate Board.

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, July 1, 2020
TIME: 9:30 AM
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Derek Akiyoshi
Oahu Region Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Re: Testimony in Support

GM 825 submitted for consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial nominee, Kevan Wong to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Expiration Date: 6/30/2021

Chair Baker, Vice-Chair Chang, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health,

On behalf of the Oahu Region, Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC), thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Governor's Message 825, in consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, **KEVAN WONG**, for a term to expire 06/30/2021.

Mr. Wong's community service experience is an indicator of his involvement in the health and well-being of others. Amongst his volunteer activities, Mr. Wong has participated in Farm to School programs that supports the HHSC Oahu Region's efforts to improve our food service programs using fresh, locally sourced food for our residents, and meals on wheels recipients. Additionally, his familiarity with state and county government may provide insight in support of the HHSC regions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before this committee in support of this nominee and we thank Mr. Wong for his willingness to serve on the HHSC Corporate Board.

GM-825

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benjamin Park	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Honorable Chair Baker and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Governor's Message (GM) 825, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Kevan Wong, for a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

I have known Mr. Wong for the past 8 years and believe that he will be able to effectively fulfill his role on the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation through his life experiences and professional expertise. There is no doubt in my mind that Mr. Wong's hard work ethic and integrity will be great assets to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation and the State of Hawaii, and he will bring a fresh perspective in developing sound and thoughtful policy decisions.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health with my testimony regarding GM 825. I respectfully request the Committee to appoint Mr. Wong to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

June 25, 2020

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health
Hawai'i State Legislature
via email: CPHTestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

Re: Letter of Support for Kevan Wong
Nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation

I am writing this letter as a personal recommendation in support of my son, Kevan Wong, for his nomination to the Board of Directors of the HHSC.

Kevan is an intelligent, hard-working, responsible, compassionate person. From an early age he championed the cause of others. He is a strong, protective older brother, and a loyal friend. Even in grade school he was quick to notice and try to help people in problem situations, whether it was a fellow student who was feeling sick or an elderly, lonely neighbor who welcomed his visits.

My late husband, Leighton Wong, and I raised our sons to be independent and caring. Kevan was 14 when his father died, and he shouldered the burden of being the eldest son quickly and quietly. He kept on with his studies and his athletic pursuits while being there to lend support to his brother and to me.

He is a problem-solver, both on his own and working with others. And if he doesn't know the answer he researches diligently until he finds it. That became obvious to me when at a young age he took apart his desktop computer to see how it worked, and re-assembled everything perfectly. It continues as he has successfully tackled schooling, family obligations, career and even DIY home repair.

I wholeheartedly recommend Kevan Wong as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, as his hard work and dedication will make him an exceptional asset to this important community service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy J. Wong". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the beginning.

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June 25, 2020

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Testimony for Governor's Message 825 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEVAN WONG, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

Aloha Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and members of the committee,

It is with enthusiasm that I write to support the appointment of Kevan Wong to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Board of Directors.

While I submit this endorsement as an individual, I have worked alongside Kevan as a staff member in the Hawaii State House of Representatives and found him to be an insightful, pragmatic voice in regard to state and county government proceedings and the law. The varied policy roles Kevan has served in give him a unique perspective when approaching issues or finding balanced solutions that speak to addressing the complexity of interests in the work we do. His dedication to nearly a decade of public service and exhibited commitment to community will lend themselves to strengthen HHSC's mission in ensuring accessible, quality healthcare for the people of Hawaii.

On a personal level, I know that Kevan will approach this responsibility with great care and understanding of the work that is being entrusted to him. I have always admired his tenacity and the steadfast diligence he takes to any task, which will be applied to this new endeavor. He doesn't do this for accolades or recognition of successes, but because a job worth doing is worth doing well. I consider these qualities to be a true testament to the depth of Kevan's character. It is also indicative of the effort and leadership he will bring to HHSC, particularly during these unprecedented times where our public agencies are confronted with difficult decisions as to how to preserve safety-net services for our most vulnerable populations. I am excited to see how he may use his skills to shape the future of healthcare in Hawaii, if given the opportunity, because I wholeheartedly believe it will be beneficial to our communities across the state.

I strongly urge the committee to approve Kevan's appointment to the HHSC Board of Directors. Mahalo for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Jenna Takenouchi

June 30, 2020

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

RE: GM 825 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, KEVAN WONG, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

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

My name is Lyndsey Garcia and I am writing in **strong support** for GM 825, the confirmation of Kevan Wong to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC).

Kevan is a dedicated public servant committed to making a difference in his community. Kevan has served the people of Hawaii for several years as a staff member of the Hawaii State House of Representatives from 2012 to 2019 in various roles including Committee Clerk, Legal Researcher, and Office Manager. He continues his public service now at the City and County of Honolulu as a State Legislative Liaison and Special Assistant to the Mayor. I have known Kevan for several years and have found him to be professional, diligent, and hardworking. He is kind and straightforward with a strong work ethic and steadfast commitment to helping others. I believe these qualities are invaluable assets to have as a member of the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support for GM 825. Your consideration for the confirmation of Kevan Wong to the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Lyndsey Garcia

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Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	No

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