

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1751

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 778

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 778, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

CENTER FOR NURSING ADVISORY BOARD

G.M. No. 778 ARTHUR SAMPAGA, JR.,
for a term to expire 06-30-2025,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Arthur Sampaga, Jr., for service on the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Mr. Sampaga from the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing.

Upon review of the testimony and Mr. Sampaga's qualifications, your Committee finds that Mr. Sampaga is a registered nurse in the State of Hawaii. He earned a Master of Science in Nursing degree with Nursing Management and Organizational Leadership Specialization from Grantham University; Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from the University of Hawaii at Hilo; Associate in Science degree in Nursing from Hawaii Community College; Emergency Medical Technician Certificate of Competence from Kapiolani Community College; and Certificate of Achievement in Practical Nursing from Hawaii Community College. Your Committee notes that Mr. Sampaga has been serving on the



Center for Nursing Advisory Board since 2019 and is being nominated for reappointment as a member who is a nursing executive.

Mr. Sampaga is currently the Chief Nursing Officer and Assistant Administrator at the Hilo Medical Center where he is responsible for preparing Nursing Director reports; strategic planning, quality and safety control, staffing, budgeting, and financial planning; staff development through clinical education; community relations and inter department activities; ensuring regulatory compliance and preparing for surveys by review agencies. His responsibilities also include serving as HMC's Emergency Management Director and Incident Commander.

According to the Center for Nursing, Mr. Sampaga has been a longstanding partner of the Center, working to expand its projects and programs to the island of Hawaii, which resulted in improved engagement by other neighbor islands. For example, Mr. Sampaga has led the initiative to bring the Center's evidence-based practice program to Hilo. He also assisted the Hawai'i Nurse Residency Program Collaborative in negotiating programmatic advancements to improve access to their programs by neighbor island nurses and introduce specialty transition-to-practice programs for the first time in the State on a widespread basis. Due to this initiative, two in every five nurse residents and preceptor pairs are employed by a neighbor island facility. This is an incredible improvement in equity and access to professional development services for nurses across the State.

Your Committee finds that Arthur Sampaga, Jr.'s professional experience and knowledge as a registered nurse, HMC's Chief Nursing Officer and Assistant Administrator, service in the Hawaii Army National Guard Medical Command, leadership, and commitment to the professional development of nurses in Hawaii will continue to be valuable assets for the Board.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Higher Education,


DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair



