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GM 616 – Submitting For Consideration And Confirmation To The Hawai'i Medical Education Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, LESLIE CHUN, For A Term To Expire 06-30-2025

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of GM 616 and the nomination of Dr. Leslie Chun to serve on the Hawai'i Medical Education Council (Council).

Dr. Chun is the Chief Executive Officer of the Hawai'i Pacific Health Medical Group (HPH) which includes hundreds of physicians and advanced practice providers practicing in four HPH hospitals and related outpatient clinics throughout the State. As the former Chief Medical and Quality Officer/Vice-President of Medical Affairs at the Queen's Medical Center for 5 years, he helped launch the Queen's Advanced Quality Training Program and led the first ever collaboration with John Hopkins University to accelerate improvements in quality and safety. Prior to his role at Queen's Dr. Chun served as Chief of Clinical and Medical Affairs at Maui Memorial Medical Center. He is committed to medical education and maintains an Assistant Clinical Professor faculty appointment with the JABSOM Department of Medicine.

Dr. Chun understands the impact of a high-quality physician workforce to address health disparities throughout Hawai'i. His dedication to quality and patient safety and improving healthcare systems would make him a valuable asset to the Council.

We stand in strong support of Dr. Chun's nomination and urge this Committee to confirm his appointment to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Comments:

I have known Dr Chun for many years in his roles at Maui Memorial Hospital, The Queens Medical Center and most recently at Hawaii Pacific Health. He has a broad understanding of Hawaii's health care systems and workforce needs having been a health care leader on both Oahu and a neighbor island. I strongly support his nomination.