



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Senate Committee on Higher Education  
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GM 619 – Submitting For Consideration And Confirmation To The Hawai'i Medical Education Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, LINDA ROSEN-DEBOLD, For A Term To Expire 06-30-2023

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

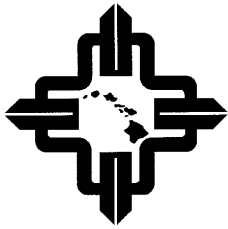
Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of GM 619 and the nomination of Linda Rosen-Debold to serve on the Hawai'i Medical Education Council (Council).

Dr. Rosen is the Chief Executive Officer for the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) and offers over 30 years of experience in the medical field and over 15 years of high-level leadership experience. She has held numerous executive positions such as the former Director of the Department of Health, Medical Director of the Family Health Services Division and Pediatric Emergency Services, Deputy Director for Health Resources Administration and Chief of the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention Systems Branch. She has held faculty appointments with the John A. Burns School of Medicine and is passionate about reducing death, disability and health disparities through the application of a comprehensive public health approach focusing on primary prevention and risk reduction.

Dr. Rosen's collective leadership experiences working with numerous hospitals, systems and agencies statewide, along with her exposure with various educational training programs makes her more than qualified to hold a position on the Council. Her passion and commitment to serving the people of Hawai'i will make her a valuable asset for the Council.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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**Senate Committee on Higher Education**

April 6, 2021  
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**Testimony in Strong Support  
Governor's Message 619**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Medical Education Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, **LINDA ROSEN-DEBOLD, M.D., M.P.H.**, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Juliette Tulang  
Chairperson  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation  
Board of Directors

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC), thank you for the opportunity to present testimony **in strong support of Governor's Message 619**, in consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Medical Education Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, **Dr. Linda Rosen-Debold**, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Dr. Rosen has more than 30 years of experience in the medical field. She has held faculty and administrative positions for more than a two decades.

Dr. Rosen is a pediatrician by training, working in the emergency and critical care and neonatology departments at the Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women and Children from 1985 to 2000. She has also been a faculty member of the John A. Burns School of Medicine since 1987, as assistant and associate professor of pediatrics, and as an associate clinical professor of pediatrics and surgery.

In her previous roles at the Hawaii State Department of Health, Dr. Rosen has served as medical director of the Family Health Services Division and Pediatric Emergency Services, deputy director for Health Resources Administration, and as chief of the Emergency Medical Services and Injury Prevention System Branch, where she was responsible for administering a comprehensive emergency medical services system, including 911 ambulance services, trauma system development, stroke system development, and community injury prevention.

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For the past six years, Dr. Rosen has skillfully led HHSC as its President and Chief Executive Officer, overseeing the finance, personnel and compensation, information systems, quality improvement, policies and procedures, and general operations and management of the HHSC Corporation. With her clinical healthcare background combined with experience in healthcare system-development, Dr. Rosen provides stable leadership to the HHSC regions while empowering county-level management, encouraging system-wide health-care collaboration, shared resources, and unified efforts in seeking continued state funding in support of the high-costs of healthcare business operations.

Dr. Rosen's nomination represents an opportunity for her to contribute decades of knowledge and experience into the important areas of healthcare education, training, and workforce development that the Hawaii Medical Education Council is responsible for. As she has throughout her years at the helm of HHSC, the HHSC Board of Directors is confident that Dr. Rosen will provide the HMEC with informed contributions and innovative leadership.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify before this committee in strong support of Dr. Linda Rosen-Debold.

**GM-619**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Elena Cabatu	Testifying for East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation	Support	No

Comments:

The East Hawaii Region of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation is in full support of Dr. Linda Rosen-Debold's confirmation to the Hawaii Medical Education Council.



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4/5/2021

Recommendation for Hawaii Medical Education Council

Aloha,

I would like to express my strongest recommendation for Linda Rosen to serve on the Hawaii Medical Education Council.

She is an outstanding physician dedicated to the people of Hawaii! She has worked tirelessly for Hawaii for two decades. Her efforts on HMEC will be invaluable and I offer her my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelley Withy MD PhD".

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