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Senate Committee on Health

GM 639, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Kauai County Subarea Health Planning Council

Testimony of Serafin Colmenares, Jr. SHPDA Administrator

Monday, April 5, 2021
1:00 p.m.

1 **Agency's Position:** The State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) supports
2 the nomination and confirmation of Mr. Nicholas Pananganan to the Kauai County Subarea
3 Health Planning Council (KCSAC).

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the
6 KCSAC, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Nicholas Pananganan.

7 Mr. Pananganan obtained his Associate in Arts from the University of Hawaii-Kauai
8 Community College.

9 He is currently an NREMT Instructor at the Kauai Fire Department. He serves as the
10 Kauai Fire Department EMS program director and has various certifications as a hazardous
11 materials technician, National Registry EMT, and as CPR/BLS instructor from the American
12 Heart Association. He has likewise received leadership and incident command system training
13 from the National Fire Academy and FEMA.

14 Mr. Pananganan serves his community as a self-defense instructor, jiu-jitsu instructor,
15 basketball coach, AYSO soccer coach, KIF wrestling and bowling coach, and as a Waimea
16 High School Health Academy guest instructor/speaker.

1 Mr. Pananganan would be an asset to the Council and we ask for your support on the
2 confirmation of Mr. Nicholas Pananganan to the Kauai County Subarea Health Planning
3 Council.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 1:55:37 PM

Testimony for HTH on 4/5/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ron Bush	Testifying for Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council	Support	No

Comments:

I reccommend Nick Pananganan to be a member of the Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council.

I have had the oppportunity to work with Mr. Pananganan for the last 12 years within the Kauai Fire Department. He currently is the Chair of the Kauai Fire Department EMS Training Cadre, a BLS CPR instructor, directs the Hands-Only-CPR community activities for the West side of the island of Kauai, and is involved with other cadres within the Kauai Fire Department. He is also one the lead health advisors for the Waimea High School Academy of Health and Natural Resources. He also teaches youth and adult martial arts.

He is a professional, a hard worker, and possesses a servant heart. As a leader, he encoureges teamwork, critical thinking, and ethical decision making while at the same time provides a strong sense of direction. As a team member, he humbly excels at whatever task at hand.

Mr. Pananganan will be an asset to the Kauai Subarea Helath Planning Council.

Sincerely,

Ronald Bush

Chair

Kauai Subarea Helath Planning Council

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Submitted on: 4/2/2021 9:18:11 PM

Testimony for HTH on 4/5/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mahina Anguay	Testifying for Waimea HS, HIDEO	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Mahina Anguay, and I am the principal of Waimea High School on Kauai. I am writing in support of Nicholas Pananagan and ask that he be considered and confirmed to the Health Planning Council, Kauai Subarea, for a term to expire 06-20-2022.

Nick has been instrumental in helping us set up our very successful Health Academy at Waimea HS. He has volunteered untold number of hours at our school, teaching and certifying students as well as running professional development on first aid, Hands Only CPR, and Stop the Bleed for our entire faculty and staff. He has been able to convince several of his co-workers to also come in and teach/mentor our health students and has been working closely with our teachers to set up our newest class, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). I believe Nick has the skill set necessary to be successful in this position, reviewing certificates of need for the State of Hawaii, as it pertains to health care facilities on Kauai, and I wholeheartedly support his nomination.

Sincerely,

Mahina Anguay

Principal, Waimea High School

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Submitted on: 4/3/2021 8:59:39 AM

Testimony for HTH on 4/5/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chase Crane	Testifying for Kauai Fire Department	Support	No

Comments:

I would like to write this testimony in support of Nicholas Pananganan as health planning council. FFIII Pananganan has done a tremendous amount of work for the Kauai Fire Department and always progressing our department to it's full potential. He is very involved in EMS and constantly teaching not only KFD but also going to high schools and other organizations to educate others. I think he will be a great asset to the health planning council.

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Submitted on: 3/31/2021 2:30:25 PM

Testimony for HTH on 4/5/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jace Schaefer Jr.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha

I support Nicholas Panaganan for Health Planning Council, Kauai Subarea consideration.

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