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## Senate Committee on Health

### GM 640, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Tri-Isle 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 Dr. Carol Petith-Zbiciak to the Tri-Isle Subarea Health  
3 Planning Council (TISAC).

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the  
6 TISAC, Gubernatorial Nominee, Dr. Carol Petith-Zbiciak.

7 Dr. Petith-Zbiciak is currently a retired nursing faculty member at the UH-Maui College  
8 and a family nurse practitioner. She obtained her MS in Nursing as well as her Doctorate in  
9 Nursing Practice from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. In addition to her academic  
10 activities, Dr. Petith-Zbiciak was also active in community and campus activities.

11 She has conducted an assessment of the unmet healthcare service needs of the  
12 homeless population on Maui which provided information on ways to better meet their needs,  
13 increase access to primary care services, reduce unnecessary emergency room visits,  
14 decrease acute care hospital lengths of stay, and reduce costs while improving quality of life.  
15 She also served as vice-chair of the nursing program curriculum committee, among others.

1           Dr. Petith-Zbiciak is a member of various professional organizations such as the  
2 American Academy of Nurse Practitioners, American Nurses Association, Emergency Nurses  
3 Association, and Infusion Nurses Society. She is currently a member of the Tri-Isle Subarea  
4 Health Planning Council.

5           We ask for your support on the confirmation of Dr. Carol Petith-Zbiciak for her to  
6 continue serving the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council.