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Senate Committee on Health

GM 641, Gubernatorial Nominee to the West Oahu 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. Camonia Graham-Tutt to the West Oahu Subarea
3 Health Planning Council (WOSAC).

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the
6 WOSAC, Gubernatorial Nominee, Dr. Camonia Graham-Tutt.

7 Dr. Graham-Tutt has B.S. and M.S. Ed. degrees in health science education from
8 Baylor University and a Ph.D. degree in sociology from Howard University. Currently an
9 assistant professor at the University of Hawaii-West Oahu, she previously worked as
10 junior/senior researcher at the University of Hawaii Cancer Center where she developed health
11 education programming for school-based settings.

12 Prior to her move to Hawaii in 2011, Dr. Graham-Tutt was a faculty fellow in the
13 Department of Kinesiology at the University of Texas Arlington. She also had a stint as a
14 grants program assistant at the National Science Foundation, and as a research assistant for
15 the Black Women's Health Imperative.

1 She has been active professionally and as a member of the community – she is part of
2 the Presidential Emerging Leaders Program at the UH System, a member of the Board of
3 Directors of the Hawaii Public Health Association, organizer of the Undergraduate Student
4 Research Symposium at UH-West Oahu, and board secretary for the Susan G. Komen for the
5 Cure, Hawaii Affiliate, among others. In addition, she has attended and presented at various
6 conferences, and has several publications to her credit.

7 With her expertise, experience and commitment to the community, Dr. Graham-Tutt will
8 be an asset to the Council.

9 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Dr. Camonia Graham-Tutt as a member
10 to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.