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**WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 779**

Dear Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, it is with great humility that I write this letter of support for Doreen Nakamura, DNP, NEA-BC, CCM, Director of Clinical Care at UHA Health Insurance, for reconfirmation to the Advisory Board of the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing. In her one year of service, she has already demonstrated her commitment to HSCN's goals and mandates as well as to the nursing workforce of Hawai'i.

Dr. Nakamura has expertise in care management, health services utilization, patient-centered care coordination, and regulatory guidelines, to name a few. Her expertise and leadership is critical in guiding and advising the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing in achieving our short term strategic priorities: supporting advanced practice nursing transition to practice and addressing the needs of community-based health care management teams. In addition, as we near 50% of nursing roles located outside of the hospital, it is important that nursing and health care leaders knowledgeable about insurance, regulation, and community-based care guide the Center for Nursing in setting and achieving goals relative to our changing environment. Such insights and experience-based guidance will help the Center achieve our ultimate vision of ensuring Hawai'i has the right nurses in the right settings of care and geographies so that all people of Hawai'i receive high quality care when they need it and where they need it.

Dr. Nakamura is an established leader at UHA Health Insurance with 35 years of experience in hospital, community, and health insurance as well as over 10 years leading evidence-based practice, mentorship, and team development programs. She excels in developing nurses into leaders and patient advocates, engaging community partners, and improving quality of care through utilization of research-based best practices. As an organizational leader and a nurse leader, Dr. Nakamura exudes key characteristics that will enable the Center for Nursing to continue to grow in the direction that our nurses and our state need.

Thank you for your consideration of Dr. Nakamura for the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board position.

Warmly,

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