



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Senate Committee on Higher Education  
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GM 809 – Submitting For Consideration And Confirmation To The Hawai'i Medical Education Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARY ANN ANTONELLI, 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 809 and the nomination of Dr. Mary Ann Antonelli to serve on the Hawai'i Medical Education Council (Council). Dr. Mary Ann Antonelli would represent a hospital at which accredited graduate medical education programs are conducted as required by the Charter. Dr. Antonelli is the Associate Chief of Staff for Education at the Veteran's Affairs (VA) Pacific Islands Health Care System and offers over 20 years of high-level leadership experience.

Dr. Antonelli's longstanding established career working in medical education spans over 50 years, illustrating her dedication and commitment to future generations. She has held numerous faculty positions with the University of Hawai'i, John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) beginning in 1979 as a Clinical Assistant Professor, then becoming a Professor of Medicine in 2000. The VA continues to be a longstanding and valuable partner of JABSOM, providing sites throughout Hawai'i, including the neighbor islands of Hawai'i Island, Maui and Kaua'i, and the Pacific, which serve as excellent clinical rotation sites for our residents in Family Medicine and Psychiatry, as well as our Fellowships in Geriatrics, Addiction Psychiatry, and Addiction Medicine.

Dr. Antonelli's continued support has proven her to be a strong advocate of Graduate Medical Education and a valuable asset for the Council.

We stand in strong support of Dr. Antonelli'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.

**GM-809**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Susan Pcola_Davis	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support the nomination for consideration and confirmation

Mary Ann Antonelli

Hawai'i Medical Education Council

Expiration Date: June 30, 2023

I had the privilege of working with Dr. Antonelli for several years at the VA Pacific Islands Healthcare System.

What impressed me about her was her ability to maintain her professionalism in an institution that was and is quite complex.

Dr. Antonelli maintained her balanced and equilibrium by staying focused on her mission for our veterans. She never lost sight of her mission.

Dr. Antonelli has an inner strength that is hard to match. She continually displayed her commitment despite some challenges from peers. She has a depth of knowledge that can only strengthen the Council.

She is steadfast and will be a strong, committed member of the Hawaii Medical Education Council. Please confirm her nomination.