

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3621

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 526,
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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 526 and 527, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL, HONOLULU SUBAREA

G.M. No. 526 CHARLENE TAKENO,
for a term to expire 06-30-2024; and

G.M. No. 527 WESLEY SUMIDA,
for a term to expire 06-30-2025,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Charlene Takeno and Wesley Sumida for service on the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea.

CHARLENE TAKENO

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Charlene Takeno from the State Health Planning and Development Agency, Parents And Children Together, and four individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Takeno's experience in the field of community development, commitment to public service, and dedication to improving the health of the community, qualify her for appointment to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea. Ms. Takeno is currently the



Community Developer at Parents And Children Together, a community-based social service agency that promotes meaningful and healthy relationships between parents and children, through an array of social services. As the Community Developer, Ms. Takeno leads and facilitates initiatives that promote community impact and self-determination to build strong and engaged community and local community leaders. Prior to this, Ms. Takeno served as the Program Director at the Hawaii State Judiciary Children's Justice Center of Oahu, the Program Analyst for the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, and the Coordinator at the Hawaii State Department of the Attorney General Missing Child Center-Hawaii. Ms. Takeno earned a Master of Education with emphasis on Instructional Design from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a Bachelor's degree in Journalism from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Your Committee notes that Ms. Takeno has served as an interim member of the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, since July 2021, and is already familiar with its work. Your Committee therefore recommends that Charlene Takeno be appointed to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea based on her experience in community development and commitment to improving the health of the community.

WESLEY SUMIDA

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Wesley Sumida from the State Health Planning and Development Agency, and two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Dr. Sumida's experience in the field of pharmacy, commitment to public service, and dedication to improving the health of the community, qualify him for reappointment to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea. Dr. Sumida is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Hawaii at Hilo, Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy. He previously served as an Adjunct Assistance Professor at the John A. Burns Schools of Medicine and faculty at Lau Ola Native Hawaiian Health Clinic. Prior to his academic career, he worked at Kaiser Permanente for approximately twenty-two years in various pharmaceutical positions, culminating in the Director of Inpatient Pharmacy. He also was a pharmacist at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, Washington. Dr. Sumida is active in the community, having volunteered for various coronavirus disease 2019 vaccination clinics, health screenings, and provided education throughout the State. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Pharmacists Association



and is a member of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists, American College of Clinical Pharmacy, and American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. Dr. Sumida has earned numerous awards throughout his career, including the Faculty Service Award at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, the Pharmacy Leadership Award from the Hawaii Pharmacists Association, and the Kaiser Permanente Exceptional Contribution Award. Dr. Sumida has a Doctor of Pharmacy and a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the University of Washington, School of Pharmacy. Your Committee notes that Mr. Sumida currently serves on the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea, has been Council Chair since 2019, and therefore is already familiar with the its work. Your Committee therefore recommends that Wesley Sumida be reappointed to the Health Planning Council, Honolulu Subarea based on his experience in pharmacy and commitment to improving the health of the community.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



JERRETT KEOHOKALO, Chair



