

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Vice-Chair  
State Capitol Senate Committee on Health  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Vice-Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

Thank you for consideration for the State Health Planning and Development Honolulu Subarea Council (SAC). My name is Charlene Takeno and I work as a Community Developer for Parents and Children Together (PACT), I have vast experiences working with many different agencies and organizations which has given me a wide range of perspectives on many different things including healthcare. I am able to listen, assess, and ask questions as needed to make informed decisions about the problem at hand and make recommendations.

On the onset of Covid-19, no one was prepared and did not expected the long lasting impact to so many families, especially the youth. The pandemic has highlighted the inequalities and inequities within the healthcare system which was prevalent in the beginning when so many Pacific Islanders/COFA families were affected by Covid. The hardest part of the pandemic was uncertainty or not having all the information. In order to meet the needs of the families that Parents and Children Together (PACT) serve, we partnered with many different agencies and organizations to provide food, computers, internet hotspots, clothes, and lunches for the families. It took a coordinated effort among many different agencies to help the families with everyday needs. The pandemic has helped agencies to re-assess and make systemic change

Since many of the Honolulu Council members have a health background, I will be representing the community and give input and feedback from a community perspective. I would like to be the voice for these groups who are not able to speak the language and assess the situation, listen to what the people want and need, and not just implement something that others think is what they want without asking the people that it will affect. I have come to understand the disparity of so many services to the families of Kalihi and as a member of the Health Planning Council, represent not only those families but all of the families of Honolulu so everyone can have access to appropriate healthcare.

I have been serving as an interim member on the council since August 2021. This confirmation would allow you to continue your work on the SAC. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 808-754-3882 or email me at [ctakeno@pacthawaii.org](mailto:ctakeno@pacthawaii.org). Once again, thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



Charlene Takeno

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February 15, 2022

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
The Honorable Rosalyn Baker, Vice-Chair  
Senate Committee on Health

Re: GM 526 – Testimony in Support of Charlene Takeno for the Health Planning Council,  
Honolulu Subarea

Friday, February 18, 2022  
1:00 p.m., Via Videoconference

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Vice-Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

I am respectfully writing in strong support of gubernatorial nominee Charlene Takeno for the Honolulu Area Planning Council; advisory council to the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

Charlene currently serves as Community Developer in Parents And Children Together's (PACT) Family and Economic Opportunity Center. She will be an asset to the planning council in its work in reviewing Certificate Of Need (CON) applications, actively seek input from the community on health concerns and problems, and making recommendations related to health planning for the Honolulu subarea she serves.

I have known Charlene for 20 years in a professional and personal capacity. We worked together at the Attorney General's Office for many years. She is by far one of the finest and most memorable people I have had the pleasure and privilege of working with. Charlene is extremely committed to her profession and is always looking at ways to improve and make a difference in our community. She is diligent, intelligent, hard-working, compassionate, resourceful, dependable, and has an extremely positive attitude. At the Attorney General's Office, we collaborated on many projects and trainings and I have seen how exceptional she is working, interacting, and connecting with a multitude of people with various backgrounds and interests with ease and efficiency. In fact, both my children have volunteered for Charlene on different community projects over the years.

Charlene has always been actively engaged in our community. She is committed to her family, her children, and improving our state. She thrives in a life with purpose and accountability so I believe she will do well on this planning council. Respectfully, I ask that you strongly consider Charlene as she has dedicated her life to public service.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify **in support of Charlene Takeno.**

Very truly yours,



Kristin E. Izumi-Nitao



**TO:** Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health

**FROM:** Ryan Kusumoto, President & CEO of Parents And Children Together (PACT)

**DATE/LOCATION:** Friday, February 10, 2022; 1:00 p.m., Videoconference

**RE: GM 526 TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF CHARLENE TAKENO FOR THE HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL, HONOLULU SUBAREA**

**We support Charlene Takeno, gubernatorial nominee, for the Honolulu Area Health Planning Council; advisory council to the State Health Planning and Development Agency.**

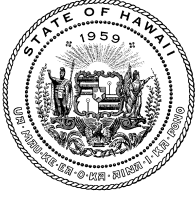
Charlene currently serves as Community Developer in our Family and Economic Opportunity Center and has vast experience serving individuals and communities across the island through her work serving in government agencies, for profit and non-profit organizations. She is a dedicated community leader who brings a steadfast commitment to the well-being of our communities and to the children and families of Hawaii.

Charlene is a patient listener, thoughtful collaborator, and humble leader. Her diverse employment and volunteer experiences give her a broad perspective about community context, and the issues, needs, and opportunities for creating thriving communities. In her current work, she connects with clients, service providers, and various sectors and leaders of our community (health providers, law enforcement, education, business, etc.) and works to uplift the voice of the individuals and families we serve. She coordinates our Kalihi neighborhood coalition and community/resident leadership council and has a deep understanding of the barriers to and needs for strengthening community health and well-being, particularly for underserved and under-resourced communities.

As our communities rebound from the disruptive effects of the COVID pandemic, it will be critical for health council members to focus on drawing wisdom from the individual and cultural values that have contributed and will continue to contribute to healthy, sustainable and thriving communities here in Hawaii. The values of being deeply rooted in and invested in the communities we serve and honoring the wisdom of the people we serve are key aspects that Charlene will bring to the group. We are confident that she will be an asset to the planning council in its work in reviewing Certificate Of Need (CON) applications and making recommendations related to health planning for the Honolulu subarea she serves.

Founded in 1968, Parents And Children Together (PACT) is one of Hawaii's not-for-profit organizations providing a wide array of innovative and educational social services to under-resourced families. Assisting more than 17,000 people across the state annually, PACT helps families identify, address and successfully resolve challenges through its 20 programs. Among its services are: early education programs, domestic violence prevention and intervention programs, child abuse prevention and intervention programs, childhood sexual abuse supportive group services, child and adolescent behavioral health programs, sex trafficking intervention, poverty prevention and community strengthening programs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of Charlene Takeno**, please contact me at (808) 847-3285 or [rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org](mailto:rkusumoto@pacthawaii.org) if you have any questions.



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## Senate Committee on Health

### GM 526, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council

#### Testimony of Darryl Shutter Acting SHPDA Administrator

Friday, February 18, 2022  
1:00 p.m.

1 **Agency's Position:** The State Health Planning and Development Agency supports the  
2 nomination and confirmation of Charlene Takeno to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning  
3 Council.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the  
6 Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Charlene Takeno.

7 Ms. Takeno has served as an interim member of the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning  
8 Council since July 2021.

9 Ms. Takeno is currently the Community Developer at the Parents and Children  
10 Together, a community-based social service agency, promotes meaningful and healthy  
11 relationships between parents and children, through an array of social services. As the  
12 Community Developer, Ms. Takeno leads and facilitates initiatives that promote community  
13 impact and self-determination to build strong and engaged community and local community  
14 leaders. Prior to this, Ms. Takeno served as the Program Director at the Hawaii State  
15 Judiciary Children's Justice Center of Oahu; the Program Analyst for the High Intensity Drug

1 Trafficking Area; and the Coordinator at the Hawaii State Department of the Attorney General  
2 Missing Child Center-Hawaii.

3 Ms. Takeno is committed to Hawaii's communities. She has volunteered countless  
4 hours at the Diamond Head Theatre, Imabrightkid Foundation, Farrington Performing Arts, and  
5 the Friends of the Missing Child Center-Hawaii.

6 Ms. Takeno has a Master of Education with emphasis on Instructional Design from the  
7 University of Hawaii at Manoa and a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Journalism and a minor in  
8 Psychology from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

9 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Charlene Takeno, enabling her to  
10 continue to serve on the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council.

Testimony of Brian Furuto  
Presented to the  
Senate Committee on Health

In consideration of:  
Governor's Message 526  
Gubernatorial Nominee Charlene Takeno  
For the Health Planning Council

Friday, February 18, 2022

Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Baker and members of the committee:

I am writing in strong support of the passage of GM 526, gubernatorial nominee Charlene S. Takeno for the Health Planning Council. Ms. Takeno is currently a program manager for Parents and Children Together (PACT), one of Honolulu's leading non-profits in health and education based in Kalihi. Her work, however, goes beyond what she does professionally. Each month she spends countless hours volunteering time with other organizations to meet their own mission and reach their goals. Many of these organizations are vastly different in who they serve and where they are located; there are organizations that work to better youth sports, improve public safety, or broaden public health. No matter their purpose or who they serve, they all have one goal: to better our community through helping to protect and shape the lives of our keiki. And, many of these organizations are effective in meeting their goal because of Ms. Takeno's tireless efforts and dedication.

I respectfully ask that your committee approve the gubernatorial appointment of Ms. Charlene S. Takeno for the Health Planning Council and move it to the full Senate body for passage.





**TO:** Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Senate Committee on Health

**FROM:** Judy R. Kawano, Assistant Program Administrator (Retired), Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Services Division; National Children's Alliance, Grant Award No. 2018-CI-FX-K001 Grant Coordinator (2019-2020)

**DATE/LOCATION:** Friday, February 18, 2022; 1:00 p.m., via Videoconference

**RE: GM526, TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF CHARLENE TAKENO FOR THE HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL, HONOLULU SUBAREA**

**I support Charlene Takeno, gubernatorial nominee, for the Honolulu Area Health Planning Council; advisory council to the State Health Planning and Development Agency.**

- Charlene currently serves as Community Developer in Parents And Children Together's (PACT) Family and Economic Opportunity Center.
- She will be an asset to the planning council in its work in reviewing Certificate Of Need (CON) applications, actively seeking input from the community on health concerns and problems, and making recommendations related to health planning for the Honolulu subarea she serves.
- As the Hawaii State Department of the Attorney General, Missing Child Center-Hawaii Coordinator in 2014, Charlene was instrumental in the development of the Department of Human Services (DHS), Child Welfare Services (CWS) Division's human trafficking protocol in compliance with Public Law 113-183-The Preventing Sex Trafficking and Strengthening Families Act and Public Law 114-22-Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015. Charlene helped to identify and convene representatives from various agencies, including State, Federal, and County law enforcement, the Juvenile Justice system, other government agencies, and service providers to help design a coordinated response and training for personnel.
- In her capacity as the Hawaii State Judiciary, Children's Justice Center (CJC) of O`ahu Program Director, Charlene applied for and administered the National Children's Alliance grant awarded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Department of Justice, Grant Award No. 2018-CI-FX-K001, to create an infrastructure which institutionalizes multi-system collaboration to provide a coordinated network of trauma-informed, victim-centered services and supports to improve outcomes for child and youth victims of child abuse. Charlene spearheaded efforts by the CJC under this grant to increase communication, collaboration, and networking among all five branches of the military, Child Welfare Services, federal/state/local law enforcement, the Judiciary, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, and service providers to establish a coordinated response to reports of child abuse. Between July 2019 and January 2020, ten planning/coordination meetings, four multi-disciplinary team meetings, three trainings, one summit, updated Memorandums of Agreement with all five branches of the military and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS), and quarterly CJC orientation meetings were completed.

RE: GM526, TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF CHARLENE TAKENO FOR THE HEALTH  
PLANNING COUNCIL, HONOLULU SUBAREA

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of Charlene Takeno**, please contact me at (808) 281-5750 or [jrkawano@gmail.com](mailto:jrkawano@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

**GM-526**

Submitted on: 2/17/2022 10:27:11 AM

Testimony for HTH on 2/18/2022 1:00:00 PM

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Fred Shaw	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To:

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair

Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

Re: Consideration and confirmation of Charlene Takeno to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council

To: Chair Jarrett Keohokalole and Vice Chair Rosalyn H. Baker

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of the nomination of Charlene Takeno to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council.

I have known Charlene Takeno for over 20 years, since Charlene was working in the Hawaii State Attorney General's office. I know her to be a hardworking, committed individual who contributes to the advancement of Hawaii through her professional and volunteer work. With her experience as a developer with the Parents and Children Together program, she will bring much needed community representation to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council.

As a past member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, and present member of the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council, I know Charlene will make a valuable contribution to our work.

I support the nomination of Charlene Takeno to serve on the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council.

Sincerely,

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