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Senate Committee on Health

GM 527, 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 Dr. Wesley Sumida 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, Dr. Wesley Sumida.

7 Dr. Sumida has been an active member since joining the Honolulu Subarea Health
8 Planning Council in 2018 and since 2019 has served as the Council Chair.

9 Dr. Sumida is currently an Associate Professor at the University of Hawaii at Hilo,
10 Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, and served as an Adjunct Assistance Professor at the
11 John A. Burns Schools of Medicine 2019-2021. He also served as faculty at Lau Ola Native
12 Hawaiian Health Clinic. Prior to his academic career, he worked at Kaiser Permanente for
13 approximately 22 years in various pharmaceutical positions, culminating Director of Inpatient
14 Pharmacy. He also was a Pharmacist at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, Washington.

15 Dr. Sumida is active in the community. He volunteered for various COVID-19
16 vaccination clinics, health screenings and provided education throughout the State. He

1 currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Pharmacists Association and is a
2 member of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists, American College of Clinical
3 Pharmacy, and American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. He is also affiliated with
4 several professional organizations including the Hawaii Pharmacists Association, American
5 Society of Health System Pharmacists, American College of Clinical Pharmacy, and the
6 American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

7 He has earned numerous awards throughout his career. He is the recipient of the
8 Faculty Service Award at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy, the Pharmacy Leadership
9 Award from the Hawaii Pharmacists Association, and the Kaiser Permanente Exceptional
10 Contribution Award in 2004.

11 Dr. Sumida has a Doctor of Pharmacy and a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from the
12 University of Washington, School of Pharmacy.

13 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Dr. Wesley Sumida, enabling him to
14 continue to serve on the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council.

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Submitted on: 2/15/2022 3:22:25 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Ronald Taniguchi, Pharm.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

In support of this appointment. Mahalo



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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to offer my strong support for Wesley Sumida, PharmD, for appointment to the Honolulu Subarea Health Planning Council (HONSAC).

I am a Professor at Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy (DKICP) and a health economist. I have been a member of the advisory committee to HONSAC since 2011 and have served as the Vice Chair.

I have known Dr. Sumida since 2014 when he joined the faculty of the DKICP. He is an experienced clinical pharmacist who served for many years as the Director of Inpatient Pharmacy at Kaiser Permanente. Since joining the DKICP, he has worked closely with faculty from the Department of Native Hawaiian Health and has been instrumental in providing our pharmacy students, half of whom are from outside of Hawaii, with exposure to the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander cultures.

Dr. Sumida's research has focused on reducing health disparities for Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Peoples. I believe his clinical expertise and interest in eliminating disparities make him well qualified for the appointment. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at dtjuarez@hawaii.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah Taira".

Deborah Taira, ScD
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