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## Senate Committee on Health

### GM 748, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council

#### Testimony of Darryl Shutter Acting SHPDA Administrator

Friday, April 8, 2022  
1:00 p.m.

1 **Agency's Position:** The State Health Planning and Development Agency supports the  
2 nomination and confirmation of Dr. Stacy Haumea to the Hawaii County Subarea Health  
3 Planning Council.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the  
6 Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Dr. Stacy Haumea.

7 Dr. Haumea is currently the Health Enhancement Director, Clinical Provider, Registered  
8 Dietician Nutritionist, Certified Diabetes Care, and Education Specialist at Hui Malama Ola Na  
9 O'iwi, Hawaii Island. She is a Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator and has a  
10 variety of experiences including Researcher and Diabetes Research Educator for the  
11 Research Cooperation of Hawaii; Grant Reviewer, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics,  
12 Chicago, Illinois; and, Mid-level Nutritionist, Bay Clinic, Inc., serving Hilo, Kea'au, Pahoa, and  
13 Ka'u.

14 Dr. Haumea is the current Board President of the YMCA Hawaii Island and an active  
15 member of several organizations including the Hawaii Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Na  
16 Kalai Wa'a, Big Island Nutrition Council, Aloha Aina Party, and Na Wahine 'O Kamehameha.

1           Dr. Haumea has a Doctor of Behavior Health and Bachelor of Science in Nutrition from  
2 the Arizona State University, and a Master of Public Health in Nutrition from the University of  
3 Hawaii at Manoa.

4           We ask for your support on the confirmation of Dr. Stacy Haumea to serve on the  
5 Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council.

**GM-748**

Submitted on: 4/6/2022 9:10:47 AM

Testimony for HTH on 4/8/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Charlotte Grimm	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support Stacy Haumea for this position. She is a registered dietician with years of experience. She works for a Hawaiian health organization, Hui Malama in Hilo

I have known Stacy for many years as a colleague and friend. She is professional and compassionate

**GM-748**

Submitted on: 4/6/2022 1:54:48 PM

Testimony for HTH on 4/8/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Ulupuamahinamaikalani Peleiholani-Blankenfeld	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am in support of this nominee, Stacy Haumea, in being considered as part of the Health Planning Council.

**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair  
Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki  
Senator Kurt Fevella  
Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

DATE: Friday, April 8, 2022

TIME: 1:00 PM

PLACE: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

TESTIMONY IN **SUPPORT** OF THE CONFIRMATION OF  
**STACY HAUMEA** TO THE HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL, HAWAII COUNTY SUBAREA

Honorable Chair Keohokalole, Vice-Chair Baker, and members of the committee, I wish to submit this testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Dr. Stacy Haumea to the Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea. In my role as Professor and Chair of Native Hawaiian Health at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, I have worked closely with Dr. Haumea for over 7 years on two National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded research projects aimed at improving the health and wellbeing of Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.

Dr. Haumea is well qualified to serve on this council and represent the people of Hawai'i County. She is a very active health care provider on Hawai'i Island with a doctorate in behavioral health. She is also a certified diabetes educator and registered dietician. She is part of the medical team at Hui Mālama Ola Nā 'Ōiwi, the Native Hawaiian Health Care System on Hawai'i Island. In addition to having real-world clinical experience, she has been active as a community investigator on NIH-funded research projects aimed at developing and testing culturally-responsive community-based health promotion programs to address the disproportionately higher rates of heart disease among Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders.

I cannot think of anyone else more qualified and deserving to serve on this council than Dr. Haumea who gives so much of herself to her patients and community.

Mahalo nui for your consideration.

Me ke aloha,



Joseph Keawe'aimoku Kaholokula, PhD  
Professor and Chair of Native Hawaiian Health, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa  
State of Hawai'i Licensed Clinical Psychologist

**GM-748**

Submitted on: 4/6/2022 8:58:52 PM

Testimony for HTH on 4/8/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Danita Narciso	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I would like to offer my testimony in support for Stacy Haumea for Subarea Health Council Board Member. I have known Stacy for over 10 years. Our relationship began professionally at a community health center. I was blessed to be able to observe and be mentored by a true ambassador of compassionate, patient focused care. This health center cared for an underserved population in the community and this nominee seemed created for such outreach. Since that time, this nominee, has positioned herself intellectually to maximize the service she can provide to her patients and ultimately promote the betterment of an entire community. This is evident by her many academic credentials. Presently, I continue to see this nominee, my friend, as a model for the approach I take to patient care in my practice and how I would like shape my life and family personally. It's rare to know some one who so admirably navigates through life with such grace and drive. She would bring these aforementioned qualities as well as fair mindedness, determination, and resolve to any organizing body. Thanks you for considering these words as testimony for this nominee for this position.

**THE SENATE  
THE THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE  
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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

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**DATE:** Friday, April 8, 2022  
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**TESTIMONY OF Dr. Shelley Soong**

In support of GM 748 and GM 749

**GM 748**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health  
Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea, Gubernatorial  
Nominee, **STACY HAUMEA**, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

AND

**GM 749**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health  
Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea, Gubernatorial  
Nominee, **STACY HAUMEA**, for a term to expire 06-30-2026.

I am a community member and staff at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine's Department of Native Hawaiian Health. I wish to submit this testimony in strong support of the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, DR. STACY HAUMEA

Dr. Stacy Haumea has worked in collaboration with community leaders and researchers to address cardiometabolic health in underserved communities in Hawai'i. Throughout this time, she has gained leadership experience in working collaboratively with health organizations, institutions, community based organizations and grassroots organizations serving Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (NHPs). She has the knowledge, experience and skillset to successfully plan and conduct community health initiatives for NHPs in Hawai'i, particularly in Hawaii County. She also has substantial expertise in community health organizing, strategic planning, and project management. These opportunities have given her the experience to confidently oversee and manage complex multi-stakeholder projects focused on achieving NHP health and well-being.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Dr. Shelley Soong



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Clinical Nutrition Manager  
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To whom it may concern:

Re: Letter of Support for Dr. Stacy Haumea

Stacy has informed me that she intends to serve on the State Subarea Health Council Board for Hawaii County and requested a letter of support. I have worked professionally with Stacy Haumea for the past 4 years in various roles as a HAND board member and Registered Dietitian at Hilo Medical Center.

Stacy would make the ideal candidate for the Health Council Board for Hawaii County. First and foremost, as a Registered Dietitian, Stacy is an expert in the field of dietetics. Stacy has worked alongside Hilo Medical Center clinicians as an outpatient referral source specializing in the area of diabetes education and maintains the Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist (CDCES) credential. She maintains her own private practice and has much experience navigating the complicated CMS payment system and is credentialed with local health insurance companies as a provider. A critical piece to implementing health care measures to improve health outcomes is behavioral change. Stacy has obtained a Master's degree in Public Health and a Doctorate degree in Behavioral Health, these degrees have not only assisted her in her practice, but would also serve her well in the role as a board member.

More recently Stacy has worked with the federally funded healthcare program Hui Malama Ola Na 'Oiwī in continuing her public service. She continues to see patients





referred from Hilo Medical Center and from the community to improve their health. I also have served on the HAND (Hawaii Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics) board, where Stacy has served as past president. She is familiar with the political challenges that the community faces in advocating for the resources for improving the health of our community.

Preventing chronic illness is desperately needed in our state. Hawaii residents struggle with high incidence of diabetes and kidney disease and a lack of resources to tackle these issues, putting further strain on our health care system. Nominating Stacy for the role of Hawaii County Health Council Board would give the board critical insight and strategies to tackle the complex issues faced with public health.

Sincerely,

**GM-748**

Submitted on: 4/7/2022 12:28:07 PM

Testimony for HTH on 4/8/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Cyd L. Hoffeld	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee on Health,

My name is Cyd Hoffeld, a Kanaka Maoli resident of Hawai'i Island, and strong supporter GM748 and the confirmation of STACY HAUMEA, to the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea.

I have had the great pleasure and honor of working with Dr. Haumea in the field of healthcare for many years. We need her expertise and ability to discern the types of services that are needed in our underserved communities.

She is a treasure in our Native Hawaiian Health System and well respected member of our community. She knows firsthand our greatest needs and the resources that would best serve our rural populations.

Please join me in strongly supporting GM748.

Mahalo piha!