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## Senate Committee on Health

### GM 749, 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-749**

Submitted on: 4/7/2022 11:05:49 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>
Wendy Botelho-Cortez	Testifying for Island of Hawaii YMCA	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Island of Hawaii YMCA supports Dr. Stacy Haumea for this appointment as she is knowledgeable of the subject of Health and community. Dr. Haumea understands the needs of the community health issues and needs. She is humble, understanding and an excellent listener. Dr. Haumea will listen with both her mind and heart at the same time. Dr. Haumea sits on the Volunteer Board of Directors at the Island of Hawaii YMCA, in the Executive Committee, serving as the Secretary and currently as the Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Haumea comes highly recommended from the Island of Hawaii YMCA.

**GM-749**

Submitted on: 4/6/2022 8:04:55 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>
Janice Ikeda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

April 6, 2022

Re: Nomination of Stacy Haumea to the State Subarea Health Council for Hawai'i County

Aloha Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

It is my pleasure to support the nomination of Stacy Haumea to the State Subarea Health Council for Hawai'i County. I have known Stacy personally and professionally for 3 years.

Stacy has demonstrated her commitment to the community health and her leadership capacity through her service on the Big Island Nutrition Council, Hale Ola Hawaiian Healing Institute, and volunteering to serve on many local boards. Stacy is a Registered Dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator and generously shares her 'ike of medicinal plants with community to promote awareness of native Hawaiian health and healing resources and practices.

As the Executive Director for Vibrant Hawai'i, I have worked with Stacy on several occasions, beginning in 2020 at the onset of the pandemic when Vibrant Hawai'i received a grant to provide food boxes to kupuna who were advised to stay at home. Stacy partnered with us and designed a healthy 1-week menu for kupuna using mainly shelf stable food items. We continue to utilize this resource to create and distribute healthy food boxes for keiki while they are out of school. I reached out again to Stacy in 2021 to present to our Health and Wellbeing Stream about nutrition and the health benefits of māmaki. As a result, attending community members supported an initiative to increase the community's integration of māmaki into their daily use, and Vibrant Hawai'i partnered with a local māmaki farmer to develop "Vibrant Hawai'i" labeled bags of māmaki for community distribution.

Stacy Haumea is a humble, grounded, hardworking and exemplary leader for Hawai'i County. Our community trusts her subject matter expertise and care in delivery of education and services. She is an advocate for native Hawaiians, rural communities, and equitable access to health and wellbeing resources.

I believe Stacy Haumea is an ideal candidate for the State Subarea Health Council for Hawai'i County and encourage your strong support of her nomination.

Sincerely,

Janice Ikeda, MA

**GM-749**

Submitted on: 4/6/2022 8:40:29 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>
David Kurohara	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Sen Keaohokalole and Sen. Baker

Committee on Health

I am submitting written testimony in support of Dr. Stacy Haumea to be an active participant of the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea, 2026. Dr. Haumea has developed valuable services coupling traditional medical visits with dietary treatment and monitoring and helped improved the health of many patients. She serves on a non profit board as president of the Island of Hawaii YMCA and is active in the community through the programs of the Y. Dr. Haumea is an excellent candidate for this position and would serve her community and constituents well.

**GM-749**

Submitted on: 4/6/2022 1:56:29 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 Committee with a term ending 6-30-2026.

**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  
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Karl Sloss RDN, LD  
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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,