

March 28, 2023

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Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

415 S. Beretania St., Room 213

Honolulu, HI 96813

**RE: Nomination of Robert Shroder to Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle subarea**

In response to your letter dated March 28, 2023 regarding my nomination to the Tri-Isle subarea council, here is the information you requested. I will list the questions you asked and then my responses.

Why do I wish to be a member of the HPC, Tri-isle Subarea council:

I am a full-time resident of Maui and this will be my permanent home for the rest of my life. I have been a healthcare executive for over 40 years, including 14 years as a President/Chief Executive Officer of a large multi-hospital system. I believe that my extensive healthcare experience, including experience in community needs assessment and planning, could be very beneficial in helping to identify health needs of our area and develop strategies to meet those needs.

How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of this council:

I have been fortunate to have served on this subarea council for the last year, so I am familiar with its functions. The most important responsibilities, in my mind, are to help identify the local healthcare needs, help set health priorities for our area, and to review and recommend to the State the Certificate of Need Applications from our area.

Why do I believe that I am qualified for the position?

As I mentioned before, I have been a healthcare executive for over 40 years. I have extensive experience in healthcare organizations, including serving on the American Hospital Association Regional Policy Board, the Ohio Hospital Association Board of Trustees, and Summa Health System Board. I have also served on various non healthcare boards such as the Miami University Board of Trustees, Board member of the Mental Health Board of Summit County, and Board member of the Youngstown Chamber of Commerce. For many of these boards, I served in leadership roles.

My professional experiences and personal skills are extensive in the areas of strategy planning, operational analysis, communications, and management. I have attached my full resume to this letter.

What do you hope to accomplish during your term?

I hope to see tangible evidence that our subarea council has not only identified community healthcare needs, but that we helped implement strategies and programs that addressed those identified needs. I also think we can learn from other area councils and adopt best practices throughout the State of Hawaii.

Name three qualities that best describes me and make me stand out?

Good communication skills- I listen and I can express myself well, orally or in writing.

Hard working- If there is a job to be done, I will do it well and promptly.

Highest Ethics- Do the right thing for the right reasons.

Name one previous experience that makes me stand out?

This is a difficult question for me, but having to pick one, I would pick being awarded the Ohio Hospital Association Distinguished Service Award. This is given

to one person per year in the state who has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills in the healthcare field. I was deeply honored to be given that award.

Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests in serving?

No.

I hope this letter gives you the information that you and your committee need to positively act on my nomination. Thank you for your consideration.

Robert W. Shroder



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**Senate Committee on Health and Human Services**

**GM 557, Gubernatorial Nominee to the  
Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council**

**Testimony of Darryl Shutter  
Acting SHPDA Administrator**

**Friday, March 31, 2023  
1:05 p.m.**

**Agency's Position:** The State Health Planning and Development Agency supports the nomination and confirmation of Robert Shroder to the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council.

**Fiscal Implications:** None

**Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Candidate, Robert Shroder to the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council.

Mr. Shroder has served as an interim member of the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council since 2022.

Mr. Shroder is an accomplished healthcare executive with a strong record of success in hospital administration. He served as the Executive Vice President/COO at Mercy Health Youngstown (formerly Humility of Mary Health Partners) for 14 years. Prior to that he served as the Executive Vice President of Operations at Mercy Health

Youngstown; the Administrator/COO at St. Joseph Health Center; and the Executive Vice-President/COO at the Barberton Citizens and Harper Hospitals.

Mr. Shroder holds a Masters degree in Hospital and Health Administration with a concentration in Finance and a Bachelors degree in public administration. He is a distinguished fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and was recognized as the Youngstown Regional Chamber Spirit of the Valley Honoree; the Outstanding Leader by the American Cancer Society; and recipient of the Ohio Hospital Association Distinguished Service Award.

Mr. Shroder was appointed to the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council in 2022 and currently serves as the Vice Chair. He also served on numerous boards including the American Hospital Association Regional Policy Board, the Ohio Hospital Association Board of Trustees, and Summa Health System Board. Mr. Shroder also served on various non-healthcare boards and initiatives such as the Miami University Board of Trustees, the American Health Association Heart Walk and the Mask Up Maui initiative. Mr. Shroder brings a wealth of health care experience and passion to the Council.

We ask for your support on the confirmation of Robert Shroder to enable him to continue his services to the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council.