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Joy A. San Buenaventura
Chair, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Hawaii State Senator
District 2, Puna

Dear Senator San Buenaventura,

I am honored to be nominated to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. I have served on the Kaua'i County Subarea Health Planning since 2016 and it is a privilege to serve my community.

I want to apologize in advance, I have a prior commitment on April 5th at 1pm and will not be able to attend The Health and Human Services Committee hearing. I appreciate you taking the time today to speak to me in advance of the hearing.

Questionnaire:

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council? *To serve the community for statewide planning and advise SHPDA for health care services and resources across the State of Hawai'i.*

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council? *As a member of the committee my role would be to represent the community, health care providers and businesses. Revise the health and facilities plan as needed, advise SHPDA on health planning and review and comment on certificate of needs (CON) as submitted.*

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. *I have been in health care since 1990 – I started my career as a respiratory therapist. I have been in health care leadership in Hawai'i since 2002 – my strengths are long term health care planning, program development & implementation, resource management, regulatory compliance, community relations and performance improvement.*

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? *To be an active committee member and provide my input and feedback when necessary to improve health care and access state wide.*

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Statewide Health Coordinating Council? *Three qualities that best describe me are: a good listener, having a high standard of ethics and showing compassion for others. These qualities help me as a committee member be fair and consistent.*

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(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Statewide Health Coordinating Council? *During the pandemic – actively worked with Kaua'i County to implement Covid testing and establish a vaccine clinic at the medical center – it was critical to collaborate with the Mayor and the Kaua'i District Office to coordinate vaccines County wide. This experience will benefit me as a SHCC committee member in collaboration and planning statewide.*

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(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council? *I work for a health care organization and it is possible there would be a conflict at some point.* How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest? *I would recuse myself anytime there was a perceived or actual conflict.*

Thank you
Jen Chahanovich

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Senator San Buenaventura & The Health and Human Services Committee,

I am honored to be nominated to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council and I'm willing to serve on the committee. My apologies to the committee for not being able to attend the hearing today.

Thank you
Jennie

Jennie Chahanovich, FACHE

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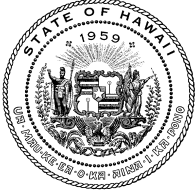
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Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

**GM 560, Gubernatorial Nominee to the
Statewide Health Coordinating Council**

**Testimony of Darryl Shutter
Acting SHPDA Administrator**

**Wednesday, April 5, 2023
1:00 p.m.**

Agency's Position: The State Health Planning and Development Agency supports the nomination and confirmation of Jennie Chahanovich to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Fiscal Implications: None

Purpose and Justification: The purpose is for consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Candidate, Jennie Chahanovich to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Ms. Chahanovich has served as an interim member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council since July 2022 and an active member of the Kauai Subarea Health Planning Council since 2016.

Ms. Chahanovich is an accomplished healthcare executive with a strong record of success in hospital administration. She is currently President and CEO of Wilcox Memorial Hospital, Hawaii Pacific Health, and CEO of Kauai Medical Clinic. Prior to her current position, she was CEO of Pali Momi Medical Center, Hawaii Pacific Health;

Director of Respiratory Care and Rehabilitation Services at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children; and Director of Paradise Valley Hospital of Triad Hospitals, Inc. in Dallas, Texas.

Ms. Chahanovich holds a Master of Business Administration degree in International Marketing and a Bachelor of Science degree in Allied Health Sciences/Health Care Administration. She has certifications and licensures in executive management and long-term care administration and is a fellow of the American Association in Respiratory Care and the American College of Health Care Executives.

Ms. Chahanovich is currently a board member of the Kauai Chamber of Commerce and the Fire Commission for Kauai County. She was past chair of the American Health Association, past board chair of Hospice Hawaii, past president of the Hawaii Pacific Chapter of the American College of Health Care Executives, and past vice chair of AccesSurf Hawaii. Ms. Chahanovich brings a wealth of health care expertise and experience to the Council.

We ask for your support on the confirmation of Jennie Chahanovich to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 1:00 PM
Conference Room 225 and Via Video Conference

Senate Committee on Health

To: Senator Joy San Buenaventura, Chair
Senator Henry Aquino, Vice Chair

From: Ray Vara
President & CEO

Re: **GM 560 – Testimony in Support
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health
Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jennie Chahanovich, for a
term to expire 06-30-2025.**

My name is Ray Vara and I am the President and CEO of Hawai'i Pacific Health. Hawai'i Pacific Health is a not-for-profit health care system comprised of its four medical centers – Kapi'olani, Pali Momi, Straub and Wilcox - and over 70 locations statewide with a mission of creating a healthier Hawai'i.

I am writing in SUPPORT of GM 560 which submits for consideration and confirmation Jennie Chahanovich to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, for a term to expire on 06/30/2025.

As part of the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA), the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) serves as an advisory council to SHPDA. Encompassed in this crucial function is the duty to advise SHPDA on the highest priorities for health services and resources development, including reviewing Certificate of Need (CON) applications and preparing the Health Services and Facilities Plan. With her extensive background and history in the healthcare industry, Ms. Chahanovich is imminently qualified to assume a position on the SHCC.

Ms. Chahanovich is the chief executive officer of Wilcox Medical Center, a not-for-profit hospital founded in 1938, and the largest medical facility on Kaua'i. She oversees the operations of Wilcox as well as a staff of more than 200 physicians. It has been Ms. Chahanovich's mission to provide the Kaua'i community and its visitors with accessible, quality healthcare.

In her previous tenure as the chief operating officer of Pali Momi Medical Center on Oahu, Ms. Chahanovich transformed the West Oahu hospital into one of the country's state-of-

the-art medical models. Under her leadership, Pali Momi Medical Center grew into a well-respected regional facility serving the needs of the West Oahu communities.

As a member of the Kaua'i Subarea Council, Ms. Chahanovich understands the healthcare needs of the communities she serves and is able to translate that understanding into meaningful applications to meet the healthcare demands of its residents. She is an ideal candidate to hold a position on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.