

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 45,
46, 47, 48, 49, 50,
51, 52

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Second Special Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred Governor's
Message Nos. 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, and 52, submitting for
study and consideration the nominations of:

HAWAI'I HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION EAST HAWAI'I REGIONAL BOARD

G.M. No. 45	SIDNEY MITSUO FUKE, for a term to expire 6-30-2009;
G.M. No. 46	BRENDA SUE HO, for a term to expire 6-30-2010;
G.M. No. 47	ROBERT DAILY IRVINE, for a term to expire 6-30-2010;
G.M. No. 48	BRIAN M. IWATA, for a term to expire 6-30-2010;
G.M. No. 49	DENNIS DON LEE, for a term to expire 6-30-2009;
G.M. No. 50	CAROL IADELUCA MYRIANTHIS, R.P.T., PSYD, for a term to expire 6-30-2009;
G.M. No. 51	ALAN M. OKAMOTO, for a term to expire 6-30-2009; and
G.M. No. 52	CRAIG Y. SHIKUMA, M.D., for a term to expire 6-30-2010,



begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal statements, histories and resumes submitted by the nominees, and finds Sidney Mitsuo Fuke, Brenda Sue Ho, Dr. Robert Daily Irvine, Brian M. Iwata, Dr. Dennis Don Lee, Dr. Carol Iadeluca Myrianthis, Alan M. Okamoto, and Dr. Craig Y. Shikuma to have the necessary qualifications to be nominated to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board.

Testimony in support of Sidney Mitsuo Fuke's nomination to the East Hawaii Regional Board was submitted by eleven individuals.

Mr. Fuke is a resident of Hilo, Hawaii. He served as County of Hawaii Planning Director for eight years and has been a self-employed Planning Consultant over the past twenty years. In addition, he has served as President of Hospice of Hilo and continues to serve as a board member. Mr. Fuke's experience and dedication to the community will enable him to be a valuable asset to the East Hawaii Regional Board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Testimony in support of Brenda Sue Ho's nomination to the East Hawaii Regional Board was submitted by fifteen individuals.

Mrs. Ho is a resident of Keaau, Hawaii. She currently serves as Executive Director of Hospice of Hilo. She has been living and working in the community for the past seventeen years and is keenly aware of the critical healthcare issues facing the community. Mrs. Ho has proven community dedication, particularly in the healthcare field, together with her experience and knowledge will greatly benefit the East Hawaii Regional Board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Testimony in support of Dr. Robert Daily Irvine's nomination to the East Hawaii Regional Board was submitted by three individuals.

Dr. Irvine is a resident of Hilo, Hawaii and has served as a community physician for many years. He received his medical degree from Columbia University in 1966 and has been affiliated with Hilo Medical Center since 1973. Dr. Irvine has an impressive list of awards and accolades in the healthcare field.



Dr. Irvine's dedication to the community and improving healthcare for East Hawaii, coupled with his extensive knowledge and expertise, will prove to be a valuable asset to the East Hawaii Regional Board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Testimony in support of Brian M. Iwata's nomination to the East Hawaii Regional Board was submitted by three individuals.

Mr. Iwata is a resident of Hilo, Hawaii. He is a Certified Public Accountant and a partner with Taketa, Iwata, Hara, and Associates, LLC. His area of expertise is in tax planning and preparation for individuals, businesses, non-profits, estates, and trusts. Mr. Iwata will be an excellent addition to the East Hawaii Regional Board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, bringing expertise in the field of accounting to assist in crucial financial matters facing healthcare in the Hilo community.

Testimony in support of Dr. Dennis Don Lee's nomination to the East Hawaii Regional Board was submitted by five individuals.

Dr. Lee is a resident of Hilo, Hawaii. He has served the Hilo medical community since 1985 and has seen the healthcare needs of the island of Hawaii first-hand. Since 2001, he has served as the Psychiatric Medical Director at Hilo Medical Center. Since 2006, Dr. Lee has been an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Lee's extensive experience, education, and dedication to the community will allow him to be a valuable asset to the East Hawaii Regional Board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Testimony in support of Dr. Carol Iadeluca Myrianthis's nomination to the East Hawaii Regional Board was submitted by four individuals.

Dr. Myrianthis is a resident of Hilo, Hawaii. She received her Doctoral Degree in Psychology from the California Coast University in 2003. She is co-owner of Pahoa Physical Therapy/Rural Rehabilitation Clinic and has over twenty eight years of experience in the physical therapy field. Dr. Myrianthis has served as President of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation and has also been a member of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Corporate Board. She is very aware of the difficulties facing the healthcare field in the Hilo community. Dr. Myrianthis's experience, knowledge, and community dedication will greatly



benefit the East Hawaii Regional Board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Testimony in support of Alan M. Okamoto's nomination to the East Hawaii Regional Board was submitted by six individuals.

Mr. Okamoto is a resident of Hilo, Hawaii. He is an attorney with Nakamoto, Okamoto, and Yamamoto, L.C., focusing on real estate, business transactions, and estate planning. Prior to working with the law firm, he worked as Deputy and Assistant Corporation Counsel for the County of Hawaii. Born and raised in Hilo, Mr. Okamoto has a strong desire to improve the community and the healthcare services it needs. He has extensive board and organization memberships and is well-respected in the community. Mr. Okamoto's knowledge and experience will greatly benefit the East Hawaii Regional Board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Testimony in support of Dr. Craig Y. Shikuma's nomination to the East Hawaii Regional Board was submitted by three individuals.

Dr. Shikuma is a resident of Hilo, Hawaii. He graduated from Hilo High School in 1969 and received his Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine in 1977. He is currently the Medical Director at Hilo Medical Center's Extended Care Facility, has a private practice in Hilo, and is an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, Department of Medicine. Dr. Shikuma is acutely aware of the healthcare issues facing Hawaii and is extremely dedicated to improving healthcare in the community. Dr. Shikuma's proven community dedication, knowledge, education, and expertise in the healthcare field will make him an essential part of the East Hawaii Regional Board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,



DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



