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Honorable Senator David Y. Ige
Chair
Senate Committee on Health
415 South Beretania Street, Room 215
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Dear Senator David Ige:

I am writing to request your support of my confirmation as a member of East Hawaii Regional Board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Having lived and worked on the Island of Hawaii for the past seventeen years, I have been actively involved with the various providers and components of our healthcare system, both as a recipient of care and as the Executive Director of Hospice of Hilo. I fully appreciate the challenges we face in the health care industry and the special needs of our community. I welcome the opportunity to be a part of shaping our community hospitals' ability to respond to the growing needs of those they serve.

Our community needs experienced members of the regional board committed to enhancing local health care. Our community needs advisors who understand, not only intellectually but compassionately, the challenges facing our community rich in diverse cultural backgrounds. I feel that I could effectively represent the interests and needs of our community and the interests of Hawaii as a member of the East Hawaii Regional Board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Thank you very much for your consideration, I look forward to the opportunity to further serve the people of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



Brenda S. Ho, RN, MS
Executive Director



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Brenda S. Ho

- Objective** To be an effective and caring leader of the Hospice of Hilo program of care for the terminally ill, their o'hana and the community we serve. Actively participate with other healthcare organizations, providers, businesses and community service programs to improve the quality of life for those in our community and throughout the State of Hawaii.
- Experience**
- 1991–present Hospice of Hilo Hilo, Hawaii
Executive Director
- Full authority and responsibility for the development and operations of a private, non-profit Medicare certified hospice program. Administers, directs and coordinates all activities of the program of care and its employees. Reports to 15-member Board of Directors.
- 1990–1991 Hospice of Hilo Hilo, Hawaii
Assistant Executive Director
- In conjunction with the Executive Director, provided 24-hour authority and responsibility of the overall clinical concerns related to direct patient/family care, including all staff and volunteers assigned to patient care. Assumed full responsibility of the organization in the absence of the Executive Director.
- 1989–1990 Queens Medical Center Honolulu, Hawaii
Assistant Patient Care Coordinator (Medical Surgical Unit)
- In conjunction with the Patient Care Coordinator, provided 24-hour authority and responsibility for a 36-bed general-surgical unit with a specialty in chronic ventilator dependent patients,
- 1989–1989 Trinity Lutheran Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
Acting Nurse Manager (Orthopedic Unit)
- Responsible for direction and management of the total operations of the patient care unit, including development and maintenance of quality assurance and education programs.
- 1986–1989 Trinity Lutheran Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
Registered Staff Nurse (Orthopedic Unit)
- Primary nursing care to orthopedic and micro-revascularization patients. Reputation for meeting and exceeding requirements of nursing care, utilizing the nursing process including continuous assessment, diagnosis, planning, treatment, and evaluation of patient needs. Successful in managing orthopedic unit during manager's absence.

Education

- 1994–1996 University of Hawaii, Manoa Oahu, Hawaii
M.S., Masters of Science, with an emphases in Nursing Administration
- 1993 Weinberg Fellows Program Oahu, Hawaii
Certified Weinberg Fellow
- 1983–1986 William Jewel College Liberty, Missouri
B.S.N., Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Recent Continuing Education Opportunities

- National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization's Management & Leadership conferences - 2006 & 2007
- National Hospice Public Policy Forum - 2007
- National Meeting of the Hospice and Palliative Care Counsel of States - 2007

**Professional
Activities**

- Delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging appointed by Governor Linda Lingle
- Member of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organizations Veterans Advisory Counsel and Advocacy and Policy Workgroup
- Current Vice President & past President & Treasurer of the Hawaiian Island's Hospice Organization
- Member of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Home care and Hospice Division
- Member of the South Hilo Rotary Club, with many leadership roles, most recently the Chair of Rotary's New Generations program
- Member of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce
- Member and past-auditor for the Puna Congregational Christian Church
- Member of the Association of Weinberg Fellows

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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**TESTIMONY SUPPORTING
THE CONFIRMATION OF BRENDA HO
AS MEMBER OF THE HHSC EAST HAWAII REGIONAL BOARD**

Individual Testimony of
RONALD J. SCHURRA
Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation
East Hawaii Region

I am Ronald Schurra, HHSC East Hawaii region chief executive officer. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the confirmation of Brenda Ho for the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board.

Ms. Ho has demonstrated excellent leadership skills as the Executive Director for Hospice of Hilo. Besides serving as an advocate for East Hawaii's aging community, Ms. Ho is also engaged in a number of community organizations.

Ms. Ho would be an outstanding member of the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board. Her expertise in the field of healthcare will certainly be beneficial to our community and help us advance the care we provide our people.

Thank you for this opportunity to endorse Ms. Ho. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 974-4729.

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MONEY ATWAL

Regional Chief Financial Officer / Regional Chief Information Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation
East Hawaii Region

I am Money Atwal, HHSC East Hawaii region Regional Chief Financial Officer and Regional Chief Information Officer. I thank you for the opportunity to provide my endorsement for the confirmation of Brenda Ho for the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board.

Ms. Ho first started as a nurse in Hilo. Over the years, her focus has evolved toward advocating for the region's aging population. As the Executive Director of Hospice of Hilo, she is an exemplary candidate for the regional board. Ms. Ho is also engaged in a number of community organizations.

Ms. Ho's expertise in the field of healthcare would offer profound insight to the issues facing our community today. With her guidance, the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board will be well-advised.

Thank you for this opportunity to endorse Ms. Ho. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 974-6956.

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Individual Testimony of

JULIE-BETH AKO

Health Systems Services Director
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation
East Hawaii Region

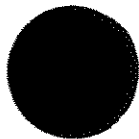
I am Julie-Beth Ako, HHSC East Hawaii region Hospital Systems Services Director. I appreciate the opportunity to provide my support for the confirmation of Brenda Ho for the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board.

Ms. Ho is one of East Hawaii's major advocates for the region's aging population. As the Executive Director of Hospice of Hilo, she is an exemplary candidate for the regional board. Ms. Ho is also engaged in a number of community organizations.

Ms. Ho's expertise in the field of healthcare offers profound insight to the issues facing our community. With her guidance, we will improve healthcare in our region.

Thank you for this opportunity to endorse Ms. Ho. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 974-4734.

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Susan Heinz

October 22, 2007

Senator David Ige
Chair of the Senate Committee on Health

Re: Testimony Supporting the Confirmation of Mrs. Brenda S. Ho as Member of the East Hawaii Regional Board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

Dear Senator Ige,

My name is Susan L. Heinz, resident of Keaau, Hawaii Island. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of fellow Rotarian Mrs. Brenda S. Ho.

Ms Ho has an extensive academic and professional background in Health Services and I support her nomination to represent East Hawaii on the Regional Board of the HHSC. Ms. Ho has demonstrated experience in representing the East Hawaii Community to support this regions varied and serious challenges. Her tenacity, leadership and effective planning and problem solving skills will be an excellent asset to the Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to recommend. Please feel free to contact me at 808.982.9130 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,


Susan Heinz

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October 18, 2007

RE: Testimony in Support of the Confirmation of Brenda S. Ho to the East Hawai'i Regional Board of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation

Dear Senator Ige,

Thank you for providing this opportunity to testify in support of the confirmation of **Brenda S. Ho, RN, MS** to the East Hawai'i Regional Board of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC). On behalf of Kōkua Mau, our state's hospice and palliative care organization, I offer my strong support of Brenda's confirmation.

Brenda is committed to improving the quality of life for all Hawai'i residents and has provided leadership in hospice and health care for East Hawai'i and the state for nearly 20 years. She has served as the President of the Hawaiian Islands Hospice Organization and is currently the Vice President of Kōkua Mau.

In addition, Brenda represented Hawai'i as a delegate to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging, where she brought the unique perspective of our state's end-of-life care innovations and challenges. She will bring the same voice, passion and dedication to the HHSC East Hawai'i Regional Board and will be an asset to the Board.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to ensuring the best stewardship of our state's healthcare system. We strongly support Brenda's confirmation. Please contact me for any additional information at: (808) 585-9977 or rwong@kokuamau.org.

With aloha,

Rachael S. Wong, MPH

Executive Director

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ROTARY CLUB OF SOUTH HILO

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TESTIMONY SUPPORTING THE CONFIRMATION OF BRENDA S. HO AS MEMBER OF THE EAST HAWAII REGIONAL BOARD OF THE HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Individual Testimony of
JOHN C. STEVENSON
President
Rotary Club of South Hilo

I am John Stevenson, President of the Rotary Club of South Hilo. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Brenda Ho.

Ms. Ho has a Masters Degree in Science and a Bachelors Degree in Nursing and has been a Registered Nurse since 1986 as well as serving as Executive Director of Hospice of Hilo for the past 17 years. She serves the Hilo community not just as a very active Board Member of the Rotary Club of South Hilo, but in many other volunteer organizations.

Our community needs experienced members of the regional board committed to enhancing local healthcare. Ms. Ho is definitely committed to this objective.

We are very fortunate that someone with Ms. Ho=s education, experience, talent and ability to get things done is willing to serve.

Thank you for this opportunity to recommend. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808)935-7920.

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**TESTIMONY SUPPORTING
CONFIRMATION of BRENDA HO, R.N.
for the EAST HAWAII REGION (of HHSC) BOARD**

Individual Testimony of
Nancy W. Lundblad, M.D.
Ophthalmologist
Hilo, Hawaii
October 18, 2007

My name is Nancy Lundblad. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Brenda Ho, R.N. as a member of the East Hawaii Region of HHSC Board.

Ms. Ho has an extensive nursing and management background. She has been the Executive Director of Hospice of Hilo for 17 years, thus, she is familiar with the intricacies of non-profit healthcare organizations in addition to the unique makeup of East Hawaii communities. She has an excellent relationship with the professional staffs of local hospitals and nursing homes. She is also active in the community and truly cares for the people served by her organization.

I expect Ms. Ho will be able to expand her already significant leadership in the areas of healthcare for the citizens of East Hawaii, as she brings real expertise to the boardroom. Her leadership roles reach from Hilo to Washington, D.C., including *community as well as healthcare activities*. She will not lose sight of the health needs of the communities served while fulfilling the requirements of board membership.

Thank you for this opportunity to recommend Brenda Ho, R.N., for membership on this important board. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns at 808-933-9691.

Sincerely,

Nancy Lundblad, M.D.

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**A LETTER SUPPORTING
THE CONFIRMATION OF BRENDA HO
AS MEMBER OF THE EAST HAWAII REGIONAL BOARD OF THE
HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION (HHSC)**

Dear Chairman Ige and Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

The East Hawaii Region of HHSC is home to one of the largest hospitals within the State system. That same hospital also is the largest employer in Hilo. Those two factors alone make the actions of the East Hawaii Regional Board on the Hilo community significant. But the East Hawaii Board is even more important because of its advisory oversight to the management and administration of a long-term care facility in Honoka'a and the hospital in Pahala (Ka'u district). These three facilities combined represent the largest, and sometimes the only, hospitals available to the rural and remote communities of the East Hawaii region. The positive, beneficial impact that these three hospitals have on the daily lives of the citizens of East Hawaii cannot be overstated.

As Executive Director of Hospice of Hilo (for the past 17 years), serving an area that stretches from Laupahoehoe to South Point (virtually all of 'East' Hawaii), and being a long time health care professional in East Hawaii, Ms. Brenda Ho has extensive and wide-ranging knowledge of the health care issues facing the residents of the Big Island. This knowledge has been tapped by Kokua Mau, Inc., where she served as President, Treasurer, and is now Vice President. She was a member of the state's delegation to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging, as well as serving on national and state Boards and organizations dealing with aging and healthcare issues. Ms. Ho is known as one of the state's resource persons for any group or organization considering these complex and growing challenges.

Having worked with Ms. Ho, I know that she will bring her knowledge and expertise to bear in this important time when healthcare will need to effectively respond to the growing needs of our island communities. I recommend her to you most highly and without reservation.

Thank you for this opportunity to recommend. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 808-974-7523 or hammes@hawaii.edu.

Sincerely,

David Hammes, Ph.D., Chair

Department of Economics

University of Hawaii at Hilo

Hospice of Hilo Board Member, 1994-2000; 2007-present

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Dear Senator Ige,

I would like to give my full support for the confirmation of Brenda Ho, MSN to serve on the East Hawai'i Regional Board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Brenda has been a dedicated nurse for the past 21 years and Executive Director at Hospice of Hilo for the past 17 years. Through her leadership, Hospice of Hilo has been successful in meeting the needs of our community in end of life care and bereavement support. At the same time, she has and continues to serve the community in many ways.

With her cumulative years of expertise, Brenda will lend her knowledge and health care perspective to the tasks assigned to the East Hawaii Regional Board of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation in responding meeting the needs of the Big Island communities.

Mahalo nui loa for this opportunity to recommend Brenda Ho. I am available to you for any questions at 808-969-1733.

Sincerely yours,

Misae Wela, MSN
Director of Clinical Operations

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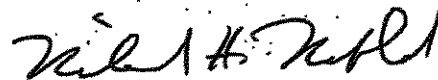
To Whom It May Concern In the Hawaii State Senate,

Re: Brenda Ho, Nominee to the Board of the East Hawaii Regional Board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

I am the President Elect of the Rotary Club of Hilo. I have always been an active member of Rotary and through joint East Hawaii Rotary Club projects I have come to know Brenda Ho very well. She is very committed to our community service projects. She was one of the leaders of a multi-year project to develop a new County Park, Kalaniani'ole-Kuhio Park. The four Rotary Clubs of East Hawaii joined forces to convert an abandoned, overgrown, trash-strewn parcel of land, occupied by bullying drug-abusers, to one of Hilo's favorite family water-front parks. Brenda was active in the planning, the permitting, the fund-raising and the get-your-fingernails-grubby physical labor involved in making this dream a reality. Many Rotarians and their families were involved, but Brenda is one of the handful without whom this major project might well have faltered and collapsed. She is an excellent visionary who could "cheerlead" the reluctant into completing the sometimes never-ending tasks over the four or five years it took to complete the project.

Beyond Rotary, I have recently joined the Board of Directors of the Hospice of Hilo, of which Brenda is the Executive Director. My "volunteer plate" is rather full these days, but when Brenda asked me to serve, I could only say yes. I am a retired attorney who practiced in real property and construction law. As such I can admire Brenda's clear-sighted and tight-fisted efforts to bring about the construction of a new 12 bed facility for Hospice of Hilo. She wants the best for her clientele and she's not going to let them be taken advantage of during the process. I can only assure you that East Hawaii would be very well served by Brenda should you vote to confirm her on the East Hawaii Regional Board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Finally, on top of all of the foregoing, Brenda is an extremely nice person. That counts for a great deal in Hawaii, as you well know.



Richard H. Newkold

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Testimony supporting the confirmation of Brenda Ho as a member of the
HHSC East Hawaii Region Systems Board

Individual Testimony of Ioana D Agasa, CPA

I am Ioana D Agasa, a CPA in Hilo Hawaii. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in
support of the confirmation of Brenda Ho.

I am privileged to have Hospice of Hilo as a client and have worked with Brenda Ho for
many years. In addition to her nursing qualifications, Brenda also has good business
sense. She is very skilled in budgeting and in analyzing financial information. Brenda
will make an excellent board member by bringing both her medical and financial
knowledge to the HHSC East Hawaii Region Systems Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to recommend Brenda Ho. Please call me at 808 981
2405 if you have any questions.

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IRS Circular 230 requires me to notify you that any tax advice contained in this communication (including attachments) is not intended or
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Individual Testimony of
James K. Nakagawa
President Board of Directors Hospice Of Hilo

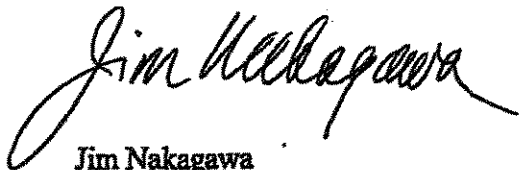
I am Jim Nakagawa, President of the Board of Directors of Hospice of Hilo. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Brenda S. Ho.

Of the 17 years Brenda S. Ho has been the Executive Director of Hospice Of Hilo, I have served on the Board of Directors for 13 of those years with a break in between. Under Ms. Ho's leadership the organization has grown from 6 employees to 33, a daily patient census from 10 to 71 and a cottage on the grounds of Hilo Medical Center to a \$2.5 million building near the Hilo Medical Center completed in 1998. The current annual budget is \$3.2 million. All of this growth has been performed in a fiscally responsible manner. In order to meet the future needs of the community Hospice of Hilo is in the planning process to build a 12 bed in patient facility with the ability to add another 6 beds.

Ms. Ho's leadership, education, work experience and community service will enable her to continue to contribute as a member of the HHSC East Hawaii Region Systems Board. I highly recommend the confirmation of Brenda S. Ho to this position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of Brenda S. Ho. Please feel free to contact me at work at 935-3378 or cell at 895-5483 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Jim Nakagawa
President Board of Directors
Hospice of Hilo

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TO

FROM Karen Maedo, Member, Board of Directors
Hospice of Hilo

SUBJECT Testimony in support of **BRENDA HO**
to the East Hawaii Regional Board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corp.

As longtime Executive Director of Hospice of Hilo, Brenda Ho has been the name and face behind providing compassionate, quality, end-of-life care for the dying and their families. She has worked to expand outreach services and helped to build excellent educational and volunteer components to promote hospice services. Her significant strengths include listening with an open mind, articulating ideas with clarity, and harnessing people power to attain stated goals.

Becoming a part of the East Hawaii Regional Board will offer Brenda the opportunity to share her boundless energy and expertise, while continuing to learn from others around her. She is sure to represent the interests and needs of East Hawaii with zeal, commitment and dedication.

Thank you for this opportunity to promote Brenda Ho's membership to Hawaii Health System's East Hawaii Regional Board. If you have any questions, I may be reached at karen.maedo@hpl.com.

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**TESTIMONY SUPPORTING
THE CONFIRMATION OF BRENDA HO
AS MEMBER OF THE HHSC EAST HAWAII REGION SYSTEMS BOARD**

Individual Testimony of
Cynthia K. Sorenson
Board of Directors Hospice of Hilo

This testimony is offered in whole-hearted, enthusiastic support of the confirmation of Brenda Ho, a nominee for the East Hawai'i Regional Board of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation.

Having been a patient-care volunteer for Hospice of Hilo for 21 years and currently finishing up my second term as a member of its board of directors (a total of twelve years for two terms), I feel most qualified to testify as to Ms. Ho's professionalism and sound judgment, as well as her caring nature, in carrying out her duties as the Hilo hospice's executive director. I strongly feel that the qualities she has consistently exhibited throughout her 17 years as our hospice's director would be such a great asset to the position to which she has been nominated. Ms. Ho is aware of and is involved with a multitude of aspects of healthcare in our business community and has always been available to offer her expertise to those throughout the State who have requested her assistance. Her concern for our state-wide community and its healthcare considerations has been sincere and unending.

I heartily encourage your confirmation of Ms. Ho to the position mentioned above.

Thank you for your time in considering this note...as well as your work in our Senate. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact me at 808-961-0357.

Cynthia K. Sorenson

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To: Senator David Ige
Chair of the Senate Committee on Health

From: Kenneth Zeri, RN, MS
President & CPO
Hospice Hawai'i



Date: October 24, 2007

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AS MEMBER OF THE HHSC EAST HAWAII REGIONAL BOARD OF THE
HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION**

I am honored to endorse the nomination of Brenda Ho to the East Hawaii Regional Board of HHSC. I have known Ms. Ho for more than ten years through her leadership in hospice care in Hawaii.

Ms. Ho has consistently demonstrated her critical understanding of health care systems, in particular end of life care within the Hilo community. She is also well known and respected within the national hospice leadership circles.

Please feel free to contact me at 924-9255 if I may answer additional questions.