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October 25, 2007

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige
Chair
Senate Committee on Health
415 South Beretania Street, Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige:

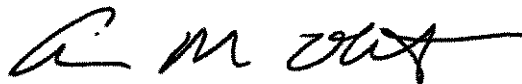
I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board of Directors. I am an attorney in Hilo and have been in private practice since 1979. While much of my current practice is in real estate and business transactions, I have maintained an estate planning practice during the entire time that I have been in private practice. Many of my estate planning clients are elderly and I have come to appreciate the critical role that health care plays in maintaining the quality of their lives. Many of my clients live in North Hilo, Hamakua, Puna and Kau and I have come to appreciate the importance of providing appropriate healthcare for those who live in those areas.

I believe that the new regional board system provides an enormous opportunity to improve the delivery of quality healthcare to all of our residents. I would like to do my part in serving the community by participating in this new phase in HHSC's development.

Those of us in the County of Hawaii have seen many changes over the years as the sugar plantations phased out and as the population has grown. The changes have created new demands on our healthcare systems and present us with many challenges. However, this is also a hopeful period for us. The expansion of the nursing programs at the University of Hawaii at Hilo and Hawaii Community College and the addition of the College of Pharmacy in Hilo provide us with new opportunities. I would like to assist in the effort to better serve our community in delivering quality healthcare and would ask that the Senators consider my confirmation.

I have enclosed my resume to provide information for your committee's review. If any additional information would be helpful or if I can assist the committee in reviewing my confirmation, please feel free to call me at 961-0641. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Alan M. Okamoto

Enclosure

RESUME**Alan M. Okamoto****Attorney at Law****Personal Information**

Born Hilo, Hawaii, 1948
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Education:

University of California at Berkeley, 1970 (B.A.)
University of California, Hastings College of the Law, 1976 (J.D.)

Licensed to practice law:

State of Hawaii, 1976
U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii, 1978
U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, 1979
U.S. Tax Court, 1989

Professional Associations

American Bar Association
Hawaii State Bar Association
Hawaii County Bar Association (President, 1982)

Professional Experience

1976-1979 Deputy & Assistant Corporation Counsel, County of Hawaii
1979- to present Nakamoto, Okamoto & Yamamoto (formerly Nakamoto, Yoshioka & Okamoto)

Present practice concentrates in real estate, business transactions and estate planning. Real estate practice includes advice and representation of clients in real estate sales and exchanges, income tax consequences of real estate transactions, commercial leasing and development, real estate title, land use matters at State and County levels.

(Resume Alan M. Okamoto)

Business transactions practice includes formation, operation and dissolution of closely held businesses and financing of same.

Substantive areas include real estate development (including affordable housing and infrastructure development), diversified agriculture, construction contracting, light industrial, commercial and retail activities, and private nonprofit corporations.

The practice involves representation of clients before various state and County agencies including the courts of the State of Hawaii, various commissions, administrative agencies and County Council.

Estate planning services include consultation with clients regarding trusts, wills, estate and gift taxes and preparation of estate planning documents and tax returns.

Prior Major Real Estate Projects

- Shipman Industrial Park, Keaau, Hawaii. LUC reclassification (with Terence T. Yoshioka)(1982) W.H. Shipman, Ltd.
- Gentry Waiawa (Central Oahu) LUC reclassification for planned community 1395 acres (18,000+ projected population)(1986). Gentry Companies.
- Keaau Agricultural Lots Subdivision and Improvement District (1986). Hawaiian Trust Co., Ltd. Development, transfer and sale of lands transferred by Puna Sugar Co., Ltd. to former plantation workers (1986 to 1999). Hawaiian Trust Co., Ltd; Keaau Agricultural Land Corporation.
- Honua Hawaii Cultural Center, Hilo, Hawaii. CDUA and Special Subzone Applications (1989) Honua Hawaii Cultural Center.
- Alii Highway Improvement District Project (1990 to 1999). Special counsel to County of Hawaii for comprehensive revision of Chapter 16, Hawaii County Code on Improvement Districts.
- Title Transfer, Community Associations and Covenants for Transfer of Housing to former Hamakua Sugar Co. Plantation Workers (400+ residences). Water infrastructure replacement (1995 – 2000). Hamakua Housing Corporation.
- Title Transfer and Easements for C. Brewer and Company land in South Hilo and Ka'u as part of the corporate liquidation (2002-2006)

(Resume Alan M. Okamoto)

- Haina Lands, LLC (Tut Brothers Farms). Development and Sale of Haina Pali Kai Estates agricultural land at Haina, District of Hamakua (1997 to 2007). Haina Lands, LLC, Haina Investments, LLC.
- Hawaii Island Community Development Corporation. Self help housing and affordable rental projects in County of Hawaii in South Hilo, Puna, North Kohala, South Kohala, North Kona (1996 to present). HICDC.
- Palamanui Project at North Kona, Hawaii. (2002 to present). LUC reclassification agricultural to urban approved June, 2005. Proposed mixed residential and commercial uses on 725 acres. Rezoning approved July 2006. Hiluhilu Development, LLC.

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Monday, October 29, 2007 at 1:15 pm

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**TESTIMONY SUPPORTING
THE CONFIRMATION OF ALAN OKAMOTO
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 testify in strong support of the confirmation of Alan Okamoto for the HHSC Statewide Board.

Mr. Okamoto has many years of legal experience. Currently, his work concentrates on real estate, business transactions and estate planning. He has provided his expertise to a numbers of major real estate projects on Hawaii Island and throughout the state

With Mr. Okamoto's involvement, the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board will be equipped with sound guidance. This is a crucial time for healthcare in East Hawaii. We are looking forward to seeing Mr. Okamoto's contributions improve healthcare in our growing region.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support for Mr. Okamoto. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 974-4729.

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Individual Testimony of
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 Alan Okamoto for the HHSC Statewide Board.

Mr. Okamoto's legal experience involves having worked for the County of Hawaii for a number of years. He currently provides legal advise to issues of real estate, business transactions and estate planning. He has applied his expertise to a variety of major real estate projects on Hawaii Island and throughout the state

With Mr. Okamoto's involvement, the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board will be well-advised. At this critical time in healthcare in East Hawaii, I believe Mr. Okamoto can help us overcome the challenges ahead and meet the healthcare needs of our community.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support for Mr. Okamoto. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 974-6956.

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JULIE-BETH AKO

Hospital 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 Alan Okamoto for the HHSC Statewide Board.

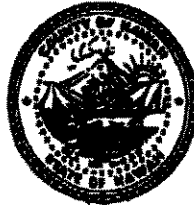
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With Mr. Okamoto's participation, the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board will be well-advised. I believe Mr. Okamoto can help us meet the healthcare needs of our community. Our regional board and community would be so honored to have his guidance.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my support for Mr. Okamoto. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 974-4734.

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Individual Testimony of
William T. Takaba
Director of Finance
County of Hawaii

I am William T. Takaba, Director of Finance for the County of Hawaii. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Alan M. Okamoto as a member of the HHSC East Hawaii Region Board.

Mr. Okamoto and I have known each other personally and professionally for over fifty years. We attended the same schools in Hilo and worked together at the County of Hawaii before he left to join a private law firm.

We know Alan Okamoto as a bright, innovative, and civic-minded individual who will do everything he can to improve our community and the services it needs. Alan volunteers on various boards and organizations in Hilo and is well-respected for his leadership, knowledge, and ability to work with others.

We look forward to Alan's confirmation to the HHSC East Hawaii Region Board because we believe he can and will bring new insight and solutions to healthcare in Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to support the confirmation of Alan M. Okamoto. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 961-8234.

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Individual Testimony of
KEITH H. KATO
Executive Director
Hawaii Island Community Development Corporation

I am Keith Kato, Executive Director of the Hawaii Island Community Development Corporation. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Alan Okamoto.

I have known and worked with Alan Okamoto for 30 years and have always found him to be a man of sound judgment and diligent in his pursuit of the real issues involved in any case. These qualities should serve the East Hawaii medical community well and make his presence on the board a valuable one.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on this nomination. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 969-1158 extension 105.

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ROBERT G. WILLIAMS
President
Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce

I am Robert G. Williams and I am President of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Alan Okamoto, Esq..

Mr. Okamoto has an extensive legal background having served as a member of the Hawaii County Corporation Council and in private practice as a trial attorney specializing in real estate law, corporate law, and estate planning. I have known Mr. Okamoto for over twenty years, and his knowledge of the law and calm, thoughtful counsel has guided me through both calm and turbulent seas.

I expect that his knowledge and uncanny ability to diffuse the emotions and find a thoughtful resolution will be a huge aid in meeting the challenges facing the Health Care Industry.

Thank you for this opportunity to recommend Mr. Okamoto. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 1-808-969-7863.

Respectively,

Robert G. Williams

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