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October 22, 2007

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige
Chair Senate Committee on Health
415 So. Beretania St. Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813 *Hearing Date: 10/29/07*
Gm 56

Dear Senator David Ige;

I am writing to express my strong interest in serving as a board member of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, West Hawaii Regional Board of Directors. I was born in Hawaii and received a degree in Business & Economics. I have held the position of Branch Manager for financial consultant Smith Barney and Dean Witter & Co.

My community spirit includes participation in: Kona Chamber; Kona Mauka Rotary; Kona Family YMCA; Kona adult Lecturer; University of Hawaii Na Koa Boosters Club; Directory of Kealahou Ranch; Two time Chair of Big Island Water Commission; Chair Kona Hospital Foundation; Founder of Keauhou Canoe Club; Founder of Parker Ranch Hunt Club; Founder HPA Boosters Club, and member of Punahou O'Mens Club.

With my community expertise and financial expertise I believe I am a good addition to this new board of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, West Hawaii Regional Board of Directors. Between my extensive financial background and community activities, I believe as a board member, I can help with future directions in West Hawaii Health care.

I would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and your committee members to discuss further interest to serve as a member of this important board. I appreciate your consideration of my appointment.

Sincerely,

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Kona Mauka Rotary

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Kona Adult Education Lecturer

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Director Kealakekua Ranch

Big Island Water Commission Chair 2 Years

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TESTIMONY SUPPORTING GM 56
Consideration and confirmation to the West Hawaii Regional Board of
Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee,
James W. Higgins, for a term to expire 06/30/10.

Reginald Morimoto
First Hawaiian Bank
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I, Reginald Morimoto, Vice President and Branch Manager, First Hawaiian Bank, strongly support the nomination and recommendation of James W. Higgins for consideration and confirmation to the West Hawaii Regional System Corporate Board of Directors of Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

Mr. James W. Higgins has extensive financial and economical background. He currently is a private investor. His employment most recently entailed being Branch Manager/Financial Consultant for Smith Barney, and prior to that he was Financial Consultant for Dean Witter & Company.

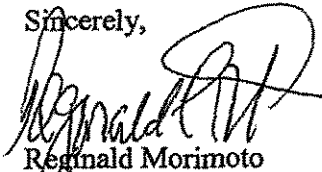
Mr. James W. Higgins was born in Honolulu, and knows the challenges facing the West Hawaii region. He has actively participated in financial transactions in Hawaii, including managing portfolios, life insurance and long-term care insurance.

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I strongly recommend Mr. James W. Higgins to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation West Hawaii Regional Board, due to his vast experience in the West Hawaii region and due to his understanding of the many challenges facing our Hawaii Health Systems Corporation West Hawaii Region hospital system, which makes him an outstanding candidate for this board.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of James W. Higgins, as a candidate and nominee for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation West Hawaii Regional Board.

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**Donald Lewis, FACHE
Regional Chief Executive Officer
Kona Community Hospital
Kohala Hospital**

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