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

Dear Senator David Ige:

I would like to be considered for a position on the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation Kauai Region Board of Directors. This board seat is of special interest to me because of the exciting opportunity to address complex health care issues, particularly those focused on long-term care. At the same time, I have come to appreciate and understand both the challenges and opportunities that our communities are facing.

In spite of the added challenges presented as a result of the recent passage of Act 290, I am confident that the efforts of our newly established board will be able to provide positive direction and guidance to the hard working hospital leadership. I feel that my past public-sector experience and present business expertise will assist in the governance planning efforts of our new board. I am excited to assist in improving Kauai's acute, long-term and rural healthcare, and my commitment to community service will enable me to fulfill this important mission.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Norman Akita
Consultant
Na Ea, LLC



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The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige
Chair
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415 South Beretania Street, Room 215
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Dear Senator David Ige:

I write this letter in support of Mr. Norman Akita, Consultant, Na Ea, LLC, as a Kauai Regional Board Member.

His expertise in business management, finance as well as his dedication to public service will be a benefit for the facilities of the Kauai Region.

I humbly ask for your confirmation of Mr. Norman Akita as a Board Member for the Kauai Regional Board.

Sincerely,

Ms. Orianna Skomoroch, M.A., C.R.A.
Regional CEO – Kauai
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Thursday, October 25, 2007

Honorable Senator Donald Y. Ige
Chairperson, Committee on Health

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Health Committee:

I am writing to you in support of the appointment of Mr. Norman Akita to serve on the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Kauai Regional Board of Directors.

As the former County Clerk of Kauai, I knew of Mr. Akita when he returned to Kauai in 1973 as the Branch Administrator of the Department of Social Services (as it was called then). As administrator, Mr. Akita decentralized service operations, establishing satellite offices in Hanapepe and Kapaa to make services more accessible to our island rural communities.

As a businessman, Mr. Akita was co-owner of Akita Enterprises, Limited. He left government employment in 1979 to join his father and mother who started the transportation company in 1948. He moved the Company office to Lihue and expanded the family transportation service to the islands of Hawaii, Maui, and Molokai. He left the transportation activities in 1998 to serve as the consultant of the family business property and continues to present time.

As a volunteer, Mr. Akita believes in giving back to his community as an active member of East Kauai Lions since 1989. He has served on non-profit and government Boards and most recently as Chair and member of the Kauai Civil Service Commission.

In my relationship with Mr. Akita, I feel he will be a positive and contributing member to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. I have known him to be straight forward, honest, and responsible in all his business and social efforts.

As a Kauai County Councilmember I found Mr. Akita willing to take tough stands, though unpopular with the voters, which were in the best interest of Kauai. He showed a lot of courage.

Norman would be a tremendous asset on the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation.

With warmest aloha,

Tad T. Miura