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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 David Ige:

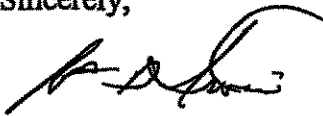
I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board of Directors. I have been in private practice as an orthopedic surgeon in Hilo since 1973, and have been with the Hilo Community Surgery Center since 2000. I have also been the Chief of Staff at Hilo Medical Center on two different occasions.

I have enjoyed my many years of caring for the Hilo community. However, in recent years, my concern for the state of healthcare has been growing. Our population has increased, but the number of physicians has decreased, putting a major strain on physician workload. This is one of the reasons why the new governing board is of enormous importance to me. I envision many solutions coming out of it. With the expertise of other community leaders on the board, I am confident we can improve healthcare in East Hawaii.

I would greatly appreciate an opportunity to meet with you and members of the Senate Committee on Health. Enclosed is my resume for your review. Please feel free to call me at 935-5465.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Robert D. Irvine, M.D.

Enclosure

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CURRICULUM VITAE

Robert D. Irvine, M.D., F.A.C.S.

BIRTHDATE: 12/26/1940

PLACE: Los Angeles, California

MARRIED – THREE CHILDREN

EDUCATION:

1. Pomona College, Claremont, CA; BA – Cum Laude - 1962
2. Columbia University, College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, NY; M.D. - 1966
3. Internship in General Surgery, U.C.L.A. Center for the Health Sciences - 1966 to 1967
4. Residency in General Surgery, U.C.L.A. Center for the Health Sciences - 1967 to 1968
5. Residency, Orthopaedic Surgery, U.C.L.A. Center for the Health Sciences - 1970 to 1973

LICENSES AND BOARD CERTIFICATIONS:

1. National Board of Medical Examiners Diplomate - 1967
2. Hawaii State Medical License – 1973
3. Certification of American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery – 1974

MILITARY:

1. Major, U.S. Army Medical Corps – 1968 to 1970 at Walston Army Hospital

HOSPITAL STAFF PRIVILEGES:

1. Hilo Medical Center – 1973 to present
2. Hilo Community Surgery Center - 2000 to present

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS:

1. Fellow, American College of Surgeons – 1976 to present
2. American Medical Association – 1973 to present
3. Hawaii Orthopaedic Association – 1974 to present
4. American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons – 1979 to present
5. Western Orthopaedic Association – 1979 to 1990
6. Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons – 1979 to present

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

1. Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Surgery, University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine – 1996 to 2004
2. Attending, Queen Emma Clinic, University of Hawaii Orthopedic Surgery Residency Program - 1978 to 2003

AWARDS, HONORS, POSITIONS:

1. President, Nu Alpha Phi Fraternity – 1962
2. Outstanding Surgical Intern for Year Award, U.C.L.A. – 1967
3. Outstanding Surgical Assistant Resident of Year Award, U.C.L.A. – 1968
4. U.S. Army Commendation Medal – 1971
5. Secretary, Hawaii County Medical Society – 1975
6. Chief of Surgery, Hilo Hospital – 1976
7. Vice Chief-of-Staff, Hilo Hospital – 1977, 1978
8. Chief-of-Staff, Hilo Hospital – 1979, 1980
9. Board of Directors, Easter Seal Society, Hawaii County – 1974 to 1977
10. Chairman, Medical Practice Committee, Hawaii County Medical Society – 1976
11. Chairman, Utilization Review Committee – Hilo Hospital – 1977, 1978

AWARDS, HONORS, POSITIONS: (Cont'd)

12. President, Hawaii County Medical Society – 1983, 1984
13. Second Vice-President, Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons – 1990
14. Associate Editor, Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research - 1979 to 2005
15. First Vice-President, Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons - 1991 to 1992
16. President, Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons - 1992 to 1993
17. Chairman, Surgical Specialists Department – Hilo Medical Center – 2000, 2001
18. Chief-of-Staff, Hilo Medical Center – 2002, 2003
19. Medical Director, Hilo Community Surgery Center – 2004 to present

PUBLICATIONS:

1. Surgery, Gynecology and Obstetrics, November 1974, Relationship of Infection and Airborne Contamination of Total Hip Replacement Surgery. Authors were R. Irvine, H.C. Amstutz, and B.L. Johnson
2. "Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research," – Associate Editor – 1979 to 2005

PAPERS DELIVERED:

1. "The Effects of Directed Horizontal Filtered Air System on Clinical and Microbiological Studies of Total Hip Replacement" – at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, January 20, 1974
2. "Survey and Comments on Methods of Reduction of Colles' Fractures" – at the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons, April 23, 1982 at Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
3. "Moral Problems in Medicine in an Age of Technology and Specialization" – at the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons, June 30, 1984 at Jackson Hole, Wyoming
4. "Intertrochanteric Fractures: Is the Medial Displacement Osteotomy Obsolete?" – at the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons, April 11, 1987 at Kiawah Island, South Carolina
5. "Osteotomy at Base of Femoral Neck for Slipped Capital Femoral Epiphysis" – at the Association of Bone and Joint Surgeons, May 13, 1989 at Mississippi Queen Steamboat Cruise

PAPERS DELIVERED: (Cont'd)

6. "Femoral Osteotomy for Severe Slipped Capital Femoral Epiphysis" – at the Hawaii Orthopaedic Association Meeting, June 1991
7. "Building Bridges – Primary Care/Specialist Relationship" – at the East Hawaii IPA Conference, August 17 and 18, 1996 at Mauna Lani Bay Hotel

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

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Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Monday, October 29, 2007 at 1:15 pm

Conference Room 016

**TESTIMONY SUPPORTING
THE CONFIRMATION OF ROBERT IRVINE, M.D.
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 support of the confirmation of Robert Irvine, M.D. to the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board.

Dr. Irvine has been a community physician for many years, including Medical Director at Hilo Medical Center on two occasions. He would be an excellent member of the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board. Dr. Irvine has seen the growing needs of our island first-hand and is an ideal advocate for improved healthcare in our region.

Dr. Irvine, like the rest of us, recognizes that we are at a critical juncture in the history of HHSC. With his expertise, I know he will help us achieve the healthcare goals in East Hawaii.

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

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Individual Testimony of

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 of the confirmation of Robert Irvine, M.D. for the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board.

Dr. Irvine has seen the growing health needs of our island first-hand. He has been a community physician for many years, including Medical Director at Hilo Medical Center on two occasions.

Dr. Irvine would be an excellent member of the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board. He, like the rest of us, knows that we are at a critical juncture in this phase of improving healthcare for East Hawaii. With his expertise, we will improve our growing healthcare needs.

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

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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 Robert Irvine, M.D. to the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board.

Dr. Irvine has seen the growing needs of our island first-hand. His perspective as a long-time community physician, including Medical Director at Hilo Medical Center on two occasions, will help us in this crucial time in healthcare.

I know he will help us achieve the healthcare goals in East Hawaii. The HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board would be well-advised by his expertise.

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

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