

The Senate Ka 'Aha Kenekoa

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 19th, 2025

Aloha Koa Woolley:

Congratulations on your nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation. To assist the Hawaii State Senate with its confirmation process, we request that you submit the following information to our office no later than February 21st, 2025, to ensure that we proceed in a timely manner:

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation. I have been on the West Hawaii Regional Board for HHSC since 2022. Joining the corporate board is an extension of this work. It allows me to take the work I have done in West Hawaii to the rest of our state while also making sure our Region is being heard.
2. What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation. Our roles are to make sure that the leadership within HHSC are being held accountable to the expectations we as a board are setting for them, while also supporting them with their strategic planning in making sure our hospitals are receiving the resources they need and being held accountable to their operating standards.
3. Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the board. The corporate board is very similar to the West Hawaii Regional seat I held for 2 years. Personally I have worked as a banker for First Hawaiian Bank for nearly 22 years, in various positions, most of which have been leadership. My financial background also helps in offering fiscal guidance and making sure that accountability is there. In banking we have a lot of compliance and regulations we have to comply with that mirror some of what the hospitals have to comply with. As a manager, I have become well versed in Human Resources and what we as employers can and cannot do in our positions, as well as the protections that our employees are entitled to. I'm also deeply connected to my community here in West

Hawaii and have a personal understanding of the care that we offer and what areas we need to build on, especially in our rural areas.

4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? To offer my expertise to my fellow board members and to our HHSC Leadership. I want to continue to see our State Hospitals thrive and deliver their services to our communities. I would love to see our Regions be able to expand these services and have spoken to a number of the CEOs and listened to their Strategic Plans. My goal is to see as many of their plans implemented for the betterment of our communities.
5. Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation.
 - a. Approachable: I'm a people person through and through. I want to the rest of the board and the leadership to feel that they can come to me with their concerns and that they will be heard.
 - b. Engaging: I'm very engaged in my community and in both my personal and professional careers. I show up to board meetings and am quick to reply to items that need to be addressed. We need active, engaged board members that will ensure that quorum is met and that agenda action items are able to be decided on.
 - c. Compassionate: I understand what our community needs personally. I cared for my dying mother for nearly 14 years and saw first hand how our island geography impedes access to care, and what that looks like with a person that is suffering and in the end stages of their lives.
6. Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a member. My experience of being on the West Hawaii Regional HHSC board has helped to prepare for the corporate board. I'm familiar with all the Regional CEOs and their senior leadership teams, as well as the other board members across the system. This gives me a deep understanding of their challenges as well as their past success and future strategic plans.
7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation. How would you overcome conflicts of interest? The only conflict of interest I could see would be if there were financial banking decisions needing to be made or voted on in regards to First Hawaiian Bank. Part of the benefits of being on a regional board prior to this position, is getting a clear understanding of the ethics guidelines. If a conflict of interest was to arise I would discuss it with the CEO and the rest of the Board. If they felt that I needed to recuse myself I would.

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Please be aware that testimony submitted to committees – including your responses to the above questions - is posted on the Legislature's website; you may wish to remind individuals who intend to submit testimony on your behalf of the public nature of the testimony.

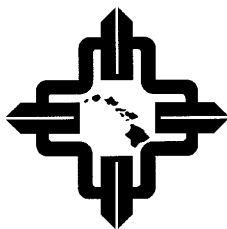
Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Here is the link to your nomination on the State Capitol website:

[Measure Status Details for GM 631](#)

Mahalo,

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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair

Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice-Chair

February 28, 2025

1:00 PM

Hawaii State Capitol

Room 225 & Via Videoconference

Testimony in Strong Support of Governor's Message 631

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, KOA WOOLLEY, for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

Edward N. Chu

President & Chief Executive Officer

Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Corporate Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee, Koa Woolley, for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

Ms. Woolley has served on the HHSC Corporate Board as an interim appointee since July 2024. In that short period, Ms. Woolley has applied her professional financial background as a bank manager in serving in the Audit and Compliance Committee, providing skilled leadership and insight to support HHSC's accuracy, transparency, credibility, and overall performance as a healthcare system. Ms. Woolley's past service on the HHSC West Hawaii Regional Board has well-prepared her to represent West Hawaii on the corporate board in strategic healthcare matters that are under development for that community. Lastly, Ms. Woolley's almost 10 years of unwavering service to the Board of Directors for the Hospice of Kona is a testament to her understanding, commitment, and Aloha for the importance of supporting all aspects of healthcare so that the array of needed services are available.

HHSC is proud to support the nomination of Ms. Koa Woolley to the HHSC Corporate Board. We look forward to the valuable contributions Ms. Woolley will continue to make. We respectfully request your favorable vote in support of her confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.



OAHU REGION HAWAII HEALTH SYSTEMS CORPORATION

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair

Senator Henry J.C. Aquino, Vice Chair

February 28, 2025, 1:00 PM
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Derek Akiyoshi
Oahu Region Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

RE: Testimony in Support

Governor's Message 631

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Chair San Buenaventura, Vice-Chair Aquino and Members of the Committee on Health and Human Services:

I am writing to express my strong support for the confirmation of Koa Woolley as a Board Director of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC). Having had the opportunity to work with Koa in her role as a Director, I have been impressed by her critical thinking and her dedication to the success of HHSC. Koa shares her knowledge and is open to questions, fostering an environment of collaboration and learning. Her proactive attitude, coupled with her ability to address issues and problem-solve effectively, make her an asset to the board. She approaches challenges with a readiness to find solutions in a timely manner and is committed to excellence.

Koa possesses the essential knowledge, leadership and managerial abilities, interpersonal skills, and decision-making expertise required for the Director's position. Additionally, she deeply cares about the people and communities she works with and is committed to making Hawaii a better place.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Koa Woolley's nomination.