

GOV. MSG. NO. 396

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE

February 5, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Hawai'i Health Systems**Corporation East Hawai'i Regional Board:

Susan B. Hunt

Term to Expire: 6/30/2010

Sincerely,

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THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH Senator David Y. Ige, Chair Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

April 2, 2008, 1:15 PM Conference Room 016 Hawaii State Capitol

TESTIMONY SUPPORTING GM #396

Consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board Gubernatorial Nominee Susan Beth Hunt, for a term to expire 6/30/2010

Thomas M. Driskill, Jr.
President and Chief Executive Officer
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC)

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee Susan Beth Hunt, for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board.

HHSC welcomes Ms. Hunt to the East Hawaii Regional Board of the State authorized safety-net system of fifteen community facilities in five regions statewide.

Ms. Hunt is the Executive Director of the Hamakua Health Center which has clinic sites in Honokaa and Kapa'au, adjacent to the HHSC facilities of Hale Ho'ola Hamakua in the East Hawaii region and Kohala Hospital in the West Hawaii region. Ms. Hunt has a background and experience in health administration, has worked collaboratively with HHSC facilities in developing and coordinating health care in service partnership models, and has served on the Hawaii Statewide Health Coordinating Council and Subarea Planning Council. Her business expertise, broad community perspective, and dedication to community service will contribute immensely to highly responsible governance and decision-making to serve the East Hawaii Region and advance access to quality healthcare in the community.

It is a pleasure to strongly support your consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Susan Beth Hunt to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board. Thank you.

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Ronald Schurra
Chief Executive Officer of East Hawaii Region, HHSC

Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in strong support of Gubernatorial Nominee Susan B. Hunt, for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board, established pursuant to Act 290 in 2007.

The East Hawaii Region serves Big Island communities with facilities that include Hilo Medical Center, Ka'u Hospital, Hale Ho'ola Hamakua, and Yukio Okutsu State Veterans Home; as well as physician clinics, family practice residency, cancer center, home health care, and adult day care programs.

The East Hawaii Region welcomes Ms. Hunt to the newly established East Hawaii Regional Board of Directors. Ms. Hunt has a background and experience in health administration and is presently Executive Director of the Hamakua Health Center with clinic sites adjacent to HHSC facilities in East and West Hawaii. Ms. Hunt is knowledgeable about HHSC and the regional systems through her work in developing and coordinating health care services with the facilities; and is knowledgeable about the healthcare environment in the region and statewide having served on the State Health Planning and Development Agency Coordinating Council and Sub-area Planning Council. Ms. Hunt will bring a wealth of expertise and dedication to highly qualified decision-making and governance of the East Hawaii Regional system.

Your consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Susan B. Hunt to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board is respectfully requested. Thank you.

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