

# GOV. MSG. NO. 450

#### **EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS**

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LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR

February 19, 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.

Genevieve A. Kinney PhD

Term to Expire: June 30, 2009

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

## GM 450

David Y. Ige, Chair Senate Health Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215 415 South Bertania Street Honolulu, Hi 96813

Dear Senator Ige, aloha mai,

Please find, for your review, the attached copy of my testimony asking for my nomination to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board. I have also mailed copies of my testimony to the Senate Health Committee Vice Chair, Senator Carol Fukunaga, Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Senator Ron Menor, and Senator Paul Whalen.

I may be reached at my home 808 959 0070. If there are any additional questions, please do not hesitate to notify me.

Sincerely,

Genevieve Lehuanani OK ilauea Kinney RN Ph.D.

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## Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Health

Chair David Y. Ige, members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to present background information about myself for your consideration of my confirmation to the East Hawaii Regional Board Commission.

I was born in Hawaii, grew up in Ka'a'awa, Kaneohe and Waimanalo. I attended and graduated from Roosevelt High School. After becoming a R.N., I spent 2 1/2 years in the Air force Nurse Corps then attended Columbia University in New York and eventually completed a Ph.D. in transcultural nursing. As a nurse educator, I have worked at UH Manoa School of Nursing, Hawaii Community College and retired as chair of the UH Hilo BSN Nursing Program.

The opportunity to work with others in a positive manner to address health issues affecting the citizens of East Hawaii is welcomed. Attention to the shortage of nurses and doctors, clean environments, homelessness and and health care for returning veterans are some issues that will challenge the committee.

Thank you for your trust. I humbly ask you to support my nomination to the East Hawaii Regional Board Commission.

Genevieve LehuananiOKilauea Kinney

549 Auwae Road Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Phone: 959 0070



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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 #450**

Consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board, Gubernatorial Nominee Genevieve A. Kinney PhD, for a term to expire 6/30/2009

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 Genevieve Kinney PhD, for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board.

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

Dr. Kinney has extensive professional expertise, community awareness and healthcare knowledge to share from her distinguished career accomplishments that include clinical nursing and teaching; professional presentations on trans-cultural and multi-cultural nursing, healthcare, health promotion and patient issues; professional honors and awards; numerous appointments on government boards; and active community service.

HHSC and the community will certainly benefit from her highly qualified professional and personal dedication to informed governance and decision-making for the advancement of the mission and values of the State authorized system of community hospitals.

It is a pleasure to strongly support your consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Genevieve Kinney PhD 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 Genevieve Kinney PhD, 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 Dr. Kinney to the newly established East Hawaii Regional Board of Directors. Dr. Kinney contributes extensively to the island communities and the state in her professional and service capacities. Her distinguished career as a nursing educator and lecturer, her public service on appointed boards and commissions, as well as service to community organizations and agencies, and professional honors and awards are impressive. Dr. Kinney is dedicated to the community and will certainly apply her community awareness and healthcare knowledge to highly qualified governance of the East Hawaii Region in its mission to enhance access to quality care for residents and visitors on the Big Island.

Your consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee Genevieve Kinney PhD to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board is respectfully requested. Thank you.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT HILO

Baccalaureate Nursing Natural Sciences Division

March 8, 2008

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair Hawaii State Senate Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215 415 South Beritania St Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Governor's Message number 450

Dear Senator David Ige,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of support for the nomination of Dr. Genevieve Kinney to the East Hawaii Regional Commission. I have had the great fortune of working under Dr. Kinney's leadership as the Director of Nursing at the University of Hawaii at Hilo. She is a wonderful mentor and a true visionary for healthcare.

Dr. Kinney has been involved in Nursing Education and health care issues on the Island of Hawaii for many years. When she created the University of Hawaii at Hilo Baccalaureate Nursing Program she included in the curriculum Transcultural Care and Health Promotion. Her strong belief in healthcare disparities in our community led to several student service projects related to healthcare issues we face not only on the Island of the Hawaii, but globally.

Dr. Kinney and I have worked closely on research projects and have attended seminars and conferences directly related to public health, healthcare education, and environmental concerns. She has a voice that is well respected among community people of all ages. She is deeply committed to health promotion and has a great understanding of the healthcare issues of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Dr. Kinney is a former member of the Hawaii State Board of Nursing, Advisory Board member of the Department of Health, a member of the East Hawaii Management Council, the University of Hawaii at Hilo Advisory Board member, and many other important Boards. She has the experience and the passion to improve healthcare for the state of Hawaii. I know she would be a great asset to the new and significant East Hawaii Regional Board.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of any further assistance.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Kay Daub, EdD, CTN, CNE, RN
BSN Dept. Chair and Associate Professor



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