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TESTIMONY**

April 12, 2011

**TO: The Honorable Josh Green, M.D.
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair and Members of the
Senate Committee on Health**

**FROM: Bruce S. Anderson, Ph.D.
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**RE: GM 705 – Testimony in Support of Gubernatorial Nominee Vincent Lee For
Consideration and Confirmation to the Board of Health.**

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for hearing this testimony.

Vincent H.S. Lee has been serving as chief executive officer for the HHSC Oahu region (Leahi Hospital, Maluhia, and Kahuku Medical Center) since 2001, in addition to serving on the HHSC Corporate Board of Directors since 2009. He has demonstrated his dedication to improving both long-term and acute care services that the community-hospital system provides our island communities throughout the state of Hawaii.

Throughout the years, even during my past tenure with the state Department of Health, I have held high regard and respect for Mr. Lee's ability to successfully develop and manage numerous community and hospital-based projects.

Mr. Lee's desire to share his experience with the Board of Health should be commended, and I unequivocally support this Committee's consideration for his confirmation.

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SENATE COMMITTEE HEALTH
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair

Conference Room 229
April 13, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

Testimony in support of GM 705, which nominates Vincent Lee to the Board of Health.

My name is George W. Greene, President and CEO of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii (HAH), whose membership includes all of the acute care hospitals in Hawaii, two-thirds of the long term care beds, home care agencies and hospices, and other related provider organizations. Our provider members employ more than 40,000 people statewide, delivering quality care to the people of Hawaii. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of the nomination of Vincent Lee to the Board of Health.

The Board of Health is established by law to advise the Director of Health on the multitude of issues within the jurisdiction of the Department of Health. The Board of Health consists of eleven voting members appointed by the Governor, who has appointed Vincent Lee, subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Vincent Lee has had more than 25 years experience in senior health care administration. He is currently one of the Regional Chief Executive Officers of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation. Prior to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation he served with the Department of Health and St. Francis Hospital. During his career he has volunteered extensively with agencies such as the Governor's Hawaii State Emergency Medical Services Commission, the Kalihi-Palama Clinic, the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society, the Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii, United Cerebral Palsy Association, and Kahuku Medical Center. Through his employment and volunteer activities, Vincent Lee has developed a unique understanding of many of the functions and responsibilities of the Department of Health.

The Hawaii Health Systems Corporation is a member of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and I have worked with Vincent Lee on various projects. I have been impressed with his knowledge of health care, his organizational skills, and his commitment to maintaining the quality of health care for the people of Hawaii. I am confident that he will be a valued member of the Board of Health.

For the foregoing reasons, the Healthcare Association supports GM 705.