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COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

- TO: Chair Senator Brian T. Taniguchi Vice Chair - Senator Gilbert Kahele
- FROM: Art Gladstone Gubernatorial Nominee Center for Nursing Advisory Board GM 703

Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee,

I want to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for the nomination. I truly consider this an honor and privilege once again to be considered as a member of the Center for Nursing Advisory Board. I wish to also extend my deepest appreciation to the Senate Committee for this consideration.

As a current member of the Center for Nursing Advisory Board, I believe my experience as a Registered Nurse and as a Healthcare Administrator provides the necessary experience to support the Advisory Board's objectives. Additionally, I believe the relationships that I have developed over the past 23 years within the healthcare industry will be beneficial to the Advisory Board as it focuses on the challenges within the nursing workforce.

First and foremost I believe it is the responsibility of the members to have a thorough understanding of the roles, objectives and initiatives of the board, as well as the issues within the nursing profession and in healthcare in general. I believe as board members we need to be able to review data, draw objective conclusions from the data and provide clear directions to the Center for Nursing personnel on strategies that should be pursued.

As the Chief Executive Officer for Straub Clinic & Hospital and Chief Nurse Executive for Hawai'i Pacific Health, I have been successful in establishing a network of relationships throughout the health care and business communities. These experiences have provided me with a solid understanding of the issues facing the various constituent groups and will aid me in serving on this important committee.

During my term of service I will participate in the formulation of initiatives to address the developing needs of the community, the changing trends in healthcare, and will work to advance the organization's mission, goals, and vision.

I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

Art Gladstone, RN, FACHE Chief Executive Officer