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## Senate Committee on Health

### GM 689, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

#### Testimony of Romala Sue Radcliffe SHPDA Administrator

Friday, April 17, 2015  
1:15 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation  
2 of Mr. Harold L. Wallace, Jr. to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation of SHCC  
5 Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Harold L. Wallace, Jr.

6 Mr. Wallace is the Chief Executive Officer of Bay Clinic, Inc., the only Federally  
7 Qualified Health Center (FQHC) serving East and South Hawaii Island. Bay Clinic is the  
8 largest FQHC on the Big Island with a service area encompassing 51% of the island,  
9 comprising 58% of the islands total population. Bay Clinic is also the sole safety-net provider  
10 of primary, dental, and behavioral health care for East and South Hawaii Island.

11 Mr. Wallace was formerly the Interim Chief Executive Officer for Total Healthcare  
12 Center of Tyler, Texas, Vice President of Ambulatory Services for Schneider Regional Medical  
13 Center of St. Thomas-St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Chief Operating Officer for Samuel U.  
14 Rodgers Health Center of Kansas City, Missouri.

1           Mr. Wallace is active in the community. He serves as a board member with AlohaCare,  
2 Hawaii Primary Care Association, and Association of Asian Pacific Community Health  
3 Organizations (AAPCHO).

4           He received a Bachelor degree in Secondary Education from Philander Smith College  
5 and a Master of Public Health Administration degree from Meharry Medical College. He also  
6 completed the Harvard Business School Executive Education Program Managing Health Care  
7 Delivery – Modular 1, 2, and 3.

8           We ask for your support on the confirmation of Mr. Harold L. Wallace, Jr. to serve on the  
9 Statewide Health Coordinating Council.



**HPCCA**

HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

**Senate Committee on Health**

The Hon. Josh Green, Chair

The Hon. Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

**Testimony in Support of GM689**  
**Submitted by Hawaii Primary Care Association**  
**April 17, 2015, 1:15 pm, Room 414**

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association, which represents community health centers in Hawai'i, **strongly supports** the nomination of Harold Wallace, Jr. to the statewide health coordinating council.

The HPCCA is a staunch believer in the social determinants of health, those economic and social conditions that influence an individual and a community's health status. These conditions serve as risk factors endemic to a person's living and working environment, rather than their behavioral or genetic histories. Factors such as income, education, access to recreation and healthy foods, housing, and employment, can and do have measurable impacts on a person and a community, both in health and financial outcomes.

An integral part of addressing those social determinants is the acknowledgement and coordination of those various sectors that influence health outcomes. To that end, Mr. Wallace has been a vital addition to the Hawaii health system since arriving to the state in recent years. Working as the CEO of the Bay Clinic on the island of Hawaii, Mr. Wallace has been tireless in forging community relationships to better position his organization and the constituents they serve.

Under the leadership of Mr. Wallace, the Bay Clinic has expanded to become the second largest provider of primary care service in the state. With a service area encompassing more than half of the island of Hawaii's geographic region and patient population, they are an essential provider of care services to the largest landmass in the state. Drawing on that experience and expertise, Mr. Wallace will make an excellent addition to and provide a necessary perspective on the statewide health coordinating council.

For these reasons, the HPCCA strongly supports the nomination of Harold Wallace, Jr. and thanks you for the opportunity to testify.