

GM773

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANDREW GARRETT, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Report Title: Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector

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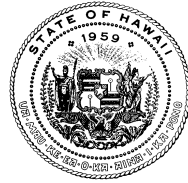
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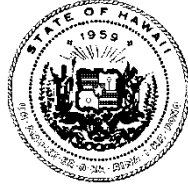
Testimony in SUPPORT of GM773
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANDREW GARRETT, for a term to expire 6-30-2019

SENATOR ROSALYN BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
Hearing Date: April 22, 2015 Room Number: 016

1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A

2 **Department Testimony:** I am pleased to submit testimony in strong support of Mr. Andrew
3 Garrett's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Connector.

4 I have known Andrew for over four years and have worked with him in various capacities but
5 particularly in his role as project director for The Hawaii Healthcare Project. Mr. Garrett is
6 bright, collaborative, mission driven, very capable, a pleasure to work with, and demonstrates the
7 utmost integrity. He is excellent at organizing and managing projects as well as developing
8 policy and strategy, and is knowledgeable about the broad health care issues in the state and is an
9 excellent candidate for the Board of the Connector. I currently sit on the Connector Board and
10 look forward to having Mr. Garrett as a colleague.



STATE OF HAWAII
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April 21, 2015

TO: The Honorable Rosalyn H Baker, Chair
The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

FROM: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: **GM 773** - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANDREW GARRETT, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

**Hearing: Wednesday, April 22, 2015; 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol**

I am writing in **strong support** of the confirmation of Andrew Garrett to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector (HHC). Andrew brings his experience in healthcare, public policy, and organizational leadership.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) provides empowering programs, services, and benefits to those in our community who are vulnerable with the goals of expanding their capacity for self-sufficiency, self-determination, independence, healthy choices, quality of life, and personal dignity. The well-being of our children, families, and *kupuna* is directly connected to the social determinants of health: education, transportation, access to healthcare, housing, job opportunities, environment, jobs, and access to quality healthcare. The Hawai'i Health Connector's efforts are directly connected to our work at DHS, and we are glad to partner with it in this shared work.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony. Please do not hesitate to contact me for additional information.



The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President, Hawaii State Senate

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker
Chair, Senate Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce

Re: Hawaii Health Connector Board support for confirmation of Andrew Garrett.

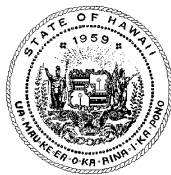
Hearing scheduled for April 22, at 8:30 p.m. in Conference Room 016

Senate President Kim, Chair Baker, and honorable members of the Senate,

My name is Jeff Kissel, Executive Director of the Hawai'i Health Connector (the "Connector"), speaking on behalf of the Connector and its Board of Directors ("Board"). We have reviewed Mr. Garrett's qualifications and are familiar with his contributions to the community.

As of April 22, 2015, the Board currently has three vacancies. In addition, at the end of June 2015, the term of several other members will expire. As such, the Connector may not be able to conduct regular business without a sufficient number of voting members being appointed with Senate confirmation and participating regularly at public meetings.

Therefore, the Connector's Board appreciates the Senate's consideration of the appointment of Mr. Garrett and the health care experience he could bring to the Board.



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GOVERNOR

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Hon. Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Hon. Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair
April 22, 2015, 8:30 a.m., Room 016

Re: GM 773, ANDREW GARRETT, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE FOR MEMBER,
HAWAII HEALTH CONNECTOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Testimony in Support

Submitted by Beth Giesting, Health Care Innovation Director

I strongly support the nomination of ANDREW GARRETT to serve as a member of the board of directors of the Hawaii Health Connector.

Mr. Garrett possesses a high level of intelligence and experience in both public and private health policy. He will be able to contribute to the Hawaii Health Connector board perspectives from his work with the legislature and in public relations. He is knowledgeable about trends in health care innovation and is well-acquainted with the health care landscape in Hawaii from his experience with the Hawaii Healthcare Project at the Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs, his board service to the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, and his current position with the Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

I started working with Andrew when he was hired to manage the Hawaii Healthcare Project and have been pleased to stay in touch with him since then. I find that he has a high degree of integrity, thoughtfulness, and attention to detail. His interest in public work to make Hawaii a better place and his ability to contribute to processes that bring together all kinds of people will also serve the Connector.

In short, I believe Andrew Takuya Garrett will be an admirable board member for the Hawaii Health Connector. Thank you for the opportunity to add my strongest support for his nomination.



HPCCA

HAWAII PRIMARY CARE ASSOCIATION

Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

The Hon. Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

The Hon. Brian T. Taniguchi, Vice Chair

Testimony in Support of GM773

Submitted by Hawaii Primary Care Association

April 22, 2015, 8:30 am, Room 016

The Hawai'i Primary Care Association, which represents community health centers in Hawai'i, **strongly supports** the nomination of Mr. Andrew Garrett to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Connector.

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.

Mr. Andrew Garrett has also devoted his entire career to addressing these social determinants. Beginning with the Consumer Protection and Commerce committee for the Hawaii State Legislature, he has played an active role in shaping those factors that affect the health and well-being of those living in the state. In recent years he has devoted his energies to the Hawaii Healthcare Project, the Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs, and currently the Healthcare Association of Hawaii.

As a whole, these positions have seen Mr. Garrett work seamlessly with the HPCCA and various other entities within the state. He has proven himself a tireless worker, a staunch supporter for improved health outcomes, and an effective collaborator.

The HPCCA looks forward to continuing to work with Mr. Garrett in the future and thanks you for the opportunity to testify.



SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

8:30 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 016

GM 773: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Connector, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANDREW GARRETT, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee,

I am pleased to support the nomination of Andrew Garrett, MPA to the board of directors of the Hawaii Health Connector.

I have worked closely with Andrew during this legislative session, and have found him to be not only knowledgeable in healthcare policy and practice in the state, but also insightful, strategic and reliable.

His present role at the Healthcare Association of Hawaii as well as his years of serving at the Hawaii Healthcare Project and Hawaii Institute of Public Affairs have well prepared him to serve on the Connector's board.

The Hawaii Health Connector serves an important function to help connect Hawaii's healthcare consumers with insurance. The Connector would be well served to have Andrew Garrett on its leadership team.

Sincerely,

George W. Greene, Esq.
President & CEO
Healthcare Association of Hawaii



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Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chair

GM 773: Support of Andrew Garrett to Board of Hawaii Health Connector

Testimony of
Jeanne Schultz Afuvai
President and CEO

Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 8:30 am
Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs, I want to heartily endorse and support Andrew Garrett as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Connector. Andrew is well-versed in the health delivery system within Hawaii and will bring a fresh perspective to this Board.

I have worked with Andrew when he directed and managed the Hawaii Healthcare Project. He did an excellent job bringing members of government together with the stakeholders in the healthcare industry to transform Hawaii's healthcare system.

Andrew also oversaw the development of the State Health Innovation Plan that was submitted to the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation Center.

Andrew is a strategic thinker and is able to determine how to solve problems in complex issue areas. His understanding of how all the pieces need to fit to make the Connector more viable will be of great value to the state.

I urge you to move Andrew Garrett's nomination forward.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit this testimony



THE QUEEN'S HEALTH SYSTEMS

To: Chair Rosalyn H. Baker
Vice Chair Brian T. Taniguchi
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

From: Paula Yoshioka
Senior Vice President
The Queen's Health Systems

Re: GM 773, Nomination of Andrew Garret to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Connector
Hearing—April 22, 2015 at 8:30 AM

The Queen's Health Systems would like to offer its strong support for the nomination of Andrew Garrett to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Connector.

Over his career, Mr. Garrett has demonstrated his ability to work effectively with a variety of stakeholders in the health care field to develop and implement plans and solutions for state-wide issues. Through his work with the state on the Hawaii Health Care Project and, most recently, at the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, Mr. Garrett has gained the breadth and depth of knowledge necessary for him to carry out his duties as a member of this board. We believe that Mr. Garrett would be an excellent addition to the board, serving with dedication and integrity.

We are heartened by Mr. Garrett's nomination and ask for your support in confirming him to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Connector.

The mission of The Queen's Health Systems is to fulfill the intent of Queen Emma and King Kamehameha IV to provide in perpetuity quality health care services to improve the well-being of Native Hawaiians and all of the people of Hawai'i.

**Testimony of
Gary M. Slovin / Mihoko E. Ito**

DATE: April 20, 2015

TO: Senator Rosalyn Baker
Chair, Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
Submitted Via CPNtestimony@capitol.hawaii.gov

RE: **GM 773 – Consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors
of the Hawai'i Health Connector, Gubernatorial Nominee,
ANDREW GARRETT
Hearing Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room: 016**

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection:

We submit this testimony in support of the nomination of Andrew Garrett to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector. We have been working very closely with Andrew during this session in his role as legislative manager for the Healthcare Association of Hawaii. While we have not known Andrew long we know he came to HAH with very high recommendations. Our work with him has shown us that those recommendations were well founded. Andrew acts as a leader by taking responsibility for his area of work. He is diligent in his work but he is also creative. He welcomes advice but he does not pass off his responsibility to others. He works well with others on the team and is respectful of their views. He is constantly looking at ways to serve the needs of HAH, and we feel that all of the qualities he has shown these past few months will serve the Connector very well. For these reasons we strongly support his nomination.

Thank for the opportunity to testify on this nomination.

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ALAN M. OSHIMA
President and
Chief Executive Officer

April 16, 2015

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair, Senate Committee on Health

The Honorable Senator Brian T. Taniguchi,
Vice Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Re: GM773, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Connector, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANDREW GARRETT, for a term to expire 6-30-2019.

Dear Senators Baker and Taniguchi:

I am writing in strong support of the confirmation of Andrew Garrett as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Connector. As a member of the board of the Hawaii Institute for Public Affairs, I worked with Andrew when he was the project director for the Hawaii Healthcare Project as well as while he served as the Acting President and CEO of the organization. He served the public interest exceedingly well in both capacities. He knows the federal and Hawaii healthcare opportunities and challenges.

In addition, his prior experience with the legislative process in addition to his current role as Director of Legislation and Policy with the Healthcare Association of Hawaii make him uniquely qualified for this position.

He is committed to public service and cares about Hawaii and its people.

Please confirm him to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Connector.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan M. Oshima
President and Chief Executive Officer

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Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chairperson
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Vice Chairperson

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

8:30 am

State Capitol, Room 016

GM 773: Confirmation of Andrew Garrett to the Hawaii Health Connector

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi and members of the Committee:

I am submitting testimony in strong support of Mr. Andrew Garrett's nomination to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Connector.

I first met Andrew when he worked in my office as a University of Hawaii student intern during the 2000 legislative session. I was so impressed with his keen intellect and work ethic that I eventually hired Andrew to serve as my office manager. Since that time until today I have watched Andrew grow as a responsible father, husband, community leader and young professional.

Andrew is respected for his intelligence and good character. He is also level headed, rational and a disciplined leader. Our State and the Hawaii Health Connector will benefit from his expertise and superior abilities. As his former employer, I strongly recommend without any reservations his appointment to the Hawaii Health Connector.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth T. Hiraki

**TESTIMONY OF ANDREW GARRETT TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2015**

Governor's Message 773: Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the
Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Connector, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANDREW GARRETT,
for a Term to Expire 6-30-2019.

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Taniguchi, and Members of the Committee:

Mahalo for the opportunity to appear before you today. It is an honor and privilege to be nominated by Governor David Ige for consideration for an appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Connector.

By way of brief background, I currently serve as the Legislative Director of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, a trade association that advocates on behalf of our 160 member organizations, which includes all acute care hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies and hospices in the state. Prior to joining HAH in January 2015, I served as the project director of the Hawaii Healthcare Project, a public-private partnership between the Office of Governor Neil Abercrombie and stakeholders of Hawaii's healthcare industry to achieve the "Triple Aim" of better care, better health and lower costs. I have also previously served on the Corporate Board of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, so I am fully versed on the fiduciary responsibility that is incumbent upon board members in their service to state-sanctioned boards and commissions.

Through my recent experiences, I have gained a familiarity and appreciation of the challenges of implementing federal health reform that will serve as a strong foundation of service to the Connector's Board of Directors. This familiarity will allow me to "hit the ground running" and contribute immediately to the deliberations that are currently taking place among the current Connector board and staff.

On a personal level, I believe that access to health care should be a fundamental human right, and I find it frankly embarrassing and inexcusable that a country with such vast resources allows upward of 40 million of its citizens to remain uninsured in this country. Passage of the Affordable Care Act was certainly a step in the right direction, and health insurance marketplaces continue to play a key role in expanding coverage to those who were previously uninsured. While there are certainly no shortage of challenges in harmonizing the tenets of the ACA with our state's own pioneering Prepaid Health Care Act, I am eager to work with all stakeholders in continuing to cover as many of Hawaii's residents as possible.

In closing, I am fully committed to lending my experience and energy to this important effort, and look forward to collaborating with the state administration, state legislature, Hawaii Health Connector 'ohana and its Board of Directors to help chart a new path to ensure HHC's viability for years to come. I humbly ask for your support in approving my nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Garrett', is written on a light yellow rectangular background.

Andrew Garrett