## Senate Committee on Commerce, consumer Protection and Health Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

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Testimony in Support of GM 557, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Daniel Rick, for a term to expire 06-30-2017

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As CEO for the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) and on behalf of the HHSC corporate board of directors, I am pleased to offer our **strong support** for Governor's Message No. 557 nominating Daniel Rick to the HHSC Board of Directors.

The HHSC Board of Directors appreciates the background and experience that Governor Ige's appointee would bring to the Board. Currently residing in West Hawaii, Mr. Rick attended the University of Maryland graduating with a degree in Physical Therapy with high academic honors. After receiving further training and working for the US Army, Mr. Rick worked as a physical therapist in Honolulu before re-locating to the Kona area. He is currently the owner of a physical therapy business in Kailua-Kona and continues to work as a registered physical therapist.

As an owner of a business that provides health services and a direct health care provider himself, Mr. Rick brings important and relevant experience to the challenges of providing health care in the West Hawaii Region. In addition, having served on the HHSC West Hawaii Regional Board he has demonstrated his commitment to his community's health care system and gained valuable experience with HHSC and the challenges we face.

In summary, we ask for your favorable consideration of Mr. Rick's nomination and thank you for the opportunity to testify.