

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

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 Conference Room 229 9:30 a.m. Hawaii State Capitol

Testimony in Support of GM 559, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Wayne Kanemoto, 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. 559 nominating Wayne Kamemoto 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. Mr. Kamemoto attending Hilo High School and then went on to further his education at Iowa State University and earned Masters degrees in Education from the University of Hawaii.

Mr. Kamemoto built a distinguished career in education first as a science teacher then as an administrator serving as a principal on Hawaii Island for 18 years including Laupahoehoe elementary and high schools, and the Hilo Community School for Adults. He also served over 30 years in the United States Army and Army Reserve.

Since his retirement Mr. Kamemoto has volunteered extensively in the East Hawaii community chairing the Hawaii Family Literacy Consortium and the Community School Consortium. He has been an active member of the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board having served as Vice-Chair of the Board and Chair of the Strategic Planning and Community Engagement Committee. His background and experience at the regional level are of great value to the HHSC Board.

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