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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

GM 555, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Testimony of Serafin Colmenares, Jr. Acting SHPDA Administrator

Tuesday, May 12, 2020
9:30 a.m.

Agency's Position: The State Health Planning and Development Agency supports the nomination and confirmation of Ms. Karen M. Holt to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

Fiscal Implications: None

Purpose and Justification: The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the SHCC, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Karen M. Holt.

Ms. Holt is currently the Executive Director of Molokai Community Service Council, a position she has held since 1997.

She previously served as Managing Attorney for Legal Aid Society of Hawaii (Kaunakakai) and Staff Attorney for VISTA (Honolulu). A community activist, she has been a Board Member of several organizations, including Molokai General Hospital, Molokai Community Service Council, Molokai Health Foundation, Hale Hoomalu Domestic Violence Center, Queen's Medical Center, Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Hawaii Community Loan Fund, and Hawaii State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. She was a member of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the Maui County Literacy Council and the Queen's Community Council.

1 She obtained her B.A. degree from the University of Rochester and her J.D. degree
2 from the University of Oregon Law School.

3 Ms. Holt was also a member of the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council (1994-
4 1996). She is a current member and serves as its chair.

5 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Ms. Karen M. Holt to serve on the
6 Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Glenn S. Izawa

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March 13, 2020

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96913


Re: GM555 - Nomination to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council for Karen M. Holt

Dear Honorable Senator Baker,

This testimony is in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Karen Holt to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. I have known and worked with Ms. Holt for more than three decades. We have served together on the boards of the old Molokai General Hospital and the Molokai Health Foundation. Ms. Holt understands health care issues for our island based on her experiences with the needs of our community.

For these reasons, I support Ms. Holt's appointment to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Sincerely,



Glenn S. Izawa, MSW

Bettygene K.O. Dudoit

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March 13, 2020

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
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Re: GM555 - Nomination to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council for Karen M. Holt

Dear Chairperson Baker,

This testimony is in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Karen Holt to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. Ms. Holt and I worked with each other for many years starting in 1981. Together we established and administered many non-profit programs for the island of Molokai, including the Hale Ho'omalua Domestic Violence Shelter.

Ms. Holt and I have also served together on the board of the Molokai Health Foundation. I am confident that she will bring an informed and experienced view on health care to the Council.

I support Ms. Holt's appointment to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bettygene K.O. Dudoit". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "B".

Bettygene K.O. Dudoit

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Submitted on: 5/11/2020 11:07:44 AM

Testimony for CPH on 5/12/2020 9:30:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Romala Radcliffe | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Strongly support.

Karen M. Holt

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February 18, 2020

Rosalyn Baker
Senate of the State of Hawai'i
Hawai'i State Capitol
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Re: Letter of Interest in Serving on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Dear Honorable Senator Baker,

This letter is in response to the questions that your office has asked regarding my nomination to serve on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council?

Answer: I am currently serving as an interim member of the Council, as well as a member of the Tri-Isle Subarea Advisory Council. I have a strong interest in health and healthcare, and I have served in various capacities in that field over the years (see my resume).

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council?

Answer: The SHCC's primary responsibility is to consider and make recommendations on applications for Certificates of Need. Following are the criteria on which the recommendations are based:

- The relationship of the proposal to the Health Services and Facilities Plan.
- Need for and accessibility of the proposal.
- Quality of the service or care that is proposed
- Cost and financial impact of the proposal
- Relationship of the proposal to the existing health care system
- The availability of resources for the proposed service.

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Statewide Health Coordinating Council member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

Answer: See my resume. I have served on the boards of several health care institutions, and have been a member of the Tri-Isle Subarea Advisory Council in the past as well as currently.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

Answer: I would hope to assist the Department in making sound decisions regarding the community's need for improvements in Hawai'i's health care systems.

- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Answer: I live in a rural, low-income community and I can provide insights on health care for my own community as well as similar ones throughout the state. I have lengthy experience in the health care sector, both in governance roles and in advisory roles. And my work in human services gives me routine exposure to most of the issues related to health care.

- (6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Statewide Health Coordinating Council member.

Answer: I am currently serving as a member of the SHCC and the TISAC.

- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

Answer: I do not foresee any potential conflicts that would arise as a result of my service on the SHCC.

Sincerely,

Karen M. Holt

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