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## Senate Committee on Health

### GM 785, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

#### Testimony of Darryl Shutter Acting SHPDA Administrator

Friday, April 8, 2022  
1:00 p.m.

**Agency's Position:** The State Health Planning and Development Agency supports the nomination and confirmation of Ms. Hilary Okumura to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

**Fiscal Implications:** None

**Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Hilary Okumura.

Ms. Okumura has served in the long-term care industry for the past eight years. She is currently the Administrator for Nuuanu Hale. Previously, she was the Administrator for Arcadia Home Health and the Administrator in training at Craigsides Retirement Residence. She has a variety of work experiences that range from Director of Operations for Moxie3Innovations to serving as a Criminalist for the Scientific Investigation Section of the Honolulu Police Department and a math and science teacher at the Myron B. Thompson Academy Charter School.

Ms. Okumura is an active community member. She is President and Coach for Leahi Soccer Club. She also volunteers with the Hawaii State Office of Health Care Assurance, Kidney Health and Diabetes Management Program, Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and

1 Children, and has served as a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council since  
2 2019.

3 Ms. Okumura has a Master in Science in Chemistry from the University of Hawaii at  
4 Manoa and a Bachelor in Chemistry from Creighton University.

5 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Ms. Hilary Okumura enabling her to  
6 continue to serve on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

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RE: Testimony for Hilary Okumura for Nomination to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Dear Senator Keohokalole,

I would like to introduce and share a little about myself to the you and the committee. I am a retired registered nurse and have worked for the Department of Health for 35 years as a Public Health Nurse in various positions and in my last position was privileged to be the Chief of the Office of Health Care Assurance which is responsible for the licensing and certification of all Health Care settings throughout the State and Pacific Region.

I have had the opportunity to collaborate with the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA) during my tenure and am very familiar with SHPDA's goals and responsibilities.

I strongly support the confirmation of Hilary Okumura who is currently the Administrator at Nuuanu Hale, a nursing facility located on Pail Highway. Prior to her employment at Nuuanu Hale, Hilary was an Administrator with the Arcadia Family of Companies where she was able to learn about and work in the different areas of healthcare, which included Home Health and Home Care, Adult Day Health and Day Care, Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing settings. She was also able to work with Na Pu`uwai Native Hawaiian Healthcare System, whose mission is to improve the health status of Native Hawaiians on Molokai and Lanai. Through these experiences, she was able to learn about the challenges that our kupuna face in access to care and the critical need for health care services on these islands. The aforementioned experiences and her previous tenure with HONSAC and SHCC, demonstrates that she will be a valuable asset in achieving SHPDA goals for the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration. Do not hesitate to contact me at [dianneo@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:dianneo@hawaii.rr.com) with any questions.

Respectfully

  
Dianne M. Okumura, R.N., M.P.H.