



**Testimony Presented Before the  
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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT of GM 662**

Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair McKelvey, and members of the Committee:

The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing (HSCN) was established by the Hawai'i State Legislature in 2003 “to address nursing workforce issues” (Act 198). The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing is established in laws under Chapter 304A, The University of Hawai'i System, and under Chapter 457, The Nurse Practice Act. The Center's mission is to collaborate on fostering workplace conditions that support nurses to remain in a fulfilling profession. Our vision is a thriving Hawai'i nursing workforce.

The Hawai'i State Center for Nursing commends the Legislature in considering this nomination of Olivia Kim for the position of Advisory Board member of the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing. The HSCN Advisory Board must have five (5) members who are nurses with an active Hawai'i nursing license, including but not limited to: (A) Nursing executive, (B) Advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), (C) Registered nurse (RN) affiliated with a nurse collective bargaining organization, and (D) Doctorally prepared RN educator or researcher. A nurse license IS required for Group 1. Related to this nomination, Olivia Kim is the President/Administrator of Oahu Care Facility. This nomination will fill a current vacancy in Group 1 for a “nursing executive”.

Olivia Kim has a longstanding relationship with HSCN, as a former Board of Nursing member. In addition, she holds key experience including starting her career as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) and representing long-term care as an industry.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination.

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