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April 9, 2026

**TO:** THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION  
Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair  
And Honorable Members

**FROM:** John C. (Jack) Lewin, MD, Administrator, SHPDA, and Sr. Advisor to Governor Josh Green, MD on Healthcare Innovation

**RE:** **GM745 – Regarding the Nomination of Elizabeth Ignacio, MD to the Hawai'i Medical Board for a term to expire 06-30-2030**

**HEARING:** Friday, April 10, 2026 @ 9:30 am, Room 225 & Videoconference

**POSITION:** SUPPORT

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Testimony:

SHPDA appreciates the Governor's nomination of Elizabeth "Lisa" Ignacio, MD, FACR, FSIR to the Hawai'i Medical Board and we strongly support her confirmation.

Dr. Ignacio is a board-certified surgeon and diagnostic and interventional radiologist who practices both on Maui and Kauai. She received both her bachelor's and MD degrees from the University of Virginia; completed her General Surgery and Diagnostic Radiology specialty training in Washington, DC, and was in addition a Pediatric Radiology Fellow at Children's National Medical Center, Washington, DC, and a Fellow in Interventional Radiology at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore. She is widely published and has received numerous honors.

As an obvious over-achiever, she is a highly qualified nominee to the Board. Lisa is the Immediate Past President of the Hawai'i Medical Association and a highly respected physician leader in our state. She has an excellent and untarnished professional reputation.

As a interventional radiologist who resides on Maui, and works on both Maui and Kauai, she can ably represent the unique challenges of neighbor island medical practice and health care.

*GM 745: testimony of SHPDA (2026), continued*

She is also well versed in healthcare policy and is serving as HMA's legislative leader and leads in the development of their policy positions. She has worked in a collegial and productive manner with SHPDA on numerous challenging issues, and we are impressed that she consistently puts the best interests of patients and of the healthcare workforce above her own.

We know of no healthcare constituency, including nurses and other clinician disciplines, hospitals, insurers, and consumer groups that do not similarly respect her integrity. She would in our view never protect physician colleagues whose behavior or performance is not characteristic of true professionalism.

She is clearly an exceptional human being, an exemplary physician, and an outstanding nominee. SHPDA strongly and without reservation urges her confirmation.

Mahalo, Jack Lewin, MD, Administrator, SHPDA

## **Testimony of the Hawaii Medical Board**

**Before the  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection  
Friday, April 10, 2026  
9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 229 and Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:  
G.M. 745, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION  
TO THE HAWAII MEDICAL BOARD,  
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ELIZABETH IGNACIO,  
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2030**

Chair Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

My name is Elizabeth Kor, and I am an Executive Officer of the Hawaii Medical Board (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Dr. Ignacio's reappointment to the Board as a licensed physician member from the County of Maui.

Dr. Ignacio has held a current, active, and unencumbered medical license in the State of Hawai'i since 2010 and has served on the Board since her interim appointment in November 2022. She is currently employed with Hawaii Pacific Health Medical Group, Renaissance Imaging Medical Associates, and Maui Diagnostic Imaging as a diagnostic and interventional radiologist. She also serves as a clinical educator at the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine. In addition to her clinical and academic roles, Dr. Ignacio is actively engaged in professional leadership and advocacy. She serves as Chair of the Hawaii Medical Association's Public Policy Committee and is involved with several national and state organizations, including the American College of Radiology's Board of Chancellors, American Medical Association's Organization of State Medical Association Presidents, committees of the Society of Interventional Radiology, Hawaii State Rural Health Association's Board of Directors, the Hawaii State Health Planning Development Agency's AHEAD Model Grant Steering Committee, and the Radiology Business Management Association's Board of Directors.

Since her appointment, Dr. Ignacio has been a highly active member of the Board, participating in all but one meeting. She was also appointed by her peers to serve as a Legislative Liaison for the 2026 legislative session, where she provided clinical and professional support to the Executive Officer. Board meeting minutes reflect

her strong focus on legislative advocacy, physician wellness, and the unique healthcare needs of neighbor island communities. Dr. Ignacio comes well prepared, asks thoughtful and relevant questions, and demonstrates a strong understanding of Board statutes, administrative rules, and policies. Her contributions are grounded in her clinical expertise and reflect a continued commitment to patient safety and consumer protection.

The Board believes that Dr. Ignacio's professional expertise, dedication to public service, and commitment to the community will continue to strengthen the effectiveness of the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



## Hawaii Medical Association

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### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Date: April 10, 2026

From: Hawaii Medical Association

Nadine Tenn Salle, MD, President of the Hawaii Medical Association

### Re: **GM 745; Hawai'i Medical Board**

### Position: **Strong Support**

The Hawaii Medical Association submits this testimony in **strong support** of the confirmation of **Elizabeth A. Ignacio, MD**, to the Hawai'i Medical Board as the representative physician from Maui.

Dr. Ignacio has long demonstrated exceptional professionalism, sound judgment, and sustained commitment to the practice of medicine in Hawai'i. She has dedicated substantial time to collaborating with colleagues and organizations statewide to advance equitable access to timely, high-quality care. With more than 25 years of clinical practice, physician advocacy, and community outreach, Dr. Ignacio possesses a deep understanding of the complex challenges associated with delivering high-quality care within Hawai'i's uniquely resource- and workforce-constrained health care system. In addition to her current appointment to the Hawai'i Medical Board, she serves on the board of the Hawai'i State Rural Health Association and is a member of the Hawai'i Medical Reserve Corps.

Dr. Ignacio has also held numerous leadership positions within medical societies in Hawai'i and nationally, including serving as President of the Hawai'i Radiological Society and as a member of the American College of Radiology Board of Chancellors. Within the Hawaii Medical Association, she has served as President and Treasurer and currently serves as Chair of the Public Policy Committee. Her continued engagement in state medical societies and in the local community reflects a strong commitment to both the medical profession and public service to the people of Hawai'i.

Accordingly, we are pleased to offer this letter in support of Dr. Ignacio's confirmation. We are confident that her dedication, strong work ethic, and extensive medical expertise will serve the State well, and that she will continue to be an outstanding member of the Hawai'i Medical Board.

#### 2026 Hawaii Medical Association Officers

Nadine Tenn-Salle, MD, President • Jerald Garcia, MD, President Elect • Elizabeth Ann Ignacio, MD, • Immediate Past President  
Laeton Pang, MD, Treasurer • Thomas Kosasa, MD, Secretary • Marc Alexander, Executive Director

April 16, 2026

The Honorable Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair  
The Honorable Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection

Re: GM 745 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, ELIZABETH IGNACIO, for a term to expire 06-30-2030.

Dear Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and Members of the Committee:

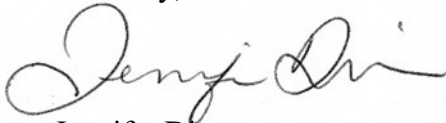
HMSA appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of GM 745, which requests the Senate's advice and consent for the appointment of Dr. Elizabeth Ignacio to the Hawai'i Medical Board for a term expiring June 30, 2030.

The Hawai'i Medical Board plays a critical role in protecting patient safety and maintaining public trust by licensing physicians, enforcing professional standards, and providing oversight of medical practice statewide. Through this work, the Board helps ensure that care in Hawai'i is delivered by qualified and accountable providers while supporting a stable and trustworthy healthcare system.

HMSA believes that a strong, well-functioning Medical Board is essential to protecting patient safety, promoting professional accountability, and maintaining public confidence in Hawai'i's healthcare system. Dr. Ignacio's clinical experience, her time spent as an educator, and her tenure in leadership roles with various organizations—including her current service as Immediate Past President of the Hawai'i Medical Association—provide her with valuable insight into the realities of medical practice in our state and the importance of balanced, fair, and effective policy.

For these reasons, HMSA respectfully supports her confirmation to another term of service and believes Dr. Ignacio will continue to contribute thoughtfully to the Medical Board's important work on behalf of patients and the broader healthcare community.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Diesman  
Senior Vice President

**GM-745**

Submitted on: 4/7/2026 5:01:49 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/10/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Laeton J Pang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am writing enthusiastically and without hesitation to recommend Dr. Elizabeth “Lisa” Ignacio for my reappointment to the Hawaii Medical Board (HMB). I have known Lisa for many years now having worked with her through our professional association as leaders in the American College of Radiology, the Hawaii Radiological Society, and the Hawaii Medical Association.

She is herself an excellent clinician, recognized and respected leader in her specialty of interventional radiology, as well as in the Hawaii medical community, passionate and articulate in her advocacy for patient access and quality of care, particularly for underserved and under resourced communities, as well as addressing public policy on complex challenges of delivering high-quality care amid Hawaii’s unique resource and workforce constraints, provider reimbursement, scope of practice, workforce shortages and underrepresented people groups in healthcare.

She is also one of the most driven, community service minded, and yet humble, thoughtful, and giving servant leaders that I know, despite her being a sought after speaker with numerous accolades, publications and positions of responsibility at the upper levels of multiple organizations, well liked and widely respected by our colleagues for being thoughtful, fair, open-minded, and rigorous in her approach to problem solving.

In summary, I strongly believe that she is an excellent candidate for reappointment to the HMB as she will continue to serve the public interest to support the safe, ethical, and principled delivery of healthcare in Hawaii. Please feel free to contact me for further information if needed.

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

Laeton J Pang, MD, MPH, FACR, FACRO, FASTRO, FACCC

President Elect, Council of Affiliated Regional Radiation Oncology Societies

Chair, ACR Radiation Oncology Medicare Contractor Advisory Network

Co-chair, American College of Radiation Oncology Government Relations & Economics Committee

Councilor and Former President, Hawaii Radiological Society

Treasurer, Hawaii Medical Association

**GM-745**

Submitted on: 4/14/2026 9:01:18 PM

Testimony for CPN on 4/16/2026 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Christina Marzo, MD MPH FAAFP	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection,

I am writing in support of Dr. Elizabeth Ignacio for confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Board. Dr. Ignacio is a dedicated physician and trusted leader within the medical community. Her expertise and understanding of the state of healthcare in Hawai'i is an invaluable asset to perform the vital functions of the Hawai'i Medical Board.

Christina Marzo, MD MPH FAAFP