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TO: THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair
Honorable Members

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

**RE: GM 754 -- Kathleen Hagan Nomination for Tri-Isle Health Planning
Subarea Council (SHPDA)**

HEARING: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 @ 3:20 pm, Room 225 & Videoconference

POSITION: SUPPORT

Testimony:

SHPDA is pleased to support the confirmation of the Governor's nominee, Kathleen Hagan, APRN, BA, for the Tri-Isle Health Planning Subarea Council. Kathleen got her Master of Science in Nursing and Nursing Certificate from Stanford University. Her bachelor's degree was in Human Biology. She is licensed as an RN and an APRN by the Hawai'i Board of Nursing. This will be her second term on the Tri-Isle SAC. She has been a stellar member.

Kathleen has been a Program Coordinator and Professor of Nursing at UH Maui College (UHMC) since 2019 and teaches a variety of nursing discipline courses there. She has also served as the Clinic Coordinator at UHMC Campus Health center and has numerous clinical and administrative roles at UHMC. She has had various other nursing roles on Maui since 2009; and she previously had impressive nursing roles at Stanford University, Kaiser Permanente Northern California, and a brief stint at the US Department of Labor in Washington DC.

She also has a history of healthcare research at University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), and at Kaiser Permanente, Oakland. Her international professional nursing experience has taken her to New Zealand, Nicaragua, China, and Spain.

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Kathleen has received numerous awards in her impressive and multifaceted nursing career; she has been impressively published in various major national medical journals; and she has received numerous academic honors as apparent in her resumé.

All these achievements and honors alone make her a worthy advisor to SHPDA and the State, but her true value to us is the respect she holds across Maui's health professionals and consumer groups, as well as her deep involvement in county's efforts to address the workforce shortages, the aftermath of the Wildfire, and the other pressing challenges the county faces.

SHPDA is fortunate to be attracting this kind of talent on our councils to help us achieve the Hawai'i the Health State vision once again. Please support the confirmation of Kathleen Hagan to the Tri-Isle Health Planning Subarea Council.

■ -- Mahalo --- Jack Lewin, MD, Administrator, SHPDA

Written testimony for Measure GM754, scheduled to be heard April 7, 2026

To: Senator Joy San Buenaventura, Chair, Committee on Health and Human Services
Senator Angus McKelvey, Vice Chair, Committee on Health and Human Services
Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

April 6, 2026

RE: Support for the Nomination of Kathleen Hagan to the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle County Subarea

I write in strong support for the appointment of Kathleen Hagan to the Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle County Subarea, for a term to expire on June 30, 2029.

My professional background is in public health, and I am honored to count Ms. Hagan as a friend for the past 40 years. As such, I am familiar with Ms. Hagan's strength of character and professional accomplishments. I support her nomination for the following reasons:

- Her experience as a long-time nurse educator and clinician based in Maui provides Ms. Hagan with a valuable perspective of the health needs of area residents.
- Ms. Hagan has been an active member of the Tri-Isle Subarea Health Planning Council before, even serving in leadership roles as Chair and Co-Chair. So, she is well aware of the role and responsibilities of being a member.
- Lastly, she has an extremely strong work ethic, commitment to community service especially in health-related fields, and possesses excellent communication, analytical and organizational skills.

I am confident that Ms. Hagan would continue to be a passionate advocate for the health needs of residents in the Tri-Isle County area, and urge your support for her nomination.

Mahalo for your consideration!

Respectfully,
Lydia Yu
Hilo, Hawaii



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**Testimony Presented Before the Senate Committee
on Health and Human Services**

HEARING: Tuesday April 7, 3:20 P.M.

PLACE: Room 225 State Capitol and via videoconference

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Chair Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Senator Angus L.K. McKelvey, and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for providing this opportunity to support the appointment of this nominee.

Hawai'i-American Nurses Association (Hawai'i- ANA) is the professional association for over 17,000 registered nurses who live and work in Hawai'i. Our mission is to advocate for our profession and for the improvement of the healthcare system in the communities where we live and work. **We strongly recommend that our colleague Kathleen Hagan, MS, APRN, be confirmed to the position on Health Planning Council, Tri-Isle County Subarea, as nominated by Governor Josh Green, for the term to expire 06-30-2029.**

As the current Vice President of Hawai'i-ANA and I can attest to the appropriateness of this nomination as I have known and worked with Kathleen Hagan for several decades, on healthcare policy and system issues in Hawai'i. She has deep experience in the healthcare system in Hawai'i, in her role as faculty at University of Hawai'i Maui College, as a direct healthcare provider, and as a committed leader in the community, particularly with youth groups. Kathleen will bring to SHPDA T-SAC experience and enthusiasm for community issues.

Hawai'i-ANA thanks your committee for its commitment to the people of Hawai'i in supporting nurses in their service to our community. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this confirmation.



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