

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 29 2026

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 660

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 660, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

CENTER FOR NURSING ADVISORY BOARD

G.M. No. 660 SARAH KAMAKAWIWO'OLE
for a term to expire 06-30-2027,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Sarah Kamakawiwo'ole for service on the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Sarah Kamakawiwo'ole from the Center for Nursing and five individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Kamakawiwo'ole's background and dedication to serving the public qualify her to be appointed to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board as a member who has a background or experience in community agencies or consumer groups. Your Committee notes that Ms. Kamakawiwo'ole has been a public health professional since 2020 and has been serving as the Director of Policy and Strategy for Papa Ola Lōkahi since 2022, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that oversees Native Hawaiian Health Care Systems statewide and aims to improve the physical, mental, and spiritual health of Native Hawaiians and their families. As Director, Ms. Kamakawiwo'ole



leads and oversees the state-level advocacy portfolio and maintenance of organizational policies and procedures. Previously at Papa Ola Lōkahi, Ms. Kamakawiwo'ole was a Policy & Compliance Assistant from 2019 to 2022, developing policy priorities and strategies and supporting organizational compliance and monitoring processes. Your Committee further notes that Ms. Kamakawiwo'ole earned her Master in Public Health, Health Policy & Management from the University of Hawaii at Mānoa and has public health research experience from working as a Research Analyst at the University's Department of Public Health Sciences. Your Committee finds that Ms. Kamakawiwo'ole has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of board members and her extensive experience in public health administration and leadership will enhance the effectiveness of the Board. Your Committee therefore recommends that Sarah Kamakawiwo'ole be appointed to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board based on her knowledge, background, and dedication to public service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health and Human
Services,




JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No. :* 660	Committee Referral: HHS	Date: 4/8/26		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision.				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)				✓
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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