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**Testimony in Strong Support of
Governor's Message 529**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Joy Koerte, for a term to expire 06-30-2029

Edward N. Chu

President & Chief Executive Officer

Hawaii Health Systems Corporation

On behalf of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) Corporate Board of Directors, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in **strong support** of Governor's Message 529, in consideration and confirmation to the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Health Systems Corporation, Gubernatorial Nominee, Joy Koerte, for a term to expire 06-30-2029.

Ms. Koerte has owned and operated Fujita & Miura Public Relations (FMPR), a communications consulting firm on Kaua'i, for the past 25 years, which has allowed her to have a firsthand understanding of the challenges and opportunities that local companies face in Hawaii. Her experience in advising a variety of clients from national entities to mom-and-pop shops, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies will be extremely beneficial to HHSC as HHSC faces the challenges of navigating an increasingly complex healthcare landscape.

During her time as an interim appointment to the HHSC Corporate Board of Directors, Ms. Koerte's professional experience working with healthcare entities on Kaua'i and providing advice on strategic philanthropy has already been extremely valuable as HHSC develops its strategic plan/roadmap for the future. Her participation has been invaluable in advancing HHSC's goals of providing equitable, accessible, high quality healthcare across Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this nominee.