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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
And Honorable Members

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

Re: **GM538 -- Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health
Planning Council, Hawai'i County, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALLEN
NOVAK, for a term to expire 06-30-2030.**

Hearing: Monday, March 2, 2025 @ 1:00 pm, Room 225 & Videoconference

Position: The State Health Planning and Development Agency supports the
nomination and confirmation of Mr. Allen Novak to the Hawaii County
Subarea Health Planning Council.

Testimony:

The purpose is for consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial Candidate, Mr. Allen Novak to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council.

Mr. Novak currently serves as Behavioral Health Therapist for Private Practice, and Clinical Instructor for the University of Hawaii at Hilo College of Pharmacy, and University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Nursing.

Mr. Novak has many years of experience as a Clinical Nurse Specialist, and served in leadership roles in healthcare facilities.

Mr. Novak is involved in the community. He has served on the Waimanalo Neighborhood Board Planning and Zoning Committee, Therapeutic Horsemanship for the Handicapped, Windward Preparatory School Board, East Hawaii Health and Human Services Council, Rotary Club of Hilo Bay, and Faith Against Drugs in Hilo.

Mr. Novak holds several Master's degrees – in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing, and Zoology; several Bachelor's degrees – in Nursing, and Biology.

With his extensive experience in the clinical setting, academics, and leadership in healthcare, Mr. Novak is highly qualified to serve on the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council. We respectfully request your support for her confirmation.

Mahalo for hearing this bill, and for the opportunity to testify.

- -- Jack Lewin, MD, Administrator, SHPDA

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Submitted on: 2/27/2026 2:58:03 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/2/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Scott Grosskreutz, M.D.	Testifying for Hawaii Healthcare Task Force	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Hawai'i Healthcare Task Force strongly supports the confirmation of Allen Novak, APRN. Allen is a Hilo mental health provider with decades of experience who is strongly committed to his patients and our community.

He is a very able APRN advocate on our multidisciplinary Task Force Board and would be a superb addition to your council for Hawai'i County.

Scott Grosskreutz M.D.

President Hawai'i Healthcare Task Force

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Submitted on: 2/27/2026 4:24:19 PM

Testimony for HHS on 3/2/2026 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Allen Novak	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments: I have been a Registered Nurse for 50 years and currently am a Psychiatric Advanced Practice Registered Nurse with a Hilo solo private practice. I have direct first-hand knowledge of the health care needs of East Hawai'i Island residents. Additionally, I understand the barriers which providers of health care face. I have the analytic skills to objectively identify health care needs and barriers at small and large scale. Past 30 years provided direct outpatient psychotherapy and psychotropic medication to chronically and severely mentally ill individuals in East Hawaii Island. None of whom have been hospitalized in the past 10 years. While I am assertive, I am a "team player". Compromise is success

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair McKelvey, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM538.

I am Miki Miura, a family nurse practitioner on Oahu. I strongly support the nomination of Mr. Allen Novak. I have been working with Mr. Novak as a board colleague through the Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses. He is a passionate advocate for the health of the people of Hawaii Island. He has been a great leader for the Hawaii Island APRN Committee Chair, addressing barriers for advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) and the healthcare shortage on Hawaii Island to improve access to high-quality care for residents. I highly respect Mr. Novak's expertise as an APRN colleague and healthcare advocate, and I have no doubt that he will do an excellent job playing the role of the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,
Miki Miura, DNP, APRN, FNP-C

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John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM)
Area Health Education Center Program (AHEC)

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March 2, 2026

RE: Hawai'i County Subarea Health Planning council appointment

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my support for Allen Novak's placement on Hawai'i County Subarea Health Planning council. I believe him to be an excellent candidate for the following reasons:

Allen has been a Registered Nurse for 50 years and currently is a Psychiatric Advanced Practice Registered Nurse with a Hilo solo private practice. He has direct first-hand knowledge of the health care needs of East Hawai'i Island residents and understands the barriers which providers of health care face.

As Executive Director of Kapiolani Health Hawaii Big Island Behavioral Health Services Allen became familiar with the mental health needs of children and adolescents residing on Hawai'i Island. This experience gave him extensive knowledge of the availability and limits of mental health care for Hawai'i Island youth.

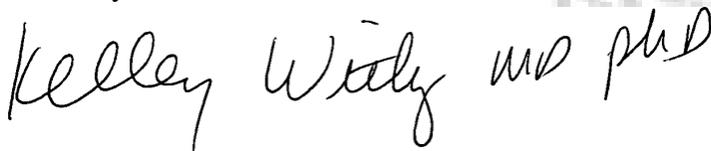
Allen served a term on the Windward Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.

Allen has the analytic skills to objectively identify health care needs and barriers at small and large scale.

Allen believes in teamwork and says, "While I am assertive, I am a " team player". Compromise is success."

I offer my strongest support for Allen Novak's application. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

Sincerely,



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