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March 31, 2026

Health and Human Services Committee, Hawaiʻi State Senate
415 South Beretania St.
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Re: April 2, 2026 Testimony in Strong Support of Ella Siroskey to the Health Planning Council, Windward O'ahu Subarea.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of GM543, the nomination of Ella Siroskey to the Health Planning Council.

Ella Siroskey is a highly respected and dedicated healthcare professional who has devoted over 47 years to serving our community as a nurse in both the Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Room. Her specialization in Infection Control and Trauma Nursing has placed her on the front lines of patient care, where her clinical expertise, steady judgment, and ability to perform under pressure have consistently advanced the highest standards of healthcare. Her work reflects not only her professional excellence but also her deep compassion and understanding of the needs of patients and their families during times of crisis.

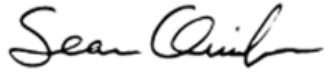
Beyond her clinical work, Ms. Siroskey has contributed meaningfully to our community through her continued service and volunteerism. As an active volunteer at the Hauʻula Community Center and as a Kupuna Support Navigator in the Koʻolauloa area, she has demonstrated a strong commitment to improving the quality of life for our kupuna. Her efforts reflect a deep sense of responsibility for community well-being and a genuine desire to uplift those most in need. Ms. Siroskey's leadership and service extend into numerous professional and community organizations. She serves on the Board of Hui O Hauʻula, the Board of Directors for the Hawaiian Islands Chapter of the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses, and as Secretary of the Hauʻula Community Association. Through these roles, she has shown a clear commitment to mentorship, collaboration, and strengthening the healthcare community. These experiences will serve her well in contributing to thoughtful and informed decision-making.

Ms. Siroskey has demonstrated unwavering professionalism, integrity, and a deep dedication to service throughout her career. I have every confidence that she will continue to bring these qualities in service to our community and would be an invaluable asset to the Health Planning Council.

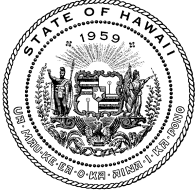
For these reasons, I strongly support her appointment.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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The Honorable Sean Quinlan
Hawaii State Representative
House District 47 – Kahana to Waialua



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April 1, 2026

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. Advisory to
Governor Josh Green, MD on Healthcare Innovation

RE: **GM 543 -- Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health
Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea for a term to expire on
June-30-2029**

HEARING: Thursday, April 2, 2026 @ 3:20 pm, Conference Room 225

POSITION: SUPPORT

Testimony:

SHPDA is pleased to support GM 543 regarding the consideration for confirmation of gubernatorial nominee, Ms. Ella Siroskey, Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea (WISAC).

Ms. Siroskey's extensive clinical background, leadership experience, and deep commitment to the communities she serves make her an exceptional fit for SHPDA's mission and the Windward O'ahu community. She has worked in Kahuku, Wahiawa, and other windward communities in addition to her extensive high-intensity clinical experience.

Ms. Siroskey, with decades of ICU, critical care, trauma, and emergency nursing experience across Illinois, Nevada, California, and Hawai'i. Her work in Level 1 trauma centers, long-term critical care hospitals, and community facilities has given her a comprehensive understanding of the needs of diverse and underserved populations in multiple care settings.

Ms. Siroskey has a proven record of improving population health outcomes through effective chronic disease management, reduced ER utilization, and stronger care coordination. Her work directly supports SHPDA's mission to improve healthcare access, quality, cost-effectiveness, and population health.

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She is deeply committed to community service, contributing to local boards, emergency preparedness efforts, environmental response teams, and volunteer organizations. Her longstanding dedication to the wellbeing of Windward and rural communities and reflects the qualities needed to serve effectively on the Health Planning Council, Windward O'ahu Subarea. We respectfully request your favorable support for her confirmation.

Mahalo for hearing GM 543, and for the opportunity to testify.

■ -- Jack Lewin, MD, Administrator, SHPDA



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12 January 2026

Ella Siroskey BSN, RN, Retired CCRN

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RE: Letter of Support for Ella Siroskey - Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea

To the Honorable Members of the Hawaii Senate,

I am writing to express my strong support for the appointment of Ella Siroskey to the Health Planning Council for the Windward ‘Oahu Subarea. With her extensive background in clinical care and her deep-rooted commitment to the health and stability of the Windward community, she is an exemplary candidate for this role.

Mrs. Siroskey brings over 47 years of experience as a Critical Care Nurse, having served in high-intensity environments such as the Intensive Care Unit and Emergency Room. Her specialized expertise in Infection Control and Trauma Nursing provides a high-level of clinical perspective that is vital for regional health planning. Her professional leadership is further evidenced by her service on the Board of Directors of the Hawaiian Islands Chapter of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, a position she held until 2024.

Beyond her clinical credentials, Mrs. Siroskey has demonstrated a tireless commitment to the Windward ‘Oahu community through various leadership roles. Since her retirement in 2016, she has been a dedicated volunteer at the Hau’ula Community Center. She served as a Board Member for Hui O Hau’ula until October 2024 and currently serves as the Secretary of the Hau’ula Community Association, with a term extending through 2025.

Perhaps most significantly Mrs. Siroskey has become a vital advocate for the region's elderly population. For the past two years, she has served as Kupuna Support Navigator under Hui O Hau'ula and the Hau'ula Community Association. In this capacity, she assists residents aged 60 and over in the Ko'olauloa area in navigating the necessary resources to age in place. This work is a natural extension of her previous experience as a Chronic Care Management Nurse for Medicare patients, where she managed long-term health needs from 2016 to 2018.

Mrs. Siroskey's unique combination of decades of professional nursing expertise and active community leadership ensures she will be a balanced and insightful voice of the Council.

I highly recommend her for this appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sherwin V. Alop". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'S' and 'V'.

Sherwin Alop BSN, RN, CCRN
Chapter President
Hawaiian Islands Chapter of AACN

j January 12, 2026

Aloha,

My name is Gary Tani and I am writing this letter in support of Ella Siroskey's nomination to the Health Planning Council - Windward Oahu Subarea. I have lived in the Windward side of Oahu all of my life (57 years), except for military obligations such as schools and deployments. I know a few medical professionals and no one has shown more selfless service to the community than Ella.

Ella and I met when the Koolauloa Moku Lions Club was formed in 2020. She has proven her dedication to the community and the people who live in the area since I have known her and had the privilege of working with her. We have completed a number of service projects over the last 5 years plus within the Windward Community and she always brings medical experience and professionalism with her.

Being a member of the Koolauloa Moku Lions Club provides her the unique opportunity to discuss health issues with members from other Lions Clubs on the Windward side and across the state as we work together on community projects or during Lions' gatherings. She freely shares her ideas and concerns and looks for trends in the community and island in order to allow people to take appropriate actions.

One such community project that she has routinely assisted in planning and executing are the vision screenings of the Koolauloa Moku Lions Club, amongst other community service projects, that the club does in the Koolauloa Community. Also, her work with the Hauula Community Center and the Kupuna from the Koolauloa Community allows her to gather information and see trends regarding the health needs of our community that many do not.

I am sure that others will focus on her time as a critical care nurse and such in their letters of recommendation. I am also positive that someone will also mention the time that she puts into monitoring the seals (marine mammals) and whale counting. Those are great and valuable, but the position that she is passionate about and what she is uniquely qualified for is a position to support the Windward area on the Health Planning Council- Windward Oahu Subarea.

Ella is not a person to just sit back and watch things happen. She actively engages people to make a difference for the better in their lives and the community. I have no reservations in strongly recommending her for a seat in the Health Planning Council - Windward Oahu Subarea.

If there are any further questions or concerns about Ella's qualifications or the appropriateness of her being appointed to a position on the council, please do not hesitate to contact me. My email is gt299fso@gmail.com.

Mahalo,

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FROM THE DESK OF

MONA CURRY

January 12, 2026

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
Senate President, Hawaii State Senate
Senate District 8
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Kouchi,

As a former State Advisory Member for the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency (HIEMA), I understand firsthand the critical importance of appointing highly qualified, community-grounded individuals to State Boards and Commissions.

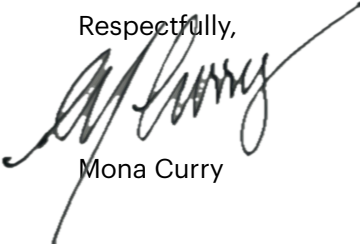
I offer my **strong and unequivocal support** for the appointment of **Mrs. Ella Siroskey, R.N. (retired)** to serve on the **Health Planning Council – Windward O'ahu Subarea**.

I have worked alongside Ella for more than five years through **Hui o Hau'ula** and the **Hau'ula Community Association**, where she has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, reliability, and service to the community. Ella is a trusted community resource — someone who identifies needs early, mobilizes others, and follows through with practical, compassionate solutions.

Her professional background as a registered nurse is invaluable. Ella's medical expertise is regularly relied upon in emergency preparedness, disaster response planning, and community health discussions. In moments of urgency, she is dependable, decisive, and always willing to step forward to serve. She brings both clinical insight and a deep understanding of the unique needs of Windward O'ahu communities.

Ella Siroskey will be an **asset to the Health Planning Council**, and her appointment would strengthen its ability to make informed, community-centered decisions. I recommend her without reservation and with full confidence in her ability to serve with integrity, competence, and care.

Respectfully,



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GM-543

Submitted on: 4/2/2026 8:22:52 AM

Testimony for HHS on 4/2/2026 3:20:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Anderson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair and members of the committee,

I respectfully submit this testimony in strong support of the consideration and confirmation of **Ella Siroskey** to the **Health Planning Council, Windward O‘ahu Subarea**.

Ms. Siroskey brings a deep commitment to community health, collaboration, and service that aligns closely with the mission and responsibilities of the Health Planning Council. Her professional experience, combined with her demonstrated understanding of the unique healthcare needs of Windward O‘ahu, makes her exceptionally well suited to serve in this role.

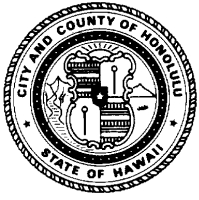
Throughout her work and community engagement, Ms. Siroskey has consistently shown the ability to listen thoughtfully, analyze complex issues, and contribute constructively to mission-driven teams. She understands that effective health planning requires not only technical knowledge, but also cultural competence, collaboration across sectors, and a strong connection to the communities being served. These qualities are essential for meaningful participation in health systems planning and policy discussions.

Ms. Siroskey has earned the respect of colleagues and community partners through her integrity, professionalism, and service-oriented approach. She brings a balanced perspective—grounded in data while remaining responsive to lived experience—that will add significant value to the Health Planning Council’s deliberations and recommendations.

At a time when healthcare systems face increasing challenges, particularly in access, equity, and coordination of care, it is critical that council members possess both competence and compassion. Ms. Siroskey exemplifies these qualities and is well positioned to contribute positively to the Council’s work in shaping health planning decisions that benefit Windward O‘ahu residents.

For these reasons, I offer my full support for **Ella Siroskey’s confirmation** to the Health Planning Council and respectfully encourage favorable consideration of her appointment.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.



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April 2, 2026

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM543

Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Sen. Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Sen. Angus L.K. McKelvey, Vice Chair

Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair McKelvey, and Committee Members,

I write in **support** of GM543, which submits gubernatorial nominee Ella Siroskey for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea. Ella is a retired critical care nurse with specializations in infection control and trauma nursing, and she brings over 47 years of ICU and emergency room experience. She is also an outstanding community member dedicated to service. Her wisdom, experience, and dedication to community would be a tremendous asset to the Health Planning Council.

As evidenced by her resume, Ella's professional experience spans over 47 years across the United States and throughout Hawaii. Beyond her extensive clinical skills, she has proven ability to manage high-pressure situations and environments. I have seen firsthand how she leads with confidence and composure under ever-changing conditions in the community. She is a true beacon of calm for those around her.

Since retiring in 2016, Ella has generously devoted her time to serving the community through volunteer work with organizations like Hui O Hauula and the Hauula Community Association. Her advocacy has focused on sharing information and resources with the community while helping to strengthen community resilience.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to confirm Ella Siroskey to serve on the Health Planning Council. She brings not only a lifetime of medical expertise and steady leadership under pressure, but also a deep, demonstrated commitment to this community. Ella will listen, collaborate, and advocate wisely on the health issues that matter most to our neighborhoods. The Council needs her voice, her judgment, and her calm presence. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Respectfully,

Matt Weyer
Councilmember, District 2
Honolulu City Council