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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM548
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Radiologic Technology Board,
Gubernatorial Nominee, KEVIN KANEKO, for a term to expire 06-30-2029

SENATOR JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Hearing Date, Time and Room Number: 03/02/2026, 1:00 pm, CR225

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Position:** The Department supports this nomination.

3 **Department Testimony:** The Environmental Health Services Division, Indoor and Radiological
4 Health Branch (EHSD-IRHB) provides the following testimony on behalf of the Department.

5 The Department supports GM0548, the nomination of Kevin Kaneko to serve on the Radiologic
6 Technology Board.

7 Mr. Kaneko has served as an interim Board member since July 11, 2025. After earning an
8 associate degree in radiologic technology from Kapiolani Community College and obtaining his
9 American Registry of Radiologic Technologists certification, Mr. Kaneko has accumulated nearly
10 two decades of experience as a radiologic technologist. His career includes long-term service at
11 the Straub Benioff Medical Center, where he performs general radiography in inpatient,
12 outpatient, and surgical settings. His responsibilities encompass a range of imaging procedures
13 that require consistent technical proficiency and attention to patient care. Kevin also
14 contributes to the development of future technologists through his service as a clinical
15 instructor at KCC.

1 Mr. Kaneko's extensive clinical background and commitment to high standards of
2 practice make him well equipped to contribute meaningfully to the Board.

3 **Offered Amendments:** None.

4 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

Kevin Kaneko is a highly knowledgeable and well experienced radiologic technologist that will be a great fit for the board. He's been ARRT certified for about 20 years, and currently is cross-trained to work in Interventional Radiology. He has also served as Straub Benioff Medical Center's RadTech clinical preceptor for several years. Many have praised Kevin's dedication and willingness to educate the future generations of our x-ray community. Kevin is a exceptionally reliable, hardworking, and detail-oriented individual that would make him a great fit for the Radiologic Technology Board.

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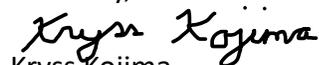
February 28, 2026
Hawaii State Legislature

Dear President Kouchi and Members of the Senate:

I'm the Chief Radiologist for Straub Benioff Medical Center and HPH. I have been working with Kevin Kaneko since he started in 2007. I'd like to highly recommend Kevin to serve on the Hawaii Radiologic Technology Board. He is very diligent, thoughtful, and a team player. He has been the lead clinical preceptor for the x-ray students rotating through Straub for many years. He teaches them in a comforting, patient, and reassuring manner. Meanwhile, he assists the physicians perform procedures. More recently, he helped solve a problem because it was not clear to new users as to what each of the three foot pedals on our x-ray machine were for so he labelled them so that any user can tell exactly what each of the foot pedals are for!

Kevin is also very inclusive and has voluntarily organized social events for our department such as bowling, karaoke, and outdoor adventures in his free time. Kevin is easy to work with and is often recognized for his dedication and commitment to the field of radiology. In 2024, he was awarded the Employee of the Year at Straub because of his service in the community! Thank you for considering him for this position. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments. I highly recommend Kevin to serve on the Hawaii Radiologic Technology Board.

Sincerely,


Kryss Kojima