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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: **GM 559 -- Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Statewide Health Coordinating Council (Peter Sybinsky, PhD), for a
term to expire 6-30-2029**

HEARING: Friday, March 13, 2026 @ 1:00 pm, Room 225 & Videoconference

POSITION: SUPPORT

Testimony:

Thank you for your consideration of the confirmation of Gubernatorial nominee, Peter Sybinsky, PhD to the SHPDA Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC). We strongly support his nomination. His experience, judgment, and commitment to improving health outcomes make him exceptionally well-qualified to serve on this council.

Mr. Sybinsky served as Director of the Hawai'i Department of Health, he oversaw 6,500 employees and more than 80 statewide programs, including infectious disease control, maternal and child health, mental health and substance abuse, and emergency medical services.

Mr. Sybinsky as President/CEO of the Hawai'i Health Information Corporation, he modernized statewide health data systems and expanded analytic capacity. He oversaw major public health functions, including infectious disease control, mental health and substance abuse services, and emergency medical services—responsibilities that reflect his strong and capable leadership.

Mr. Sybinsky leadership also directly expanded access to care for Hawai'i residents. As Deputy Director for Health Resources, he implemented the state's first health insurance program for the uninsured (SHIP), which "helped lower the state's

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uninsured rate to 2–4% by 1993”. This remains one of Hawai‘i’s most significant health policy achievements.

Mr. Sybinsky brings more than four decades of proven leadership in Hawai‘i’s health systems, including oversight of statewide programs, data infrastructure, and major public health initiatives. He has successfully managed complex responsibilities—from infectious disease control to mental health and emergency medical services, demonstrating the experience and judgment essential to supporting SHPDA’s mission. His deep commitment to Hawai‘i’s communities, paired with his unmatched understanding of our healthcare landscape, makes him exceptionally well-suited to strengthen the council’s work. His guidance will be invaluable as we plan for the state’s long-term healthcare needs. We respectfully request your favorable consideration of Mr. Peter Sybinsky’s confirmation.

Mahalo for hearing GM 559, and for the opportunity to testify.

- -- Jack Lewin, MD, Administrator, SHPDA



March 16, 2026

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

Re: GM 559 – For consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, PETER SYBINSKY, for a term to expire 06-30-2029.

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

HMSA appreciates the opportunity to testify in support of GM 559, which requests the Senate's advice and consent for the appointment of Peter Sybinsky to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) for a term expiring June 30, 2029.

The SHCC plays a vital role in shaping statewide health planning, guiding resource allocation, and promoting coordination across Hawai'i's health care system. As our state continues to confront rising health care costs, workforce shortages, an aging population, and persistent health disparities, strong and experienced leadership on the Council is essential.

HMSA believes that Peter Sybinsky brings the expertise, judgment, and deep understanding of Hawai'i's health system needed to support the Council's important work. His 28 years of service at the Hawai'i Department of Health—including his tenure as Director—along with his experience as CEO of the Hawaii Health Information Corporation and CEO of the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs, demonstrate a long-standing commitment to data-driven planning, cross-sector collaboration, and policies that reflect the needs of communities statewide.

We are confident that Mr. Sybinsky's leadership will support the State's efforts to improve population health, enhance system efficiency, and ensure that limited health care resources are allocated wisely.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your favorable consideration of Peter Sybinsky.

Sincerely,

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Senior Vice President
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TO: Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair McKelvey, and Members of the
Hawaii State Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

FROM: Marilyn A. Matsunaga

DATE: Monday, March 16, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.
Hawaii State Capitol
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

RE: **GM 559 Peter Sybinsky**
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide
Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Peter Sybinsky for a
term to expire 06-30-2029

Good afternoon, Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair McKelvey, and Members of the
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

My name is Marilyn Matsunaga and I am testifying in **STRONGEST SUPPORT** of
confirming Peter Sybinsky to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Peter Sybinsky served Hawaii's people as the Deputy Director of Health during an era
when healthcare reform was high on the nation's priorities during the Waihee
Administration. With then Director of Health, Dr. Jack Lewin, Peter worked to help the
state stand up landmark programs to help strengthen access to healthcare statewide. I
was one of the young people who served in the DOH Director's office back then and I
learned so many valuable lessons about public stewardship and leadership from the both
of them.

Peter's career in Hawaii's health sector is well-documented as seen in his CV, but his
value to this Council goes beyond his resume. He has a great level of institutional
knowledge to healthcare planning; he understands the history of the Hawaii Prepaid
Health Care Act and the evolution of our local healthcare infrastructure.

His perspective will well complement the skillset of other members of the Statewide
Health Coordinating Council as he understands the industry data that determines how
and if a new service/facility has the appropriate resources to be developed, maintained
and most importantly sustained in a manner that is worthy of serving Hawaii's people.

Thank you for your thoughtful support of his nomination!