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By

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GM 665 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE HAWAII MEDICAL EDUCATION COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, LANCE SEGAWA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2029.

Chair Kim, Vice-Chair Kidani and members of the committee:

My name is T. Samuel Shomaker, and I am the Dean of the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) of the University of Hawai'i. I also serve as chair of the Hawai'i Medical Education Council (HMEC).

I am writing in **support** of GM 665 which submits for consideration and confirmation Mr. Lance Segawa, M.P.H. to serve on the Hawai'i Medical Education Council for a term expiring on June 30, 2029. Mr. Segawa is currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation, Kauai Region and will represent the health professions community as required by the HMEC Charter.

Mr. Segawa has over 40 years of experience as an administrator within healthcare organizations, with 28 years in dedicated leadership roles targeting quality, operation, and cost-saving efficiencies and building effective partnerships.

He has held numerous leadership positions in healthcare facilities such as St. Francis Healthcare System, Hawaii Pacific Health, Kahuku Medical Center, Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation, and most recently, for 10+ years, with the Hawaii Health Systems Corporations. His previous positions include the Hawaii State Director of the Mountain Pacific Quality Health Foundation, the CEO of Operations, and the Corporate Chief Operating Officer of HHSC. In addition to being the CEO and Administrator of the Kahuku Medical Center.

He has a great number of accomplishments that include, but are not limited to, achieving minimal turnover of management staff through restructuring/reductions, cost savings of roughly \$1,000,000 in operational efficiencies and restructuring, and the development of managers and supervisors to lead roles. Mr. Segawa's extensive leadership background within numerous healthcare facilities and his achievements make him a superb candidate to represent our health professions community.

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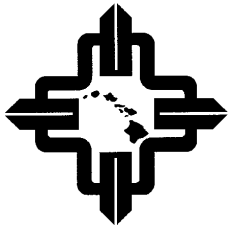
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I strongly support of the nomination of Mr. Segawa to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council and urge your committee to recommend confirmation of his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice-Chair

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**Testimony in Strong Support of
Governor's Message 665**

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council,
Gubernatorial Nominee, LANCE SEGAWA, 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 665, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Lance Segawa, for a term to expire 06-30-2029.

I have worked with Mr. Segawa for nearly 20 years, first during his time as the HHSC Corporate Executive Director of Operations, and now as the HHSC Kauai Region CEO. Lance is a passionate, highly skilled and proven health care executive. With over 46 years of health care leadership experience his competencies embrace a wide range of governance, leadership, communication, negotiation, project management, and conflict resolution skills necessary to lead a multi-hospital system. His accomplishments include improving hospital operations post-bankruptcy, implementing organizational culture change utilizing Studer tactics, creating enhanced charge capturing systems to maximize revenue, right sizing hospital operations utilizing productivity models, and facilitating governance and strategic planning training for boards and executive teams. His extensive background in healthcare and his passion to serve the State of Hawaii makes Mr. Segawa a strong candidate for the Hawaii Medical Education Council.

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