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By

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**GM 667 – SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE  
HAWAII MEDICAL EDUCATION COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,  
COLLEEN INOUE BAUM, 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 667 which submits for consideration and confirmation Dr. Colleen Inouye Baum to serve on the Hawai'i Medical Education Council for a term expiring on June 30, 2029. Dr. Inouye Baum has served on the HMEC for the past four years. Although she retired since she was initially nominated for another term on the Hawaii Medical Education Council, Dr. Inouye is now the health professions outreach coordinator for JABSOM on Maui. She remains active in the community as a Board Member of the American Association for Physician Leadership, a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, and an active member of the Section Advisory Council (rural health; health policy) for the Hawai'i Chapter of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Additionally, having a Master's degree in Population Health informs her approaches to improving the overall health systems of care and medical education.

As a practicing physician on Maui, Dr. Inouye has contributed to the community needs with numerous hospital and academic affiliations. She has been an active staff member at Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC) for over 35 years, an Assistant Clinical Professor with the John A. Burns School of Medicine for more than 10 years, and continues to serve as the Co-Director for educational rotations at MMMC for medical students and physician assistants on Maui Island.

As a faculty educator and supervisor, practicing physician, and a career spanning over 40 years, Dr. Inouye Baum continues to demonstrate her commitment to medical education and serving the people of Hawai'i. She continues to support and advocate for Graduate Medical Education and is a valuable asset to the Council.

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I strongly support of the nomination of Dr. Inouye to serve a second term on the Hawai'i Medical Education Council and urge your committee to recommend confirmation of her nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.