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TO: SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
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Honorable Members

FROM: John C. (Jack) Lewin, MD, Administrator, SHPDA, and Sr. Advisor to
Governor Josh Green, MD on Healthcare Innovation

RE: **GM 701 – Nomination of Judith Mikami to SHPDA Tri-Isle County
Health Subarea Planning Council through June 30, 2030**

HEARING: Tuesday, April 7, 2026 @ 3:20 pm; Conference Room 225

POSITION: SUPPORT with COMMENTS

Testimony:

SHPDA is pleased to support the confirmation of Judith Mikami, RN MPH, for the Tri-Isle Health Planning Subarea Council (SAC). Ms. Mikami received her RN and her MPH degrees from the UH Manoa.

We recruited her to bring a respected community leader and health professional from Molokai to the SAC. She is a certified diabetes educator and public health nurse with extensive experience in gerontology and chronic diseases.

Her employment history includes serving as the Long-Term Care Director for the Moloka'i Na Pu'uwai Native Hawaiian Health Care System; a Community Planner for Hawai'i DOH on the island, the Director of Community Health Services for Moloka'i General Hospital, and as the Community Rural Health Consultant and Grant Writer on Moloka'i. In these various roles she led the development of culturally grounded island-wide health programs in chronic disease management, kupuna health, and rural access to healthcare.

Judy has received numerous community honors and recognitions for her work as an exemplary public health nurse. She also has numerous professional leadership roles and has served on state and national committees on diabetes education and chronic disease, including with the National Kidney Foundation, the Hawai'i Primary Care Association, the Maui County Committee on Aging, and also the State Rural Health

Association Executive Board, where she is a Past President. She also has been published on her areas of expertise in several national journals and has received numerous honors that are included in here resumé.

We are very fortunate to have recruited a person with this much experience, respect, and expertise in the Moloka`i community to assist the Tri-Isle SAC in its challenging role of improving access and quality of care to one of the most underserved and high-risk areas of the state. We are grateful to the Governor for nominating her; and we strongly support her confirmation

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

■ -- Jack Lewin, MD, Administrator, SHPDA