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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM780
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Radiologic Technology Board,
Gubernatorial Nominee, KRYSS KOJIMA, for a term to expire 06-30-2030

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

Hearing Date, Time and Room Number: 4/8/2026, 1:00PM, 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 GM780, the nomination of Dr. Kryss Kojima to serve on the
6 Radiologic Technology Board.

7 Dr. Kojima was recently appointed on March 19, 2026 as an interim member of the
8 Radiologic Technology Board. He is a Diagnostic Radiologist with lifetime certification from the
9 American Board of Radiology. His medical training includes a Doctorate of Medicine and a
10 Diagnostic Radiology Residency with the Oregon Health Sciences University School of Medicine,
11 as well as a Body Imaging Fellowship at Stanford University.

12 Dr. Kojima brings more than two decades of clinical experience as a Radiologist at
13 Straub Benioff Medical Center, where he has served as Chief of the Straub Radiology
14 Department since 2007 and Chief of Hawaii Pacific Health Radiology since 2021. In this role he
15 has worked diligently to standardize imaging protocols, improve radiologist reporting practices,

1 and implement efficient workflows for effective communication of results at his institution. He
2 has additionally contributed to training future clinicians as a Clinical Educator at the University
3 of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine.

4 Dr. Kojima's longstanding clinical leadership, commitment to patient safety and
5 high-quality imaging standards, and extensive involvement in advancing radiologic practice
6 make him well prepared to serve effectively on the Radiologic Technology Board.

7 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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

April 06, 2026

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services,

I am pleased to write this letter in strong support for Dr. Kryss Kojima, whom I currently work with at Straub Benioff Medical Center in the Mammography Department, where he serves as Chief Radiologist for Hawaii Pacific Health.

Dr. Kojima is an exceptional leader and physician. Even in the most stressful situations, he maintains a positive and steady presence that helps lift the morale of the entire team. His ability to create a supportive and healthy work environment makes a meaningful difference for both staff and patients.

He is also deeply committed to supporting each department and ensuring that staff feel heard and valued. Dr. Kojima is always willing to step in to help resolve issues and improve workflows, which contributes greatly to the collaborative culture within our organization.

In addition to his leadership qualities, Dr. Kojima is incredibly knowledgeable and continually encourages those around him to expand their learning. His dedication to education and professional growth inspires technologists and physicians alike to strive for excellence.

I strongly believe that Dr. Kojima would be an outstanding addition to the State of Hawai'i Radiologic Technology Board. His vast knowledge, clinical expertise, and commitment to advancing the field of radiology would provide valuable insight and leadership for the board.

It is my honor to recommend Dr. Kojima for this role.

Sincerely,

Reiko Nakamoto, R.T.(R)(M)(BUS)(ARRT)

Straub Benioff Medical Center