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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:** **GM782 – Nomination John McComas to the Statewide Health  
Coordinating Council (SHCC) for a term to expire on 6-30-2030**

**HEARING:** Wednesday, April 15, 2026 @ 1:00 pm, Room 225 & Videoconference

**POSITION:** SUPPORT

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Testimony:

SHPDA strongly supports the confirmation of Gubernatorial nominee, Mr. John McComas, to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

Mr. McComas holds a master's degree in public health from the University of Hawai'i and a B.A. in Psychology from the University of California, Berkeley. His résumé notes additional training through the "Pacific Urban Studies and Planning Program", demonstrating a strong academic foundation that has guided his work in health planning, policy, and system development.

Mr. McComas also brings extensive executive leadership experience, through his previous employment at Kalihi Palama Health Center, HMSA, and experience working with several federal insurance programs. Most importantly, he served as the longstanding CEO of AlohaCare from 1996-2017 (21 years). His legacy in contributing to the success and growth of our Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and to improving services to Med-QUEST beneficiaries on all islands is outstanding.

Mr. McComas' commitment to community service is equally noteworthy. He has served as Board President of PHOCUSED, an advocacy project of Hawaii Appleseed Center for Law & Economic Justice that works with Health and Human Services. He co-founded the National Association of Community Affiliated Plans, and has held

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leadership roles in Hina Mauka, PATCH, Child and Family Service, and the Hawaii Health Information Exchange (HHIE).

Finally, John has been a mentor to me and a creative partner during my tenure as Director of Health, and now once again for the past 3½ years as SHPDA Administrator. He has also admirably served on our SHPDA Universal Access Advisory Council for 3 years and has advised on our legislative testimonies and strategic planning activities. He is actively presently engaged in advising on the AHEAD grant implementation and the implementation of the Rural Health Transformation Plan.

We are fortunate that John is willing to participate on SHPDA's highest advisory body, the SHCC. We are very pleased that the Governor nominated him, and we strongly support his confirmation.

Mahalo, Jack Lewin, MD, Administrator, SHPDA



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

From: Francoise Culley-Trotman, Chief Executive Officer  
Pat Brennan, Chief Operations Officer  
Paula Arcena, Senior Vice President, External Affairs

Hearing: Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 1:00 PM, Conference Room 225

RE: **GM782 Consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOHN MCCOMAS, for a term to expire 06-30-2030.**

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AlohaCare appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in **support of the confirmation of John McComas as a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.**

AlohaCare is a community-rooted, non-profit health plan founded by Hawai'i's Community Health Centers and the Queen Emma Clinics. We serve over 66,000 Medicaid and Medicaid-Medicare dual-eligible residents on all islands. Since 1994, AlohaCare has partnered with providers, government entities, and community-based organizations to meet the evolving needs of our safety net community as Hawai'i's only health plan focused solely on Medicaid-eligible individuals. Our mission is to serve individuals and communities in the true spirit of aloha by ensuring and advocating for equitable access to quality, whole-person care for all.

John McComas was the former Chief Executive Officer of AlohaCare from 1996 to 2017, helping the organization grow from its early days into one of Hawai'i's leading health plans. Equally important to his experience is the kind of leader Mr. McComas is. He is compassionate and dedicated to community health. Throughout his career, he has shown a true belief that health care should be based on service, dignity, and meeting community needs. He is a seasoned Hawai'i health executive who knows our health care landscape well and is respected throughout the community. His commitment to improving health systems is also very personal. People who know him know that his idea of a vacation is to visit health systems in other countries. This shows his lifelong dedication to learning, understanding what works, and bringing those lessons back to help improve care for our communities.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in **support of the confirmation of John McComas as a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.**