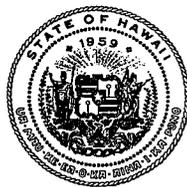


GM 472

REBECCA S. WARD

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to
the Statewide Health Coordinating Council,
Gubernatorial Nominee, REBECCA S. WARD, for a
term to expire 6-30-2013.

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**GM 472, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Health
Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee,**

Rebecca Ward

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health**

April 15, 2009

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation of Ms.
2 Rebecca Ward to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Rebecca Ward is President of Ward Research, Inc., a market research
5 firm. Ward Research was recognized by the Pacific Business News as a Top 25 Women-Owned
6 Businesses from 1999 to 2005. Ms. Ward currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Girl Scout
7 Council of Hawaii as well as the Board of Directors of the Aloha Council of Boy Scouts. In addition,
8 she is on the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, and she is a member of the
9 American Association of Public Opinion Research.

10 We ask for your support in the confirmation of Ms. Ward to the Statewide Health Coordinating
11 Council.

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 472
Consideration and Confirmation of Rebecca S. Ward
to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council

by Pamela Ferguson-Brey, Executive Director
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Senate Committee on Health
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Senator Ige, Vice Chair Green and Members:

Thank you for providing the Crime Victim Compensation Commission with the opportunity to testify before you today. The Commission strongly supports the appointment of Rebecca S. Ward to serve on the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, for a term to expire on June 30, 2013. Ms. Ward's management and business expertise and her commitment to community service will make her a valuable asset to the Council.

Ms. Ward has served as a Commissioner on the Crime Victim Compensation Commission since September 10, 2003. The Commission is a quasi-judicial body that assists victims of violent crime by providing compensation for crime-related expenses. Commissioners hear appeals from administrative decisions ordering or denying compensation and set policy for the determination of Commission claims.

Commission appeals are heard de novo. Commissioners determine eligibility, evaluate and analyze criminal justice data to verify that an eligible crime has occurred, and analyze and evaluate financial, medical, and criminal justice documents. The most difficult decisions issued by the Commissioners are those that limit or deny compensation awards. These decisions are difficult because they involve an assessment of the extent to which the claimant contributed to the incident that caused their injuries or death. It is important that these decisions are clear and consistent. Each claim that is limited or denied must be distinguished on its facts from other cases where compensation awards are granted in full. Relevant statutes, rules, and guidelines must be applied to the facts

and analysis conducted to determine whether the claim should be granted, limited, or denied.

During Ms. Ward's tenure she has demonstrated an extensive knowledge and deep understanding of applicable federal and state laws, rules and guidelines, and a keen ability to interpret complex material and resolve problems logically and consistently.

Victims of violent crime who apply for compensation are often traumatized and angry about what has happened to them and frustrated about the way the criminal justice system treats victims. Commissioners must be sensitive and compassionate in dealing with these individuals. Ms. Ward has treated the victims that have appeared before her with dignity and respect.

Ms. Ward is a valued member of the Commission because of her management and business expertise. She is a recognized group facilitator and has contributed her expertise to a number of community boards; including, the Girl Scouts of Hawaii, Hospice Hawaii and the Rotary Club. Her business expertise has been invaluable to the Commission in addressing issues related to employee benefits.

The Commission believes that Ms. Ward will be a valuable addition to the Council and urges you to confirm her appointment to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

From: Sen. David Ige
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2009 1:34 PM
To: HTHTestimony
Subject: FW: Becki Ward confirmation for SHCC

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From: Pressler, Virginia MD [mailto:GinnyP@kapiolani.org]
Sent: Monday, April 13, 2009 5:48 PM
To: Sen. David Ige
Cc: Becki Ward
Subject: Becki Ward confirmation for SHCC
Importance: High

Dear Sen. Ige,

This is a letter of strong support for Becki Ward for State Health Corrdinating Council. I have known Becki for at least 15 years and have always been impressed with her knowledge, critical thinking, independent thinking and integrity. She is well versed in health care issues through her work at Ward Research and brings an objective perspective regarding state needs. I strongly endorse her confirmation to the Council.

Sincerely,
Ginny

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