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GOV. MSG. NO. 292

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

February 12, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Statewide HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL**:

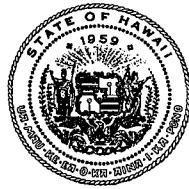
Richard E. Meiers

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,


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**GM 292, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE STATEWIDE HEALTH
COORDINATING COUNCIL**

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

March 5, 2010; 2:45 p.m.

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

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the Statewide
5 Health Coordinating Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Richard Meiers. Mr. Meiers served as President
6 and Chief Executive Officer of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii for nearly 20 years. He is active in
7 business, community and government committees and task forces, including serving as Chair-Elect of
8 the 50 State Hospital Association Executives Forum; Board of Director of the Hawaii Health Systems
9 Corporation; Board of Director of Catholic Charities Family Services; Regional Policy Board 9 of the
10 American Hospital Association; and Board of Director of Mountain-Pacific Quality Health Foundation.
11 He attained the rank of Colonel in the Medical Service Corps. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree
12 from DePaul University and Masters degree in Hospital Administration from Baylor University

13 We ask for your support in the confirmation of Richard Meiers to the Statewide Health
14 Coordinating Council.



SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator David Ige, Chair

Conference Room 016
March 5, 2010 at 2:45 p.m.

Testimony in support of GM 292.

The Healthcare Association of Hawaii represents its member organizations that span the entire spectrum of health care, including acute care hospitals, two-thirds of the long term care beds in Hawaii, as well as home care and hospice providers. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of GM 292, which nominates Richard E. Meiers to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Mr. Meiers recently retired after a long and distinguished career in health care. He served as a hospital administrator during a 30-year career in the U.S. Army, ending his military service as the Chief of Staff of Tripler Army Medical Center. He subsequently served as the President and CEO of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii for nearly 20 years. He was responsible for incorporating home care agencies and hospices into the Association, which is now the only state association with such a broad range of providers. Working closely with different types of providers has given Mr. Meiers many perspectives on health care. In addition, he has collaborated with health care leaders in other agencies and organizations. His deep understanding of Hawaii's health care system would make him a valuable member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

For the foregoing reasons, the Healthcare Association supports GM 292.

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For: March 5, 2010, 2:45 p.m.
Room 016, State Capitol
Senate Committee on Health
Re: GM 292

To: Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Josh Green, MD, Vice Chair

From: Jerry Rauckhorst, President & Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Charities Hawai'i

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony for the consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Coordinating Council for Gubernatorial Candidate **Mr. Richard E. Meiers**, for a term to expire on June 30, 2012. I am Jerry Rauckhorst, President & Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities Hawai'i, and I fully support Mr. Meiers' nomination for the following reasons.

Mr. Meiers holds a Masters Degree in Hospital Administration from Baylor University. He is a retired U.S. Army Colonel with a distinguished 30 year career of service to our country in the area of medical and hospital services around the world, including as Chief of Staff at Tripler Army Medical Center. Mr. Meiers' awards and decorations during his military career include the Legion of Merit with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. Mr. Meiers continued his service to the public as President and CEO of the Health Care Association of Hawaii from 1990 to 2009.

In addition, Mr. Meiers is a valued member of the Catholic Charities Hawai'i Board of Directors where he has served as chair of our Public Policy Committee. Under his guidance, this committee has been successful in advocating for those most in need in our community. We are indeed fortunate to have Mr. Meiers' leadership and experience to help our organization fulfill our mission of service and advocacy to the people of Hawaii.

In conclusion, I am confident that Mr. Meier's vast experience and commitment to the community would be an asset to the Council in their role of overseeing health care planning for the citizens of our State. I wholeheartedly encourage the confirmation of Richard E. Meiers as a member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

Please feel free to contact me at 527-4878 or by email at jrauckhorst@catholiccharitieshawaii.org.

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