

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 19 2018**RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 545,  
546, 572

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 545, 546, and 572, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

HAWAI'I MEDICAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

G.M. No. 545      LISA RANTZ,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2021;

G.M. No. 546      WILLIAM DUBBS,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2019; and

G.M. No. 572      TODD SETO,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2019,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Lisa Rantz, William Dubbs, and Todd Seto for service on the Hawai'i Medical Education Council.

LISA RANTZ

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Lisa Rantz from one member of the Hawai'i County Council and nine individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Rantz is presently the Executive Director for the Hilo Medical Center Foundation and has previous work experience as the Director



of Achievement for Catapult Learning and Executive Director of the Friendly Community Outreach Center. According to the testimony, Ms. Rantz has successfully obtained and managed over \$5,000,000 in grants that support educational opportunities for socioeconomically disadvantaged students and their families in rural Hawaii. In her personal statement, Ms. Rantz indicated that she is interested in promoting graduate medical education and rural health tracks that will promote recruitment and retention of doctors in the State by identifying emerging issues nationwide as they relate to Hawaii and exploring revenue streams to keep graduate medical education programs vibrant and viable. Your Committee therefore finds that Ms. Rantz's wealth of experience and institutional knowledge, as well as her passion for graduate medical education in the State, will be great assets to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council.

WILLIAM DUBBS

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of William Dubbs from two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Dr. Dubbs is currently the Chief of Staff at the Veterans Affairs Pacific Island Health Care System and has previous work experience as the Chief of Staff at the Jack C. Montgomery Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Director of the Cookson Hills Rural Health Clinic, and Medical Director at the Cherokee National Indian Clinic. According to the testimony, Dr. Dubbs continues to be highly committed to the care of Hawaii veterans and has been a longstanding partner with the University of Hawaii's John A. Burns School of Medicine. In his personal statement, Dr. Dubbs indicated that he is committed to ensuring that the people of Hawaii have the best medical care possible with adequate access and hopes to see growth in the health care industry through Hawaii's medical school, nursing school, and residency programs. Your Committee therefore finds that Dr. Dubbs' vast experience in medical education, as well as his willingness to serve, will continue to be great assets to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council.



TODD SETO

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Todd Seto from three individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Dr. Seto is presently the Medical Director of the Center for Outcomes Research and Evaluation and Director of Academic Affairs and Research at The Queen's Medical Center and an attending cardiologist at the Queen Emma Clinics. Dr. Seto has also previously served as the Interim Director for the Office of Research Development, Medical Director for the Clinical Trial Office, and Medical Director for the Non-Invasive Cardiology Laboratory at The Queen's Medical Center. According to the testimony, Dr. Seto's leadership and collaborative nature helps bring together various hospital and physician teams to address challenges. In his personal statement, Dr. Seto indicated that, as a member of the Hawai'i Medical Education Council, he hopes to share his perspective as a passionate health care provider and medical educator. Your Committee therefore finds that Dr. Seto's professional experience in the field of medical education, as well as his dedication to public service, will be great assets to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Higher Education,




KANA'I'A VAHALE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Higher Education**  
**HRE**  
**Advise and Consent**

Governor's Message No.:* <i>GM 572</i>	Committee Referral: <b>HRE</b>	Date: <i>4/12/18</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado (VC)				✓
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.				✓
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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