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GM 620 – Submitting For Consideration And Confirmation To The Hawai'i Medical Education Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, LISA RANTZ, For A Term To Expire 06-30-2025

Chair Kim, Vice Chair Kidani, and members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **strong support** of GM 620 and the nomination of Lisa Rantz to serve on the Hawai'i Medical Education Council (Council) as a member of the general public as required by statute.

Lisa is the Executive Director of the Hilo Medical Center Foundation and serves as President for the Hawai'i State Rural Health Association. She offers over twelve years of high-level directing experience overseeing various non-profit educational entities, including partnering with the Hawai'i Community College and the Hilo-Waiākea Complex. Lisa has successfully obtained and managed over \$5 million in grants focusing support on education for low socioeconomic students and their families in rural Hawai'i.

Lisa's contributions working with local communities, advocating for medical education and her dedication to the enhancement of healthcare throughout the State of Hawai'i continues to make her a valuable asset for the Council. Her direct experiences will help to ensure our neighbor island medical education needs are being met to help the people of Hawai'i.

We stand in strong support of Lisa's nomination and urge this Committee to confirm her appointment to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.