



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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GM 588 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, COLLEEN INOUYE BAUM, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today. The John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM) **supports** the nomination of COLLEEN INOUYE BAUM to the Hawai'i Medical Education Council. The Hawai'i Medical Education Council (HMEC) is tasked with overseeing the state's graduate medical education programs and their ability to meet the health care workforce requirements. Physicians in various fields of practice and representing different health care entities play a vital role in guiding the HMEC.

Dr. Inouye is a board-certified physician in Obstetrics & Gynecology in a solo private practice, with additional certification in pediatric and adolescent gynecology. She is active in the community as the state-wide Treasurer and the Director of the Maui Division of the Hawai'i Independent Physicians' Association, and Chair of the Finance and Contracting Committee for their Board of Directors, for the last 7 years. She is a Board Member of the American Association for Physician Leadership, is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, and active as a member of the Section Advisory Council (rural health; health policy) for the Hawai'i Chapter of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Dr. Inouye also completed a Master of Science in Population Health, which informs her approaches to improving the overall health systems of care and medical education.

As a practicing physician on Maui, Dr. Inouye also contributes to the community's needs with numerous hospital and academic affiliations. She has been an active staff member at the Maui Memorial Medical Center (MMMC) for 35+ years, an Assistant Clinical

Professor with the John A. Burns School of Medicine for 10+ years, and presently serves as the Co-Director for educational rotations at the MMMC for medical students, residents, fellows, and physician assistants on Maui Island.

Dr. Inouye would bring a meaningful perspective related to the community and neighbor island needs as she has been a constant advocate for addressing the physician workforce shortage through a system-wide, community-engaged approach.

Her leadership and advocacy for medical education would make her an asset and champion for the medical community to benefit the people of Hawai'i.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.