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## Legislative Testimony

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GM 648 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Gloria Fernandez, for a term to expire 06-30-2026

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

Thank you for the opportunity to give our strong support to the appointment of Dr. Gloria Fernandez to serve on the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Dr. Fernandez has extensive experience and education in public health nursing receiving her graduate degrees in nursing from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM). In 2018, she was inducted into the UHM School of Nursing's Alumni Hall of Fame for her outstanding leadership and service in nursing and to the community. We are confident that Dr. Fernandez will be an asset to the Advisory Board providing a perspective and passion for evidence-based practice, culturally sensitive care and practices, community and public health, and nursing workforce development.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to write in strong support for Dr. Gloria Fernandez to be a member of the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.