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Legislative Testimony

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GM 649 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Anne Scharnhorst, for a term to expire 06-30-2025

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. Anne Scharnhorst to serve on the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Dr. Scharnhorst is a UH Maui colleague, experienced nursing educator and administrator with a commitment to academic progression and workforce development. She is aware of the issues faced by the nursing profession at this time – nursing faculty and workforce shortages. We are confident that she will continue to provide creativity, strong nursing expertise that includes a rural community perspective, and a collaborative spirit to address our most pressing nursing workforce concerns.

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