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GM 651 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Linda Beechinor, 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. Linda Beechinor to serve on the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Dr. Beechinor is an experienced advanced practice registered nurse (family nurse practitioner) that has provided care to our state's underserved populations for more than 27 years. She is currently leading the Hawai'i-American Nurses Association and has been and active leader in state and national nursing organizations throughout her nursing career. Additionally, she has taught in nursing programs across the state at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Dr. Beechinor will bring a strong combination of leadership, practice and education experiences to her role on the Advisory Board.

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