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GM 621 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board of Nursing, Gubernatorial Nominee, CARRIE OLIVEIRA, for a term to expire 06-30-2027

Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Fukunaga, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for considering the nomination of Dr. Carrie M. Oliveira for continued service on the State Board of Nursing. Dr. Oliveira and I have worked together in her role as nursing workforce researcher at the Hawai'i State Center for Nursing since 2017. In this role, she studies the educational capacity of the state's nursing schools. This research work includes customized reports to each local school of nursing which compares our contributions to the state's total nursing education environment. This work is incredibly valuable, and the findings have assisted our school of nursing in accreditation, seeking extramural funding, and supporting internal strategies and goals.

In her role as the Chair of the Board of Nursing she similarly uses her keen ability to aggregate and disseminate information, including providing her own reports to the board, summarizing information received by her from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, leading discussion related to questions posed to the board, and more recently, conducting public discussion related to a recent application for a new school of nursing to enter Hawai'i. Her ability to conduct meetings, summarize discussion of the board, and facilitate motions has positively impacted the functioning of the board. With the extended emergency proclamations related to nursing, an ongoing healthcare crisis, and a nursing workforce shortage, the skillset that Dr. Oliveira contributes to the board could not be more timely or more needed. Her contributions to the board and the nursing profession are deeply valued and appreciated.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to write in strong support for Dr. Oliveira's nomination for continued service to the State Board of Nursing.