



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## ‘ŌNAEHANA KULANUI O HAWAII

### Legislative Testimony

### Hō'ike Mana'o I Mua O Ka 'Aha'ōlelo

Testimony Presented Before the  
Senate Committee on Health & Human Services  
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By

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GM 554 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Windward Oahu Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHERIE CHU, for a term to expire 06-30-2024

Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Aquino, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on GM 554. The University of Hawai'i at Hilo (UH Hilo) supports GM 554, for the consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Windward O'ahu Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHERIE CHU, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

Dr. Chu is a board-certified, intensive care unit pharmacist at Adventist Health Castle Medical (AHCM) in Windward O'ahu. She is a distinguished alumna of the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo's inaugural class. Following post-graduate training in Arizona, Dr. Chu returned to Hawai'i where she serves patients, as well as students in our Doctor of Pharmacy program as an Associate Professor.

The Health Planning Council, Windward O'ahu Subarea reviews certificates of need submitted to the committee, and provides input and concerns from a community perspective regarding health needs in the Windward O'ahu Subarea. As such, Dr. Chu's healthcare knowledge and clinical experiences in Windward O'ahu allows her to provide valuable and needed perspectives regarding patient care needs in this area.

In summary, Dr. Chu's commitment to serving patients and communities in Windward O'ahu, along with the training of future healthcare professionals, make her well suited for serving on the Health Planning Council, Windward O'ahu Subarea.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM 554.