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RE: GM 704: Dr. Barbara Kooker's Nomination to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board

Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi:

I am Dr. Jan Shoultz, Professor at the School of Nursing and Dental Hygiene, at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and have known Dr. Barbara Kooker for over 25 years. This testimony comes to strongly support her nomination as Doctorally-Prepared Nurse Researcher to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Over the last 25 years Dr. Kooker has provided leadership at the School of Nursing as the Associate Dean and Interim Dean and has also served as the Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for UH Manoa. Her research expertise is on workforce development and she has received funding to support that research and presented at 10 state and national conferences and published 5 articles. During the last year she has served on the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Dr. Kooker has worked to support the appropriate development of the nursing workforce to provide for community members now and in the future. Her appointment to the Center for Nursing Advisory Board would bring a skilled and informed expert with research experience in workforce development and expertise is disseminating information at both the state and national levels.

I highly recommend Dr. Kooker, who is well regarded and respected for her expertise in research of workforce issues pertaining to nursing in Hawaii. She has and will continue to be a dedicated and productive member of the Center for Nursing Advisory Board.

Sincerely,

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