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Hannemann's Executive Leadership Experience Unmatched at PBS HAWAII Forum

(Honolulu, HI) – September 26, 2014 - In keeping with its mission, last night INSIGHTS ON PBS HAWAII hosted a round-table forum with the four gubernatorial candidates. In PBS's own words, "The contest to become Hawaii's next governor on November 4 is shaping up to be a horserace with no clear frontrunner."

The format of the forum allowed for questions from the viewers as well as unscripted questions from the moderator. Therefore, the candidates' positions on leadership experience, the University of Hawaii, unions, religion, Kakaako, taxing seniors' pension, economy, state hospital system, and interisland ferry system were part of the lively one hour discussion. Clearly, Independent candidate Mufi Hannemann articulated his proven track record on executive leadership and his ability and desire to get things done in a collaborative manner on behalf of the people. Case in point, Hannemann was the first to commit to bringing back an interisland ferry system. Initially, the Democrat candidate said he would study the issue and the Republican candidate had no comment. Last night, all the gubernatorial candidates went on record to agree an interisland ferry system is needed, as long as it is done the right way.

Hannemann is also the first candidate to declare his support for a public-private partnership to address the insolvent Hawaii Health Systems Corporation (HHSC) which he re-iterated in the forum last evening. According to HHSC's own financial statements, it had an operating loss last year of \$164 million. Its unfunded liabilities to retirees are \$267 million. It has long-term debts and other long-term liabilities of \$125 million, of which \$36 million is owed to the State of Hawaii. He questioned why in the last legislative session, the Democratic candidate for governor,

who chairs the Senate Ways and Means Committee could not move a public-private partnership bill that could have provided a solution to rescue our state hospitals as well as the shortsightedness of cutting funding for the John A Burns School of Medicine in light of a chronic shortage of doctors in our community.

For information on Hannemann's position, go to <https://vote4mufi.files.wordpress.com/2014/09/healthcare-final.pdf>.

Interested citizens can view the hour-long forum on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. or go to <http://www.pbshawaii.org/ourproductions/insight.php>.

To learn more about Independent candidate Governor and Lt. Governor, Mufi Hannemann and Les Chang, go to Hannemann's "Common Ground for Common Good" platform at <http://votemufi.com/>.

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