



GOV. MSG. NO. 388

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

February 5, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **State Council on Mental Health**:

Alan Buffenstein MD

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

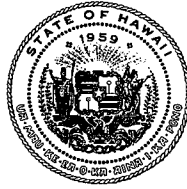
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Senate Committee on Health

**GM 388, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE STATE COUNCIL ON
MENTAL HEALTH**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health**

March 31, 2008, 1:15 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination of Alan Buffenstein,
2 M.D., to the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH) for a second four-year term.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Dr. Alan Buffenstein is a licensed psychiatrist in the State of Hawaii and is
5 employed part-time as a MedQUEST consultant to the Department of Human Services. He is also
6 employed by Community Care Services, and Care Hawaii, Assertive Community Treatment Program.
7 Over the last 16 years, his psychiatric experience has included employment at Hawaii State Hospital and
8 an Assistant Professorship at the University of Hawaii. In his current role as a SCMH member,
9 Dr. Buffenstein continues to provide valued input and innovative solutions to the mental health needs of
10 our community.

11 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.