



MSG. NO. 389

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**:

Arthur Thomas Cabatbat

Term to Expire: 6/30/2010

Sincerely,

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 389

TO: The Senate Committee on Health  
David Ige, Chair and Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

FROM: Arthur T. Cabatbat,  
Member of the State Council on Mental Health  
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DATE: Monday, March 31, 2008  
TIME: 1:15 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 016

Dear Chairs and Committee Members,

I am currently serving on the State Council on Mental Health. I would like to continue serving on the Council for the following reasons.

I have been attending SCMH meetings since July 2007, and it has provided me the opportunity to learn how the Council tries to deal with the issue of mental health here in Hawaii. My interest in serving as a member of the State Council on Mental Health is to make sure that the residents of Hawaii, including the smaller islands such as Lanai, receive the necessary resources and support needed to provide strong mental health treatment for those who need it. The SCMH has shown, in my opinion, that they have the right council members who passionately care about mental health issues in Hawaii, and so I feel that they are the right choice to deal with mental health issues of Hawaii over any other board or commission, so I would be honored to continue being a member of the State Council on Mental Health.

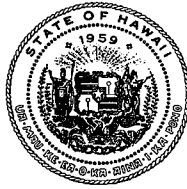
I believe that the purpose of the State Council on Mental Health is to provide important advice to both the Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD) and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) of Hawaii on the various ways possible to meet the allocation of resources and to meet the important needs concerning the issue of mental health. As a member of the SCMH I will try to attend each monthly meeting to assure that my home, Lanai, has an opportunity to help the State Council on Mental Health continue its important mission of providing vital advice to the AMHD and CAMHD on the important mental health issues of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony.

Sincerely,

Arthur T. Cabatbat

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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In reply, please refer to:  
File:

**Senate Committee on Health**

**GM 389, 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 Arthur Thomas  
2 Cabatbat to the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH) for a three-year term.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Arthur Thomas Cabatbat is a 1986 graduate of Lana'i High School and  
5 a 2007 graduate of Maui Community College with a degree in Liberal Arts. His membership will  
6 provide first-time State Council on Mental Health representation from the island of Lana'i.

7 Mr. Cabatbat has been a consumer since 1999 and as a lifelong resident of Lana'i, is familiar with the  
8 many attitudes and behaviors of the local residents. He would like to ensure that mental health services  
9 are strengthened and improved for the benefit of the residents of Lanai.

10 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.