



GOV. MSG. NO. 390

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:**

Liesje Cattaneo

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 390

TO: The Senate Committee on Health
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

FROM: Liesje Cattaneo, Gubernatorial Nominee
State Council on Mental Health
Liesje.F.Cattaneo@courts.state.hi.us

DATE: Monday, March 31, 2008
TIME: 1:15 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 016

Chair Ige, members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to appear before you to express my willingness to serve, to present information and to respond to any questions you may have in your consideration of my confirmation for a second term as the Judiciary's representative on the State Council on Mental Health.

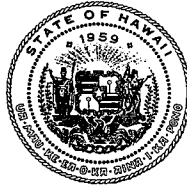
As you are aware from the information I have provided to your committee, I have been employed by the Judiciary for over thirty years as probation officer, probation supervisor and program specialist. I am currently a program specialist with the Office of the Chief Court Administrator and I am assigned to work with the Adult Client Services Branch of the First Circuit Court.

Having served on the State Council on Mental Health since 2003 as a designee of the Chief Justice, I appreciate the significant role that the Council plays as advisor to the Governor and the Legislature as well as the Director of the Department of Health. I look forward to continuing this work particularly now that the State of Hawaii has been awarded one of only nine mental health transformation state incentive grants. The work of that group is very comprehensive and broad-based and I believe that both entities will play a significant role in the next few years in informing each other on both needs and accomplishments. As a representative of the Judiciary, I believe that I may particularly contribute as a liaison to the efforts of the transformation grant's specially created criminal justice/mental health working group.

During my thirty years with the Judiciary I have worked extensively with issues surrounding the forensic mental health population. The population of criminal offenders who suffer from mental illness is significant and cooperation between the agencies that work with these individuals is extremely important both to assure that they receive appropriate services and to address the needs of public safety.

I believe that my experience will allow me to contribute to the goals of the State Council on Mental Health and I am therefore asking for your support of my nomination. Thank you for the opportunity to continue to serve on this important council.

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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In reply, please refer to:
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Senate Committee on Health

**GM 390, 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 Liesje Cattaneo,
2 MSW, to the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH) for a second four-year term.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Liesje Cattaneo, MSW, fills the mandated (P.L.102-321) SCMH
5 membership position of a State agency employee that represents the criminal justice system.

6 Ms. Cattaneo is employed by the Judiciary, First Circuit Court, Adult Probation Division and has
7 worked many years as the Judiciary liaison to the Adult Mental Health Division, particularly on matters
8 relating to individuals conditionally released from Hawaii State Hospital. Ms. Cattaneo has recently
9 been instrumental in the development of the Judiciary Mental Health Court pilot project, sits on its
10 advisory board, and was appointed to the Governor's task force on SCR 117 dealing with the population
11 at Hawaii State Hospital and the promotion of services for forensic patients. As a current member, her
12 qualifications assist her to make valued contributions to the SCMH.

13 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.

**MARCIA J. WALDORF
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE, RETIRED
MENTAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION GRANT
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SPECIALIST**

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Health Committee
415 S. Beretania Rm. 215
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

March 18, 2008

GM 390(2008)
Gubernatorial Nominee to the State Council on Mental Health
LIESJE CATTANEO

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Senate Health Committee:

I again write **in strong support** of the reappointment of Ms. Cattaneo to the State Council on Mental Health.

I make the assumption that my earlier letters are on file, and therefore will not reiterate the numerous qualifications she brings to the Council. I will, however, highlight some: Ms. Cattaneo has worked in Adult Client Services (formerly probation) within the Judiciary for decades, and is a Program Specialist within that Branch.

Before my retirement, she worked frequently in my court, as my calendar (criminal motions, including nearly ALL Chapter 704 motions and Mental Health Court). She demonstrated the extraordinary expertise in dealing with an array of cases involving both probationers and conditional release candidates and clients. She has, over the course of the years, developed both her own expertise, and also a network of successful connections so as to be able to tap into the expertise of others. She is widely respected and relied upon by judges, lawyers, mental health professionals, and service providers. Surely this has been amply demonstrated to other Council members.

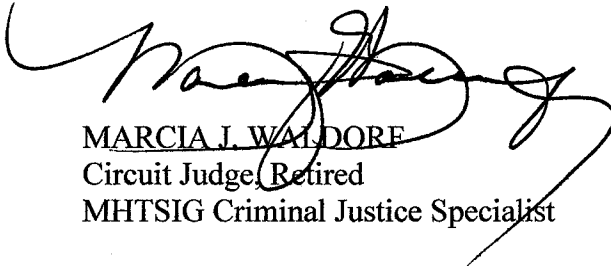
As but ONE concrete example of what she has to offer, I would point to the First Circuit's Mental Health Court. As a new pilot, she was instrumental in its implementation and development, serving both on the Advisory Committee and the treatment team. She brought a sense of creativity, while well grounded in the "real

world” of law and some limitations on resources. The program is a success, having held its first graduation just last month.

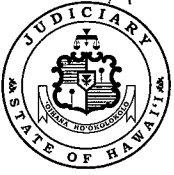
In 2007, she sat on the SCR 117 Task Force as a Judiciary representative, and continues to look for ways to serve. She is currently interested in working with the Mental Health Transformation State Incentive Grant.

In other words, she looks for ways to contribute. She certainly should be reappointed to the Council, to continue her contributions there.

Thank you for your consideration of this endorsement.



MARCIA J. WALDORE
Circuit Judge, Retired
MHTSIG Criminal Justice Specialist



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PROBATION ADMINISTRATOR

March 21, 2008

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Health Committee
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street, Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Senate Health Committee:

RE: GM 390 (2008) gubernatorial Nominee to the State
Council on Mental Health: LIESJE CATTANEO

I am writing in support of the continued appointment of Liesje Cattaneo to a second term on the State Council on Mental Health.

I am the administrator of the Adult Client Services Branch of the First Judicial Circuit and I have been acquainted with Ms. Cattaneo for more than twenty-five years. Her professional experience with the Judiciary ranges from working directly with the criminal justice population as a pre-sentence investigation probation officer, to supervising probation officers, to acting as branch administrator and to working as a program specialist on planning and administrative matters. She has also been instrumental in the development of the Judiciary Mental Health Court pilot project, sits on its advisory board and served on the 2007-2008 Governor's Task Force on SCR No. 117 dealing with the population of the Hawai'i State Hospital and the promotion of community-based health services for forensic patients. For many years she has represented the Courts and probation administration at meetings related to mental health issues. I believe that all of these qualifications will assist Ms. Cattaneo in continuing to contribute to the important work of the State Council on Mental Health.

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair

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In his 2005 letter of support for her nomination to the council, my predecessor Ronald T. Hajime noted that he had assigned Ms. Cattaneo to work with the Department of Health on matters involving the management of felony offenders who have been acquitted by reason of insanity and released into the community. The result of that cooperation was a greatly improved system that oversees the treatment and public safety-focused management of an important portion of the population of criminal offenders suffering from mental illness.

Because of her experience as well as her personal commitment to this field, it is my pleasure to recommend Ms. Cattaneo for continued appointment to the council. Please do not hesitate of contact me at 539-4527 if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my recommendation.

Sincerely,



JANICE YAMADA

Adult Client Services Branch Administrator

First Judicial Circuit

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