



GOV. MSG. NO. 393

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**:

Kuulei A. Killiona

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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From: kuulei [kuuleikiliona@hawaii.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 9:36 PM
To: testimony
Subject: GM 393--Ku'ulei Kiliona

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 393
Nominee: Ku'ulei A. Kiliona

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

FROM: Ku'ulei A. Kiliona, Nominee
(There is a good chance that I will be present at the hearing.)

Date: Monday, March 31, 2008
Time: 1:15 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Ige and Committee Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to speak on my behalf as one of the governor's nominees for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health.

Currently, I am serving as the Chair for the State Council on Mental Health. Before being elected Chair by the Council, I served as the Vice Chair for one year. My total time on the Council has been about two and a half years.

When a former representative from the Hawaii Island *Service Area Board* on Mental Health and Substance Abuse (SAB) could no longer serve on the State Council, I was chosen to take her place. I am currently the Vice Chair on the SAB and the membership chair. Two very busy jobs.

"Busy" also characterizes my duties on the State Council on Mental Health. There are several duties I take care of in-between meetings in addition to serving on the membership committee, the legislative committee and the by-laws ad hoc committee. I also represent the Council at certain times outside of the meetings and at functions such as workshops and conferences. As Chair, I also have a position on the Mental Health Transformation Grant.

But I must confess that I would not be doing *any* of the above if it wasn't for the very warm and loving support that I receive from the Council members. "Loving" might seem a strange word to use here, but the feeling of Aloha from the Council members is what keeps me going. Additionally, I also receive wonderful support and encouragement from the Chief of the Adult Mental Health Division, Dr. Thomas Hester.

With the help of the Council members and Dr. Hester, I have been able to broaden the scope of the council with new ideas, tasks, more advocacy for consumers, and the enrichment of the membership. For the first time in the history of the Council, we now have representation of mental health consumers and family members from all of the five major islands. We will also be welcoming our first young adult consumer representative who receives services from the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD).

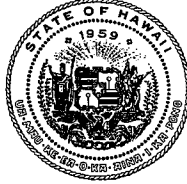
Even though much is involved in what I do, I have to be attentive to my own health concerns. Being able to depend on loving Council members and some special adult mental health staffers, I am able to do what needs to be done. Volunteer service with them is a gift and rewarding.

MAHALO for the opportunity to present my testimony.

with Aloha,

Ku'u lei A. Kilionā

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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Senate Committee on Health

**GM 393, 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 Kuulei A. Kiliono to
2 the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH) for a second four-year term.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Kuulei A. Kiliono currently serves as the Chairperson of the State
5 Council on Mental Health. In addition, she represents the Hawaii Service Area Board (SAB) for Mental
6 Health and Substance Abuse on the SCMH, providing dual membership on both bodies. Ms. Kiliono
7 has produced outstanding volunteer efforts in soliciting membership positions for both the Board and
8 Council. She also brings issues of importance from her constituents to the Council's attention. Her
9 education includes a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies and Interpersonal Communications
10 from California State College in Sacramento and she has taken graduate courses in law and psychology.
11 Her work experience includes public relations for McDonalds, a 10 year occupation as a paralegal, and
12 employment with Broadcast Communications at Manoa KHET and KTUH. For the last 16 years, she
13 has worked as a mental health advocate.

14 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.

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From: Peter Gonzalez [petergonzalez1956@yahoo.com]
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 393
Nominee: Ku'ulei Kilion

TO: Committee on Health
Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

FROM: Peter Gonzalez,
Member of the State Council on Mental Health

Date: Monday, March 31, 2008
Time: 1:15 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Ige and Committee Members,

This testimony is in support of the Governor's nominee, Ku'ulei Kilion, GM 393. The reasons I support Ms. Kilion are many.

I am testifying on behalf of Miss Ku'ulei Kilion. My name is Peter D. Gonzalez and I am on the state council board on mental health, representing the Island of Molokai. I have known Miss Kilion for the past 2 years and has worked with her on the state council board. I have watch her climb from the position of 2nd vice chair to the present, as the chair person of the state council board on mental health.

She has worked hard on the issues on mental health equality and reform for the community, and represents the big Isle efficiently as well as the whole state. She also works diligently

in keeping in touch with the state legislature on mental health bills, and constantly advocate for the consumers rights. It is with my experience working with her that she is the most qualified person to lead us to the next level of change concerning today's problems in our mental health system.

I am supporting Miss Ku'ulei Killiona for the nominee to serve another term on the state council on mental health board. She is the perfect individual to represent not only the big isle, but also as our chair person on the board. I give my testimony in respect to senator David Ige and address my testimony of Miss Ku'ulei Killiona to be as accurate to the best of my knowledge of her,

Sincerely,

Peter D. Gonzalez,
Member of the State Council on Mental Health

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