

GOV. MSG. NO. 595

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

March 28, 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 **Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board**:

Charles E. Dionne III

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

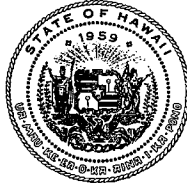
Sincerely,

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CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D.
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

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In reply, please refer to:
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Senate Committee on Health

**GM 595, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE, OAHU SERVICE AREA BOARD**

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

April 9, 2008, 1:20 p.m.

- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination of Charles E.
2 Dionne III, to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board.
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Charles E. Dionne III, consumer representative, has worked with
5 Mental Health Kokua for the last four years, starting out as a case aide, and then becoming a peer
6 specialist working with mental health consumers. In this capacity, Mr. Dionne has successfully assisted
7 consumers with serious and persistent mental illness to live successfully in the community, providing
8 education to prior tenants as mental health consumers' move into their housing complexes. Prior to
9 living in Hawaii, Mr. Dionne worked on the East Coast as a Certified Mental Health Worker for the
10 institutional forensic population and worked for the National Association of Government Employees,
11 negotiating contracts, organizing workers and enforcing workers rights under collective bargaining.

12 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.