



GOV. MSG. NO. 597

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 **State Council on Mental Health**:

Gordon M. Durant

Term to Expire: 6/30/2010

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

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**Date:** 4/7/08

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**To:** Office of Senator David Y. Ige

**Re:** GM-597

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**Memo:**

Transmitted with this sheet is my testimony and resume. I may be unable to attend the hearing due to a conflict in my schedule. If confirmed I will perform to the best of my ability.

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April 7, 2008

Office of Senator Ron Menor  
Hawai'i State Capital, Room 208  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM 597, Nomination to the Hawaii State Council on Mental Health.

Dear Senator Menor,

My interest in the field of mental health is a result of having a son who was diagnosed with a serious mental illness in 1996. I became involved with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) O'ahu in 1999 when my wife and I took part in a Journey of Hope training session sponsored by the State Adult Mental Health Division. I joined the board of NAMI O'ahu (now NAMI Hawai'i) about a year later and have served as president for the last 5 years. For the past eight years my wife and I have co-facilitated a Journey of Hope support group that meets once a month in Manoa. I am a member of the Hawaii State Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board.

The council advises the Department of Health on the allocation of resources, statewide needs, and programs affecting two or more service areas. The council reviews and comments on the statewide comprehensive integrated service plan and serves as an advocate for adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbances, other individuals with mental illnesses or emotional problems, and individuals with combined mental illness substance abuse disorders.

NAMI Hawai'i has contract with the AMHD to provide training for NAMI's "Family to Family" program. I do not believe this will affect my ability to perform my duties on this council.

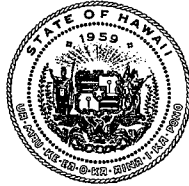
Thank you for considering me for this council, a copy of my resume is attached.

Sincerely,



Gordon M. (Mike) Durant

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

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**Senate Committee on Health**

**GM 597, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE STATE COUNCIL ON  
MENTAL HEALTH**

**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 Gordon M. Durant  
2 to the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH).
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Gordon "Mike" Durant, a family representative, also provides  
5 representation to the SCMH as a member of the Oahu Service Area Board on Mental Health and  
6 Substance Abuse. Mr. Durant was born in Eleeele, Kauai, educated at Punahou School and the  
7 University of Hawaii and held management positions at Jorgensen Steel until his retirement in 1994. He  
8 has been active in the Chamber of Commerce and its affiliate, the Manufactures Association.
- 9 Mr. Durant served as the Director and Treasurer of both Malama o Manoa from 1998 to 2004 and the  
10 Hawaii Historic Association from 2003 to 2007. His son diagnosed with serious and persistent mental  
11 illness led him to join the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) in which he served as Director  
12 and President since 2000 to the present. Since that time, Mr. Durant has also continued to volunteer as a  
13 co-facilitator for NAMI's Journey of Hope, providing education and support to other families.
- 14 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.

## testimony

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The Senate Committee on Health  
Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 1:20 p.m. Room 016

### CHAIR IGE AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH:

My name is Marion Poirier. I am representing NAMI Hawai'i in my capacity as Executive Director. We are in STRONG SUPPORT of the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee GORDAN MICHAEL DURANT to the State Council on Mental Health.

Mr. Durant is currently President of our Board of Directors, and his talents and skills benefit us on a daily basis. Ms. Durant's accomplishments will translate to the State Council on Mental Health in an exemplary manner. He is well respected in our organization and has proved an able leader. We believe that he is especially suited for such an appointment.

GORDON MICHAEL DURANT is a hard worker who will bring many perspectives "to the table". He is a great organizer and is action oriented.

Thank you for your consideration of GORDON MICHAEL DURANT. Please know that this appointment has the full support of NAMI Hawai'i, the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. If you have further questions, please call upon us.

NAMI Hawai'i's dedicated to the eradication of serious mental illnesses (neurobiological brain disorders) such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and major depression. We have 1,500 members and also serve the general population of the State of Hawai'i with programs of support, education, and advocacy.

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