



GOV. MSG. NO. 515

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

March 17, 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 **Disability and Communication Access Board**:

Ed Chevy

Term to Expire: 6/30/2011

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

testimony

From: Ed Chevy [chevy59@tmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 30, 2008 7:19 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Testimony to the senate on health

MARCH 30, 2008

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE ON HEALTH

Presentation before the Senate Committee on Health. Governor's Message
515 - Ed Chevy to the Disability and Communication Access Board
(DCAB)

To the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to present background about myself in your consideration of my testimony to DCAB.

As a citizen, growing up Deaf in America, I was raised in a household of deaf family where I acquired American Sign Language (ASL) from birth on. I grew up knowing firsthand the power of my native language and Deaf Culture. My oldest daughter, now a student at Gallaudet University, and my youngest boy are deaf. They are the third generation in the pride of a deaf family.

I have made most of my life, using diverse skills and talents to prove that deaf can do anything but hear. I'm very active in the Hawaii Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities, educating and entertaining young deaf and hard of hearing children, and an instructor at Kapiolani Community College, as well as serving on numerous boards on deafness and hard of hearing for many years on Kauai and Oahu.

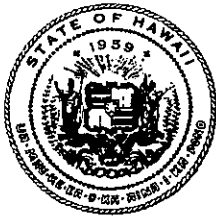
Some people would consider being deaf a disability and would let deafness prevent them from fully pursuing their dreams. I choose to use my deafness to my advantage, achieving things that most people, with or without the ability to hear, only aspire to.

I would like to share with you that I received the highest acknowledge and honor from former State House of Representatives, Tulsi Gabbard Tamayo (42nd District) in March, 2003. A Certificate of Recognition and House Resolution (H.R. NO. 184) were presented for leadership and community spirit.

I am here, expressing interest in serving on DCAB because I use sign language interpreters; I believe in deaf and hard of hearing communities and I am interested in DCAB's role in credentialing interpreters, advocacy and legislation. I am motivated more than ever to get out in the community so others can see that they can also achieve their missions. I feel I have responsibilities to give back to my community.

ED CHEVY

"Lifting ASL to a living art"



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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March 31, 2008

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 515 - Appointment of Ed Chevy to the Disability and Communication Access Board

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Mr. Ed Chevy to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board. The Board is a seventeen (17) member board, of which a majority are people with disabilities, their families, or caregivers.

Mr. Chevy is being appointed in the capacity of a consumer, a person with a hearing loss. He has been a very active member of the deaf community for years as a part of the Hawaii Services on Deafness, the Aloha State Association of the Deaf, and a deaf musical troupe. Mr. Chevy is a user of American Sign Language and will be able to contribute to our Board's responsibility to credential and test sign language interpreters under state law.

We believe that Mr. Chevy will be an asset to the Board and recommend your confirmation of his nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director



GOV. MSG. NO. 365

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 **Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee**:

Diane M. Irons

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII

dige2 - Joyce K

From: John Irons [irons@wave.hicv.net]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2008 9:09 PM
To: dige2 - Joyce K
Subject: Hearing

Dear Senator Ige,

Yesterday I received a phone call to attend a hearing on March 31 on Oahu. Unfortunately I am unable to attend. Please consider my letter dated March 21 as my testimony to be considered for reappointment to the EMS Committee.

Thank you,

Diane Irons

March 21, 2008

Senator David Y. Ige
Chair, Senate Committee on Health
State Capitol, Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige,

The State of Hawaii Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee was established to advise the Department of Health and the Governor of issues pertaining to the State emergency medical services system.

I have served on the Committee for the past 4 years. Prior to serving on the committee I had no knowledge of what emergency medical services were available to Hawaii residents and specifically to Lanai residents. Since I have been on the committee I have organized a local emergency medical services committee. We have held several community meetings to increase the awareness of what's available to Lanai residents. Our meetings are open to the entire community and include a panel of members from the police dept., fire dept., medical staff, and EMT members. Last year as Director of the Lanai Youth Center one of our community service projects was to make a Fire Of Life refrigerator magnet available to every resident on Lanai. I feel our local committee and these kinds of projects have made a positive difference in this community and I have other ideas I would like to pursue if I am reappointed to this committee.

I have no known conflicts of interest which may affect my serving on the committee.

Thank you for considering me for another appointment to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Irons".

Diane Irons
P. O. Box 631205
Lanai City, HI 96763



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
P.O. Box 3378
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96801-3378

In reply, please refer to:
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Senate Committee on Health

**GM 365, GM 366, GM 367, GM 368, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEES TO THE
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

March 31, 2008, 1:15 p.m.

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GOV. MSG. NO. 366

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Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

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Ian T.T. Santee

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

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LINDA LINGLE

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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Sent: Friday, March 28, 2008 2:25 PM
To: dige2 - Joyce K
Subject: Ian Santee

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To Senate Health Committee:

I am still interested in serving on the Emergency Medical Service Committee.
I am unable to attend the hearing on Monday, March 31, 2008. Please contact me at
285.7044 if there are any questions. I have also attached a copy of my brief CV.

Thank You for this opportunity

Ian Santee



STATE OF HAWAII
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Daniel E. Schaal

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

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William T. Watkins Jr.

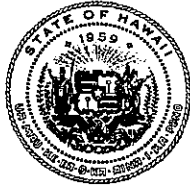
Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

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AMERICAN MEDICAL RESPONSE®

March 14, 2008

Senator David Y. Ige
State Capitol, Room #215
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige,

I am writing this letter in support of **Mr. William Watkins** as a nominee to the **Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee (EMSAC)**.

I have known Mr. Watkins for over (15) years in his capacity as an EMS field caregiver in Maui County. I have known Mr. Watkins to be truly interested in his career as a Paramedic as well as in how EMS affects the communities he serves.

Mr. Watkins continues to participate as a current Maui County representative on EMSAC and his continued interest in being a member of EMSAC indicates he is still compassionate about the work that needs to be done by this body and the opportunity to participate and steer Statewide EMS in a positive direction by making a difference.

It is without reservation that I urge you to approve Mr. Watkins' nomination to this committee. I assure you that he will continue to do an excellent job and be an experienced asset and respected representative for Maui County.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Curt S. Morimoto
AMR—Operations Manager
Maui County



GOV. MSG. NO. 381

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 **Medical Advisory Board**:

Carlos Warter

Term to Expire: 6/30/2009

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

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2/5/08



EXERCISE YOUR EYES

February 8, 2008

To whom it may concern:

I have known Dr. Carlos Warter personally and professionally for many years. His medical expertise, impeccable integrity and intellectual brilliance are recognized and respected by all who know him. I am excited by his appointment to the Hawaii Medical Advisory Board and know his contributions will be significant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacob Liberman, OD, PhD.' The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'J'.

Jacob Liberman, OD, PhD, D Sc (Hon)

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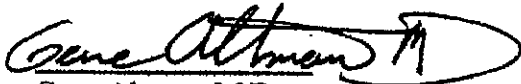
State of Hawaii Hearing Committee
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Re: Dr. Carlos Warter

I highly recommend Dr. Carlos Warter for the Hawaii Medical Advisory Board. Dr. Warter is a deeply caring psychiatric physician who supports the well-being of both individual patients and the larger community. I know him to be a man of the highest integrity, a loving husband and father and an inspiring colleague..

Please feel free to contact me if I may be of further assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gene Altman" followed by a stylized "M" inside a large, loopy oval.

Gene Altman, M.D.

EDWARD H. BAKER III

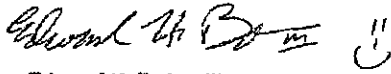
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To The Hawaii State Senate

Indeed I know Doctor Carlos Warter well enough to offer my sincerest recommendation. I wish to acknowledge through his exemplary skill and compassion that I have become a better person, not only to myself but to my community.

The people of Hawaii deserve the very best, someone dedicated with Love to the success of the individual and community, and that someone is Doctor Carlos Warter.

Sincerely,



Edward H. Baker III

**Direct Health Networks**

February 11, 2008
3782 Anuhea Street
Honolulu, HI 96816

State of Hawai'i
Senate Hearing Committee
4211 Waiialae Kahala Professional Office Building #207
Honolulu Hawaii 96816

RE: Letter of Recommendation for Confirmation of Appointment of Carlos Warter, MD,
PhD for Medical Advisory Board

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have known Dr. Warter for over twelve years, and can whole-heartedly and enthusiastically recommend confirmation for his appointment to Hawai'i's Medical Advisory Board.

During our association I have had the pleasure of working with Dr. Warter on several humanitarian projects sponsored by The World Health Foundation for Development and Peace: the "Drops of Honey" project in South America (a 1996 initiative that engaged senior citizens in the care of homeless or otherwise parentless children; development of a managed healthcare proposition for rural areas near Rosario, Argentina (1999); and several group service initiatives with Habitat for Humanity in South Florida (2000 through 2003). Organized solely around volunteer participation, Dr. Warter's medical and project leadership and personal involvement rendered these projects highly effective, and elicited heartfulness and appreciation in those served and those in service.

Initially impressed by his professional and ethical training (his resume is nothing short of amazing), I quickly came to admire Dr. Warter for his breadth and depth of knowledge, his personal integrity, his compassion for others, and his communication and problem solving skills. I have attended and personally benefited from numerous seminars presented by him to the public, and can claim to be one of many seminar participants who have established long term learning relationships with him.

Faced with stagnation in personal and social consciousness, growing homelessness, growing incidence of chronic disease, and increasing demands by the public for integrated modalities of healthcare, Hawaiian residents will greatly benefit from Dr. Warter's participation on the State Medical Advisory Board.

I would be glad to expand on the bases of my recommendation.

Sincerely,

Max C. Jack, MPH
President, Direct Health Networks, Inc.

Phoenix February 9th, 2008

State of Hawaii Medical Advisory Board

I wholeheartedly recommend Dr. Carlos Warter MD., Ph.D for the Hawaii Medical Advisory Board.

I have known Dr. Warter since 2004. I know him personally, professionally and through many of his seminars, lectures that I have attended and books and articles he has written.

Dr. Warter is a medical doctor and transpersonal psychotherapist. I enjoyed speaking with him while we lived in Hawaii at the same time. I am a resident of Hawaii for 27years, although I live in Phoenix at the moment.

I am impressed not only with Dr. Warter's medical and professional achievements, but also with his willingness to work and his concern for his community, our country and for global peace and wellbeing.

Dr. Warter is a founder and a president of the World Health Foundation for development and Peace, recipient of U.N. Peace Manager Award. His work on holistic healing and personal growth has earned him many accolades, including the Pax Mundi Award.

I think that Dr. Warter will be a great asset to the Hawaii Medical Advisor Board and I am proud to recommend him for the Board.

Sincerely

Elina B. Pongratz, RN, CNM



**Elina B. Pongratz
26803 N 24th Ave
Phoenix, Az 85085-8739
Phone 623 243 9447**



State of Hawaii
Senate Hearing Committee

February 12, 2008

Re: Carlos Warter MD

To Whom It May Concern,

I have had the honor of knowing Dr. Warter for thirteen years now. I first met Dr. Warter in Seattle in 1995. Since that time I have know him as a physician, a teacher, and a friend. I can't say enough good things about Dr. Warter, he is the best physician I have known, the best teacher I have had, and I truly value and appreciate his friendship.

I believe that the State of Hawaii is extremely fortunate to have an opportunity to have a person of Dr Warter's significant ability and talent to serve on its Medical Advisory Board.

If I can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Truly,

Lorin Christean
Chairman
Urban Self Storage, Inc.

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February 8, 2008

State of Hawaii Senate Hearing Committee

To our honorable Senators:

As a current Commissioner on Transportation for the State of Hawaii, representing Maui, I am delighted to recommend Dr. Carlos Warter to the Hawaii Medical Advisory Board.

Dr. Warter is unlike anyone you have ever met. He has a deep compassion for his fellow man. He is a thinker, an activist, a philanthropist and a brilliant source of energy for solving problems that face our State medical system.

We are lucky to have such an intellect here on the islands.

I urge you to approve Dr. Warter.

Laurence I. Balter, AAMS
Principal

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To the State of Hawaii Senate Hearing Committee:

It is my honor to recommend Dr. Carlos Warter to the Hawaii Medical Advisory Board.

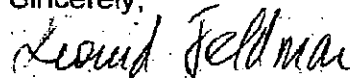
I was the Rabbi of the Warter family for many years before they moved to Hawaii. In addition, we are also close personal friends.

Carlos Warter is not just a good doctor. He brings to his practice of medicine a wealth of experience in the numerous varied fields like spirituality, ecology, peace and reconciliation, religion, holistic medicine, global travel, writing, political activism, and many others.

I strongly believe that the Medical Advisory Board will greatly benefit from Dr. Warter's participation in your important work.

I will be happy to add any additional information, if necessary.

Sincerely,



Rabbi Leonid Feldman

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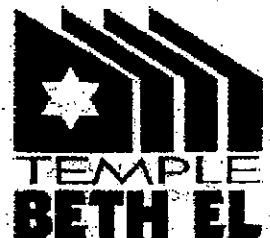
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GOV. MSG. NO. 382

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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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 **Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kaua'i Service Area Board:**

Thomas E. Dorsey PhD

Term to Expire: 6/30/2010

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

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CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D.
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Senate Committee on Health

**GM 382, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE, KAUAI SERVICE AREA BOARD**

**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 Thomas E. Dorsey,
2 Ph.D., to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kauai Service Area Board for a second four-year
3 term.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** Dr. Thomas E. Dorsey is a former member of the Kauai Service Area
6 Board, returning for nomination after a two-year hiatus from the Board and after retiring in 2006 from
7 his mental health career on Kauai. Since 1991, he was employed on Kauai providing services to clients
8 in the Adult Mental Health Division, Kauai Community Mental Health Center, and the Kauai Family
9 Guidance Center. Prior to this, Dr. Dorsey provided services with several private mental health
10 providers developing his expertise in substance abuse. In 1989, Dr. Dorsey received certification as a
11 substance abuse counselor. His career was initiated in 1970, after becoming a licensed psychologist in
12 the State of Oregon from 1974-1983.

13 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.



GOV. MSG. NO. 383

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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February 5, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
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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, Kaua'i Service Area Board**:

Mardi L. Maione

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,


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From: MMAIONE [MMAIONE@cfs-hawaii.org]
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2008 10:18 AM
To: dige2 - Joyce K
Subject: Testimony

Aloha Honorable members of the Senate:

I am honored to have served on the Kaua'i Service Area Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse for the past four years. It has been personally moving to sit on a committee with such wonderful consumers and esteemed members of the professional community. I value our opportunity to have a voice on Kaua'i and to represent the community that this particular Board serves.

Being that I am from an outer island and time is large commodity I am regrettably unable to make it to the Senate hearings today. I have several meetings and commitments that I am not able to change. However, having said that I am privileged and honored again to be a member of this Board and look forward to being of continued service to this population and to work toward a better life and a better community for all those living on the beautiful Garden Isle!

Mahalo for this opportunity and forgive my absence today.

Respectfully,

Mardi L. Maione

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Mardi L. Maione, CSAC, SAP

Supervisor for Baby S.A.F.E. & Perinatal Support Services

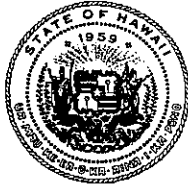
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**GM 383, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE, KAUAI SERVICE AREA BOARD**

**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 Mardi L. Maione to
2 the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kauai Service Area Board for a second four-year term.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Mardi L. Maione, a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC),
5 State of Hawaii, is currently employed by Hina Mauka as a Program Development Coordinator.
6 Ms. Maione also has a private practice, Maluhia Treatment Services. Prior to this, Ms. Maione was
7 employed by Castle Medical Center as a substance abuse counselor. Ms. Maione's professional
8 affiliations include membership in the International Certification & Reciprocity Consortium (ICRC)
9 Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse, and the Ethics Advisory Board of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division,
10 Department of Health. Her community service currently includes the Kapaa Rotary Club and the
11 County of Kauai Drug Task Force where she serves as Chairperson for the Treatment Committee.
12 Previously, her community service included a five year membership on the Mayor's Committee on the
13 Status of Women serving as Chair for two years, and founding of the Kauai Drug Free Coalition, serving
14 as Chair for approximately five years.

15 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.



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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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February 5, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
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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, Kaua'i Service Area Board**:

Candace M. Sandal

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

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From: Sandal [candysandal@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 10:45 PM
To: testimony
Subject: #GM 384

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

FROM: Candace M. Sandal
Member of the State Council on Mental Health
4850 Kawaihau Rd., Kapaa, Hi. 96746
candysandal@hawaiiantel.net

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

Dear Chairs and Committee Members,

Currently, I am serving on the State Council on Mental Health as a representative from the Kaua'i Service Area Board. Both terms expire in June 2008 and I would like

the chance to apply for one more term for both positions. Please accept my written testimony. It is just cost prohibitive to come and testify, in person, on my fixed

income.

I was selected twice, by the State Council, to represent our State at two Peer Reviews and one Convention in Washington. I am proud to say we did very well at our

Peer Reviews, in part, I hope to my contribution. I do know that our Federal Sponsors appreciate a consumer being part of the the team representing our State. It

emphasises our compliance to their mandate that consumers be included in most aspects of Mental Health Recovery.

It is important, for me, to continue to be part of the Kaua'i Service Area Board and the State Council on Mental Health. I enjoy being an advocate for my fellow

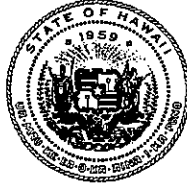
consumers. I do believe I have contributed and can still contribute more, if you'll approve my nomination.

Mahalo nui loa for letting me submit my written testimony.

Sincerely,

Candace M. Sandal

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**GM 384, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE, KAUAI SERVICE AREA BOARD**

**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 Candace M. Sandal
2 to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kauai Service Area Board for a second four-year term.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Candace M. Sandal is a current member of the Kauai Service Area
5 Board (SAB) on Mental Health and Substance Abuse and fills the mandated (11-175-09) SAB
6 membership position of consumer. In addition, Ms. Sandal represents the Kauai SAB as a concomitant
7 member of the State Council on Mental Health (HRS, 334-10 (a)). Ms. Sandal's experience as a faculty
8 member for the International Center for Clubhouse Development and over five years participation with
9 Kauai's Nationally Certified Friendship House, a clubhouse model rehabilitative program for persons
10 with severe and persistent mental illness, has provided her with the experience to provide valued
11 contributions to the Kauai SAB.

12 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.



GOV. MSG. NO. 385

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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GOVERNOR

February 5, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
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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**:

Shirley Jean Davenport

Term to Expire: 6/30/2011

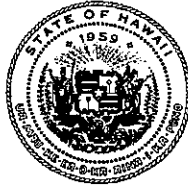
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**GM 385, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE, OAHU SERVICE AREA BOARD**

**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 Shirley Jean
2 Davenport, LSW, CSAAS, to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board for an
3 initial four-year term.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Shirley Jean Davenport, LSW, CSAAS, received her degree in social
6 work at the University of Hawaii at Manoa in 2005 and certification in substance abuse treatment in
7 2003. Since 1998, Ms. Davenport has resided in Wai'anae and has worked at the Wai'anae Coast
8 Comprehensive Health Center and at the Wai'anae Coast Community Mental Health Center, and
9 currently performs substance abuse treatment services. As an interim Oahu Service Area Board
10 member, Ms. Davenport is working to ensure the provision of potential services that would restore and
11 stabilize members of the community who have behavioral challenges, substance abuse, and emotional
12 and social problems.

13 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.



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February 5, 2008

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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**:

Gordon Michael Durant

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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Gordon M. (Mike) Durant

2311 Ferdinand Ave. Honolulu, HI 96822-1908

Phone (808) 949-7553 FAX (808) 945-2010

Email: gmdurant@earthlink.net

March 27, 2008

Office of Senator David Y. Ige
Hawai'i State Capital, Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM 386, Nomination to the Hawaii State Mental Health and Substance Abuse,
Oahu Service Area Board.

Dear Senator Ige,

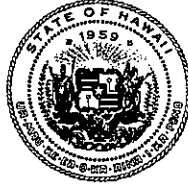
I had planned on coming to the hearing on my nomination to this board. However, I have a conflict and will be unable to attend. If confirmed I will perform to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,



Gordon M. (Mike) Durant

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**GM 386, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE, OAHU SERVICE AREA BOARD**

**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 Gordon Michael
2 Durant to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board for a second four-year
3 term.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 5 **Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Gordon Michael Durant's interest in the field of mental health was
6 prompted by his son being diagnosed with serious mental illness in 1996. Since that time, Mr. Durant
7 and his wife have been active in the mental health family self-help movement with the National Alliance
8 for the Mentally Ill (NAMI). For over five years, Mr. Durant and his wife have co-facilitated a
9 nationally recognized support group, the Journey of Hope, in Manoa. In 1997, he joined the board of
10 NAMI and has served as president of the organization. A lifelong resident of Hawaii, Mr. Durant
11 attended Punahou School after which he worked for Jorgensen Steel as General Manager. Mr. Durant is
12 currently on the board of the Hawaiian Historical Society. He also served for six years on the board of
13 Malama O Manoa, including holding the Office of Treasurer. Mr. Durant hopes to continue with his
14 contributions as a current member of the Oahu Service Area board on Mental Health and Substance
15 Abuse.

1 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.

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From: namioahu [namihawaii@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 1:26 PM
To: testimony
Subject: GM 386

Senate Committee on Health, Monday, March 31, 2008, 1:15 p.m. Room 016

CHAIR IGE AND MEMEBERS 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 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Oahu Service Area Board.

Mr. Durant is currently President of our Board of Directors. Mr. Durant's talents and skills benefit us on a daily basis. His accomplishments will translate to the State Mental Health and Substance Abuse Oahu Service Area Board 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 important perspectives "to the table". He is a great organizer, and is action oriented.

Thank you for your consideration of GORDON MICHAEL DURANT, and 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 is 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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GOV. MSG. NO. 362

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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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 **Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs**:

Sandra S. Rongitsch

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

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CLERK OF THE HOUSE
HONOLULU

March 13, 2008

Senator David Y. Ige
Chair, Senate Committee on Health
415 S. Beretania Street Rm. 215
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige: **RE: Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (GM #362)**

Chair Ige and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to present background information about myself as you deliberate my confirmation to Executive Office on Aging (EOA), Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). I regret that I am not able to attend the hearing in person and ask that you consider the following:

I was born and raised on Oahu in 1942, obtained my masters degree in social work at the University of Hawaii, Manoa in 1983 and moved to Maui in 1993. I can assure you that there will be no potential conflict of interest regarding my service on PABEA.

I have 25 years experience as a social worker, including 15 years in the field of aging, serving clients in institutional, residential and home-based community settings. I am eager to contribute my thoughts and knowledge about the needs of older adults gleaned through the years working as a Public Guardian, Long Term Care Ombudsman, Adult Protective Services investigator, and presently, Medical Social Worker in Hale Makua's Home Health and Foster Family Programs.

I have actively advocated for elders and caregivers as a member of the Maui County Council on Aging, the Long Term Care Partnership, the Case Management Interdisciplinary Team, and more recently, the Hawaii Family's Caregiver Coalition.

Aging in Hawaii is a blessing but with long life comes an array of complex issues that can only be addressed by shared responsibilities of families, service agencies, and the legislature. The Executive Office on Aging is in a key position to plan, coordinate and advocate for older adults, wanting to 'age in place' at home. As a PABEA member, I will be able to use my experience and knowledge to help identify and recommend strategies to enrich the quality of life for older adults and caregivers. I will also commit my efforts to working collaboratively with the other board members, the staff and director of the EOA on behalf of Hawaii's elders and their caregivers. Thank you for your time and consideration.



Sandra Rongitsch, Medical Social Worker

(Attachment: Resume and three letters of recommendation)

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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Committee on Health

GM 362 Gubernatorial Nominee for Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

**Testimony of Noemi Pendleton
Director of Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to Department of Health**

Monday, March 31, 2008

1:15 P.M.

Department's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is writing in strong support for the confirmation of Ms. Sandra S. Rongitsch's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Fiscal Implications: None.

Purpose and Justification: Ms. Rongitsch, an older adult consumer, has been a member of the PABEA since July 1, 2004 and an active participant in the PABEA Legislative Committee. She has over 20 years of experience as a licensed social worker, including 15 years of experience working with elderly clients in institutional, residential, and home-based settings; she is currently employed as a medical social worker at Hale Makua Home Health and Foster Family Programs on the island of Maui. Ms. Rongitsch exhibits a deep understanding of the challenges that an increasing elderly population poses and is an active advocate for elders and caregivers as a member of the Maui County Council on Aging, Long Term Care Partnership, the Case Management Interdisciplinary Team, and the Hawaii Family's Caregiver Coalition.

We, therefore, ask you to support her reappointment as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

The Honorable David Y. Ige
Chair, Senate Health Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

February 15, 2008

Subject: Nomination of Sandra Rongitsch for Executive Office on Aging's Policy
Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Senate Health Committee:

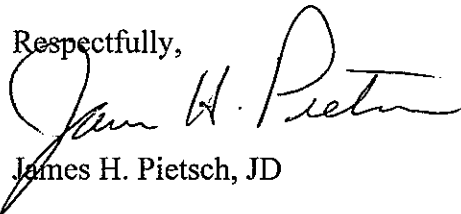
I am very pleased to submit a recommendation on behalf of Sandra Rongitsch who has been nominated for a second term as a member of the Executive Office on Aging's (EOA) Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA). If confirmed her term of appointment would end in June 2012.

I have known Ms. Rongitsch for over two decades and I know her to be an individual of the highest professional, ethical and moral standards. My first experience working with her was when I was the supervising attorney for the elder law unit at the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii and she was already identified as an important figure in the community for her work with the elderly and disabled. Not only was she very helpful to me in assisting my elderly clients but she was most supportive of initiatives to help make the lives of our Kupuna better.

Over the ensuing years, Ms. Rongitsch has gained even more experience in the field of aging and she continues to have my confidence and respect to this day. She is the perfect person to be on PABEA, which was created to advise the Director of the EOA on views of older consumers, service providers and others in the field of aging. Re-appointing her would ensure stability on the advisory board and would serve to demonstrate the importance of having experienced and dedicated advisors from the neighbor islands, and especially from Maui, which is experiencing a tremendous increase in issues relating to older persons and their caregivers.

Please let me know if I may provide you with any further information about Ms. Rongitsch, a dedicated and articulate advocate for the elderly. I can be reached at 808-956-6785 or at the address below.

Respectfully,



James H. Pietsch, JD

Professor of Law, Adjunct Professor of Geriatric Medicine
Director, University of Hawaii Elder Law Program
William S. Richardson School of Law
215 Dole Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

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February 27, 2008

David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
415 So. Beretania Street
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Dear Senator and Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

I am submitting this letter, supporting the confirmation of Sandra S. Rongitsch to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

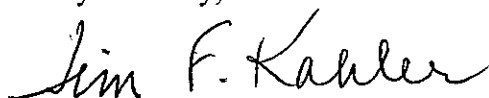
I have known Ms. Rongitsch for almost five years and have had the pleasure of supervising her in the capacity of Home Health and Foster Family Medical Social Worker. Her daily contact with elders, their families and members of the aging network on Maui can only be described as warm, professional and committed to helping elders age-in-place.

As a professional who has direct contact with elders and their care givers, she is very aware of their needs as well as how to use community resources creatively to meet their often complex psychosocial and long term care problems.

As an advocate for elders, she participated in PABEA sponsored community forums on Maui to identify concerns and issues of older adults and family caregivers for the Legislature's Kupuna Caucus. She has been involved in Maui's Long Term Care Partnership that focuses on fostering and improving long term care and supportive service systems to meet the current and future needs of Maui's older adults. Finally, Ms. Rongitsch is presently active in Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition and supports the Executive on Aging's efforts to define and expand caregiver services statewide.

In short, I believe that Ms. Rongitsch would be an asset in bringing to PABEA her talents as a team player in accomplishing goals and tasks and her extensive knowledge of elder issues.

Very sincerely,



Jim Kahler, Director
Home Health Care and Foster Family Programs

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February 28, 2008

TO: Senator David Ige, Chair
And members of the Senate Health Committee

FROM: Debbie Shimizu, LSW 
National Association of Social Workers, Hawai' Chapter

RE: GM 362 Sandra Rongitsch's Confirmation to EOA's Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs
STRONG SUPPORT

Chair Ige and members of the Senate Health Committee, I am Debbie Shimizu, Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers, Hawai' Chapter. I am testifying **in strong support of GM 362 Confirming Sandra Rongitsch to the EOA's Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.**

Ms. Rongitsch has been a member of the National Association of Social Workers, Hawai'I Chapter since 1995. She has worked as a social worker in the field of aging for 15 years assisting the elderly in institutional, residential and community home-based settings and is well qualified to be a member of the Executive Office on Aging Policy Advisory Board.

Ms. Rongitsch has been a strong advocate for the elderly. She has been working with NASW to make changes to the statute to better protect our elders. Ms. Rongitsch has consistently provided information and testimony at each hearing and has been a valuable asset to our advocacy efforts on aging issues. I am confident that she will make a positive contribution to EOA's Policy Advisory Board.

I am in strong support of her nomination and urge your confirmation of her nomination to the EOA's Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



GOV. MSG. NO. 363

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 **Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs:**

Ruth H. Stepulis RN

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,



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Committee on Health

GM 363 Gubernatorial Nominee for Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

**Testimony of Noemi Pendleton
Director of Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to Department of Health**

Monday, March 31, 2008

1:15 P.M.

Department's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is writing in strong support for the confirmation of Ms. Ruth H. Stepulis' appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Fiscal Implications: None.

Purpose and Justification: Ms. Stepulis, an older adult consumer, has been a member of the PABEA since July 1, 2004 and an active participant in the PABEA Recognition and Awards Committee. She is a retired nurse with over 40 years of experience in the nursing field. She has a Master's degree in Clinical Nursing from Vanderbilt University and a certificate in gerontology nursing. She has taught and practiced in the nursing field as a nursing supervisor at Tripler Army Medical Center (1960-1980) and as a faculty member at Hawaii Pacific University (1988-2000) and the University of Hawaii (1985-1987). Ms. Stepulis brings to the PABEA valuable insights and has shown a sincere regard for the needs of the elderly and their caregivers.

We, therefore, ask you to support her reappointment as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Committee on Health

GM 364 Gubernatorial Nominee for Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

Testimony of Noemi Pendleton Director of Executive Office on Aging Attached Agency to Department of Health

Monday, March 31, 2008

1:15 P.M.

Department's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is writing in strong support for the confirmation of Ms. Diane M. Stowell's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Fiscal Implications: None.

Purpose and Justification: Ms. Stowell, an older adult consumer, has been a member of the PABEA since July 1, 2004 and an active participant in the PABEA Legislative Committee. She is a board-certified Marriage and Family Therapist and presently works as an instructor at the Women's and Men's prisons, teaching inmates life skills so that they lead healthy lives when released from prison. She is active in the community and has been a mentor and Board member at the Mediation Center of the Pacific and the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation. Ms. Stowell's background and experience will be an asset to the PABEA, while her involvement in the community will be helpful to the PABEA's advocacy function.

We, therefore, ask you to support her reappointment as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Kanoe Kamanao

From: Michael Sumja [michaelsumja@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2008 3:02 PM
To: Sen. David Ige
Cc: pnrn@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Letter of Support for PABEA Reappointment of Ruth Stepulis

TO: Senator Ige,
Chair, Senate Health Committee

RE: Reappointment of Ruth Stepulis to PABEA

Hearing: Monday, March 31, 2008

Aloha Senator Ige and Committee members:

It is with great pleasure, and confidence, that I write this testimony in strong support of reappointing Ruth Stepulis to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. As Chair of PABEA I have come to depend heavily on Ruth's remarkable organizational skills as Recognition and Awards Committee Chair. Her efforts with the Outstanding Older American Award program each year is second to none, and we need her to continue this very important work.

Ruth's dedication and passion for our Kupuna is extraordinary and her character is above reproach. In short, you could not find a better candidate to serve on PABEA. I enthusiastically recommend reappointment of Ms. Stepulis.

Sincerely,
Michael B. Sumja, Chair
Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

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GOV. MSG. NO. 364

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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 **Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs**:

Diane M. Stowell

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

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CLERK OF THE GOVERNOR
HONOLULU, HI

Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Health

March 10 2008

Diane M. Stowell

Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Chair Ige and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to present my background about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

I was raised in Manoa, Oahu and live next door to where I grew up. Four generations of grew up here. I graduated from Punahou in 1952 and UCLA in 1956 in math and physics and a Masters in administration in 1966 and became a licensed Marriage and Family Therapist and Educational Psychologist in 1976.

I was a caregiver to my mother who had alzheimers and required 24/7 supervision. She passed away nine years later.

I have been a volunteer for the Mediation Center of the Pacific for 26 years as well as serving on the board and being a mentor. Presently I serve on the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation where we give grants and scholarships to students for athletics mostly water sports in Duke's name. We volunteer for the Boys and Girls Club and I direct a one mile swim in August during the week of the Duke's birthday in Waikiki for all ages. Presently, I am teaching in the Women's and Men's prison teaching life skills so that they can lead healthy lives and not return to prison--this is my third year and so far many of the inmates are leading clean lives.

I have served on the Policy Advisory for four years and also the Legislative committee of PABEA where we do a lot of bill tracking.

I welcome the challenges ahead and would like to work for another four years on the PABEA. I ask for you to support my nomination.

Thank you.

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GM 364 Gubernatorial Nominee for Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

**Testimony of Noemi Pendleton
Director of Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to Department of Health**

Monday, March 31, 2008

1:15 P.M.

Department's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is writing in strong support for the confirmation of Ms. Diane M. Stowell's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Fiscal Implications: None.

Purpose and Justification: Ms. Stowell, an older adult consumer, has been a member of the PABEA since July 1, 2004 and an active participant in the PABEA Legislative Committee. She is a board-certified Marriage and Family Therapist and presently works as an instructor at the Women's and Men's prisons, teaching inmates life skills so that they lead healthy lives when released from prison. She is active in the community and has been a mentor and Board member at the Mediation Center of the Pacific and the Outrigger Duke Kahanamoku Foundation. Ms. Stowell's background and experience will be an asset to the PABEA, while her involvement in the community will be helpful to the PABEA's advocacy function.

We, therefore, ask you to support her reappointment as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



GOV. MSG. NO. 478

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

March 3, 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 **Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs**:

Rosemarie M. Protacio

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

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Committee on Health

GM 478 Gubernatorial Nominee for Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

**Testimony of Noemi Pendleton
Director of Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to Department of Health**

Monday, March 31, 2008

1:15 P.M.

Department's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is writing in strong support for the confirmation of Ms. Rosemarie M. Protacio's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Fiscal Implications: None.

Purpose and Justification: Ms. Protacio, an older adult consumer, is a retired ASK2000 speaker and phone agent. She has had varied work experience as a nurse at St. Francis Hospital (1952-1954); an announcer at the Honolulu International Airport (1954-1962); a Hawaiian Airlines reservationist, ticketing agent (1962-1971); a motel manager for the U.S. Navy (1973-1976); and as a ASK2000 speaker and phone agent (1994-2006). Her most recent ASK2000 experience will provide the PABEA perspectives on community resources available for the elderly and their caregivers.

We, therefore, ask you to support her confirmation as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Committee on Health

GM 362 Gubernatorial Nominee for Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

Testimony of Noemi Pendleton Director of Executive Office on Aging Attached Agency to Department of Health

Monday, March 31, 2008

1:15 P.M.

Department's Position: The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is writing in strong support for the confirmation of Ms. Sandra S. Rongitsch's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

Fiscal Implications: None.

Purpose and Justification: Ms. Rongitsch, an older adult consumer, has been a member of the PABEA since July 1, 2004 and an active participant in the PABEA Legislative Committee. She has over 20 years of experience as a licensed social worker, including 15 years of experience working with elderly clients in institutional, residential, and home-based settings; she is currently employed as a medical social worker at Hale Makua Home Health and Foster Family Programs on the island of Maui. Ms. Rongitsch exhibits a deep understanding of the challenges that an increasing elderly population poses and is an active advocate for elders and caregivers as a member of the Maui County Council on Aging, Long Term Care Partnership, the Case Management Interdisciplinary Team, and the Hawaii Family's Caregiver Coalition.

We, therefore, ask you to support her reappointment as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



GOV. MSG. NO. 356

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 Developmental Disabilities**:

David F. Fray

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,



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COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

GM 356, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE DAVID F. FRAY TO THE STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06/30/2012

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

March 31, 2008

- 1 **Department's Position:** Gubernatorial nomination of Dr. David Fray for consideration and
2 confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities for a term to expire 06/30/2012.
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** None
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department strongly supports the Gubernatorial nomination of
5 Dr. David Fray to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Dr. Fray has been the Chief of the
6 Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD), Department of Health, Hawaii since December 2002, and
7 is responsible for the administration of the DDD, Home and Community Based Services Waiver
8 Program, certification of adult foster homes, quality assurance and improvement, and implementation of
9 self-determination.
- 10 Dr. Fray's experience in developmental disabilities, public health and dentistry, make him an excellent
11 candidate for membership to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.
- 12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 356.



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March 31, 2008

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: GM 356 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee David F. Fray**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 356** to confirm the nomination of **David F. Fray** for a term to expire on June 30, 2012.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L. 106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. The law specifically requires that 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, their parents, or family members. Additionally, the following agencies are required to be on the Council: Department of Health (DOH); the agencies that administer funds provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Older Americans Act of 1965; Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act; the Protection and Advocacy Agency; the Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; agencies and private non-profit organizations concerned with services to individuals with DD. The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

Dr. Fray is Chief of the DD Division, DOH. As Chief, he is responsible for the administration of the DD Division, community-based programs, certification of adult foster homes and DD domiciliary homes for individuals with DD; quality improvement; implementation of self-determination; and compliance with the Makin Settlement Agreement.

The Honorable David Y. Ige
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He represents DOH as the Designated State Agency on the Council and is a member of the Council's Executive, and Employment and Education Committees. His involvement fosters ongoing communication and collaboration with the Council. Dr. Fray's experience in DD and his representation of DOH enhances coordination of services and supports for individuals with DD.

The Council fully endorses Dr. Fray's nomination to the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support for **GM 356** confirming David F. Fray to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator

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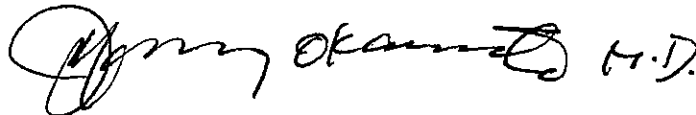
February 28, 2008

I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation for Dr. David Fray, the Chief of the State Developmental Disabilities Division, to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have been able to work with Dr. Fray as part of presentations around aspects of developmental disabilities (DD) in my work with the University of Hawaii, as part of his Leadership team in his Division (I am his medical director), and in meetings with providers and advocates for people with DD.

Dr. Fray is one of the major experts around people with developmental disabilities in the State in many ways. He has a deep understanding of the medical and dental concerns. He is one of the most knowledgeable experts about the systems of care, not just of his own Division, but also around Medicare/Medicaid, mental health, vocational rehabilitation, early intervention and school systems. He is connected to national experts and trends around DD

He has passion for the work that he does. He hopes to continue to not just improve medical and dental supports for people with DD, but employment opportunities and self determination decision capacities for this important segment of our population in Hawaii. I support Dr. Fray without hesitation or any reserve, he has been an excellent and dynamic leader in our disability community.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey Okamoto M.D.
Director, Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics
Department of Pediatrics
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Family to Family Health Information Center

Date: March 25, 2008

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Fr: Leolinda Parlin, State Coordinator for Family Voices of Hawai'i

Re: GM 356 – Support for confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities,
Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID F. FRAY

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I support GM 356.

As an organization, Family Voices is a national grass roots organization of family of friends of child with special health care needs. In Hawai'i, we operate the federally funded Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center.

Over the last 5 years I have come to know and respect Dr. David Fray as a champion for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. He personifies the phrase Servant Leader. He is not your stereotypical bureaucrat. He makes himself available to the people he serves. Dr. Fray has been known to meet with self advocates and families at night and on the weekends to hear their concerns; address needs; and or sometimes just to plain "talk story". In this field, he has what it takes, Passion, Purpose and Persistence. He has served the State Council on Developmental Disabilities well, and through this confirmation, he will be able to further affect and implement the goals of the Council's strategic plan.

As the Chief of the Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Division we have seen how his leadership has planted the seeds of transformation. We've witnessed over the last few years the following:

1. Elimination of the Wait List of Services
2. Settlement of the Makin Consent Decrees
3. Marked increase of the division's budget to an appropriate level
4. Substantial increase in access to services for children and youth
5. Increase in the number of provider agencies to serve individuals with developmental disabilities

As parents and friends of children with special health care needs, we are always mindful of the special role that consumers have in their relationship with professional partners. Dr. Fray has always insured that there is a place at the table for self advocates and family members. He truly honors the concept of family professional partnership. I consider Dr. Fray a friend and an asset to our state.

Thank you for time and consideration in supporting GM 356.



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February 28, 2008

The Honorable David Y. Ige
Chair, Senate Health Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Appointment of David Fray to the State Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities
– **SUPPORT**.

Dear Senator Ige,

On behalf of Easter Seals Hawaii, I would like to **SUPPORT** the appointment of Dr. David Fray to the State Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities.

As Chief of the Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Division, Dr. Fray is committed to the support of persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities to choose and achieve their individual goals. He has also led the charge to obtain several grants, and spearheaded numerous policy and procedural changes to enhance the lives of people with disabilities or special needs and their families in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity in supporting Dr. David Fray to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

Norman T. Kawakami
SR VP of Operations

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GOV. MSG. NO. 357

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 Developmental Disabilities**:

Patricia L. Heu MD

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII

Senate Committee on Health
GM 357
March 31, 2008 - 1:15 pm
Testimony of Patricia Heu, M.D.

Senator Ige and Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide information about myself as you consider my confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I have been a member of this Council since July 2001. I am very interested in continuing to serve on this Council and contribute to the Council's efforts toward a system of services that fully supports self-determination and community integration for people with developmental disabilities. The Council's work is very important for advocacy, promoting interagency collaboration, and planning/coordination.

A key area of interest for me is health care for children/adults with special needs and disabilities. I would like to continue on the Health and Early Childhood Committee of the Council, which has goals that people with developmental disabilities have access to needed medical and dental care, and that family-centered, community-based, culturally-appropriate services and supports will be available to all children with special needs.

I would also like to continue to represent the Family Health Services Division (FHSD) of the Hawaii State Department of Health on this Council. FHSD is responsible for the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (Title V of the Social Security Act), which is devoted to improving the health of all women, children including those with special needs, and families; and for early intervention services for children age 0-3 years with or at risk for developmental delays, under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Other programs include newborn hearing and metabolic screening, preschool developmental screening, respite services, children with special health needs, and genetics. I have been Chief of the Children with Special Health Needs Branch for the past 11 years, and previously provided pediatric health care for children and youth including those special health care needs in a rural clinic.

Thank you for your support and consideration of my nomination to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.



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Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: GM 357 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Governatorial Nominee Patricia L. Heu, M.D.**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 357** to confirm the nomination of **Patricia L. Heu, M.D.**, for a term to expire on June 30, 2012.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. The law specifically requires that 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, their parents, or family members. Additionally, the following agencies are required to be on the Council: Department of Health (DOH); the agencies that administer funds provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Older Americans Act of 1965; Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act; the Protection and Advocacy Agency; the Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; agencies and private non-profit organizations concerned with services to individuals with DD. The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

Dr. Heu is Chief of DOH's Children with Special Health Needs Branch. She was first appointed to the Council in 2001 as a representative of Title V of the Social Security Act (Maternal and Child Health). She is a member of the Council's Health and Early Childhood Committee which focuses on: 1) access to medical and dental care services; and 2) family-centered, community-based, culturally-appropriate services and supports for children with special needs.

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Her experiences with and responsibilities for children with special health care needs will assist the Council in its activities to improve and increase access to medical and dental care services. Her participation on the Council will continue to provide ongoing collaborative activities in the area of transition of early intervention and preschool, and preschool and kindergarten for children with special needs.

The Council is pleased with the nomination of Dr. Heu for another term. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 357** confirming Dr. Patricia L. Heu, M.D., to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator



University of Hawaii at Manoa

John A. Burns School of Medicine
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Kapiolani-Children's Medical Center
1319 Punahou Street • Honolulu, Hawaii 96826

March 24, 2008

Senator David Ige
Chair, Senate Committee on Health
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige:

I highly recommend Patricia Heu, MD for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (GM 357).

As Director of the Community Pediatrics Institute of the Department of Pediatrics, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii, Chief of Pediatrics Education, Shriners Hospital for Children, Honolulu Unit, and Principal Investigator of the Maternal Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities program, I have known Dr. Heu for over 25 years. During the past ten years, I have worked with her in her capacity as Chief of the Children with Special Health Needs Branch in the Hawaii State Department of Health and on various projects and committees related to children with special health care needs (CSHCN). These include the Hawaii State Team to national Tri-Regional meetings related to achieving the six core goals for CSHCN (family participation, medical home, health insurance, screening, system of services, transition to adult life); a Champions for Progress project on transition to adult life; Screening Task Force to improve screening and follow-up for children age 0-8 years; committee to develop materials for families on emergency preparedness for CSHCN; and the Hilopa'a Project – state implementation grant on integrated community systems of care and services for CSHCN.

With her knowledge and experience related to children, youth and young adults with special needs and their families, she will contribute to the Council's efforts in working toward a system of services for people with developmental disabilities that supports them in self-determination and integration into the community.

Sincerely,

Louise Iwaishi, MD



HILOPA'A

Family to Family Health Information Center

Date: March 25, 2008

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Fr: Leolinda Parlin, State Coordinator for Family Voices of Hawai'i

Re: GM 357 – Support for confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities,
Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA L. HEU MD

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I support GM 357.

As an organization, Family Voices is a national grass roots organization of family of friends of child with special health care needs. In Hawai'i, we operate the federally funded Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center.

Over the last several years Dr. Heu and I have been Co-Principal Investigators on two federally funded "systems change" grants. We have also worked together in true family professional partnership "style" in conducting our statewide needs assessment for children and youth with special health care needs. We've sat of committees, Task Forces, councils and other projects together. I am witness to her impeccable character, compassion, and brilliance. Dr. Heu embodies family professional partnership to the Nth degree. My counterparts from other states are always remarking how fortunate we are in Hawai'i to have Dr. Heu as our professional partner and leader. She has also received recognition from federal reviewers.

As a locally trained pediatrician, Dr. Heu chose to begin her career serving the underserved at the Waimanalo Health Center. Her experiences there helped to shape her future career in public health. For this we are grateful.

It is through Dr. Heu's vision, passion, and commitment to Hawai'i's children, youth and families, that we are able to translate goals for children and youth with special health care needs into action. For example, screening has always been a passion and focus for Dr. Heu. Through her steady, subtle persistence and support, screening has been elevated to an unforeseen height in our state.

Dr. Heu is the best partner one could have. She believes in families and the power of self determination. She works tirelessly and gives 110% to all that she does. I know she will likewise give 110% to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Thank you for time and consideration in supporting GM 357.



GOV. MSG. NO. 358

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 Developmental Disabilities**:

Evan A.R. Murakami

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
HONOLULU, HAWAII

March 31, 2008

The Honorable David Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Health Committee:

My name is Evan Murakami and I am pleased to be nominated by Governor Lingle to serve a second term on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

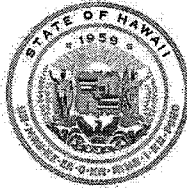
I am 30 years old and am developmentally disabled. I am currently serving as vice chair during my first term on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I am also a member of the Public Awareness and Self-Determination Committee.

Since December 2002, I have been employed as an Individual Mentor by the State Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Division. The focus of my job is to promote self-advocacy, self-determination and independence for people with developmental disabilities. I receive training to go out into the community to make presentations to provider agencies, family meetings, schools and other groups. As part of my job, I serve on the Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAC) where members (who have disabilities) meet monthly to discuss concerns and seek solutions.

As an Individual Mentor and as a self-advocate (a person with a disability who advocates for himself/herself), I share in the DD Council's mission which is "to support people with developmental disabilities to control their own destiny and determine the quality of life they desire." While remaining informed of its advocacy efforts through council meetings, I have the opportunity to share the concerns of, and provide input from persons with disabilities within the community.

I would appreciate the opportunity to serve a second term as a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and request your support of my nomination. Thank you very much.

Evan Murakami
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March 31, 2008

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: GM 358 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Governatorial Nominee Evan A.R. Murakami**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 358** to confirm the nomination of **Evan A.R. Murakami** for a term to expire on June 30, 2012.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. The law specifically requires that 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, their parents, or family members. Additionally, the following agencies are required to be on the Council: Department of Health (DOH); the agencies that administer funds provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Older Americans Act of 1965; Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act; the Protection and Advocacy Agency; the Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; agencies and private non-profit organizations concerned with services to individuals with DD. The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

Mr. Murakami is a self-advocate who is working at DOH's Case Management and Information Services Branch as an Individual Mentor. He is the current Vice-Chair of the DD Council and a member of the Executive and Public Awareness, Self-Determination and Training (PASDT) Committees. His participation on the PASDT Committee provides valuable insight on how to support individuals with DD to become leaders in the community and to establish a statewide self-advocacy network.

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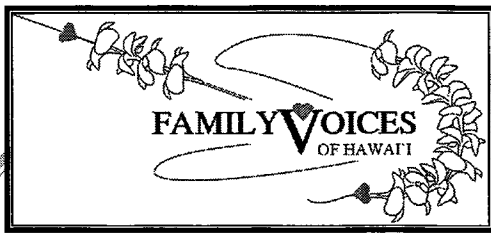
Mr. Murakami continues to assist the Council in its activities to promote the principles of self-determination, empower individuals with DD to become self-advocates, and increase employment opportunities in the community.

The Council is pleased with Mr. Murakami's nomination to serve on the Council and looks forward to his contributions to improve the quality of life for individuals with DD. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 358** confirming Evan A.R. Murakami to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator



HILOPA'A

Family to Family Health Information Center

Date: March 25, 2008

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Fr: Leolinda Parlin, State Coordinator for Family Voices of Hawai'i

Re: GM 358 – Support for confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities,
Gubernatorial Nominee, EVAN A. R. MURAKAMI

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I support GM 358.

As an organization, Family Voices is a national grass roots organization of family of friends of child with special health care needs. In Hawai'i, we operate the federally funded Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center.

I have come to know Mr. Murakami over the last 6 years as a champion for individuals with disabilities. We have served together on several projects representing the needs of children, youth and adults with developmental disabilities.

I have seen firsthand Mr. Murakami blossom into the great advocate and leader you see today. He has a knack for being able to identify the most expedient and common sense solution to a situation. He is the first to volunteer to assist and to participate. He is a role model to many.

A die hard UH Warrior fan; Mr. Murakami has the same passion and energy for the Warriors as he does for self-determination. His kind, respectful manner and disarming smile welcomes those who work around him.

It's an honor and a pleasure to work with Mr. Murakami. He is driven, goal oriented, and collaborative. He will serve the State Council on Developmental Disabilities well. I ask for support in confirming Evan Murakami.

Thank you for time and consideration in supporting GM 358.



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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 Developmental Disabilities**:

Patricia A. Nishimoto

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

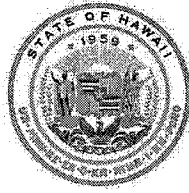
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March 31, 2008

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: GM 359 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Governatorial Nominee Patricia A. Nishimoto**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 359** to confirm the nomination of **Patricia A. Nishimoto** for a term to expire on June 30, 2012.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. The law specifically requires that 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, their parents, or family members. Additionally, the following agencies are required to be on the Council: Department of Health; the agencies that administer funds provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Older Americans Act of 1965; Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act; the Protection and Advocacy Agency; the Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; agencies and private non-profit organizations concerned with services to individuals with DD. The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

Dr. Nishimoto is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for Responsive Caregivers of Hawaii. Her appointment fulfills the composition requirement for private non-profit organizations to be represented on the Council. As a service provider, Dr. Nishimoto will bring a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the need for qualified direct support personnel to provide services and supports for individuals with DD.

She has direct experience as CEO in facing the daily challenges of recruiting, training and maintaining employees on a long-term basis in a field that compensates with low wages and benefits.

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She is the current Chair for the Council's Health and Early Childhood Committee that is addressing ways to increase access to medical and dental care, and assure that appropriate early intervention services are available for infant and toddlers with DD or at risk for DD.

Dr. Nishimoto is well respected among persons with DD, families, service providers, and advocates in the community. Her ability to work collaboratively with a variety of groups will assist the Council in its implementation of our State Plan activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for the nomination of Patricia A. Nishimoto (**GM 359**) to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Wayhette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator



The Arc of Kauai

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March 11, 2008

Honorable Senator David Y. Ige, Chair and Members of the
Health Committee
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813.

RE: In Support of **GM 359**
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities,
Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA A. NISHIMOTO, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

Dear Senator Ige and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of Dr. Pattie Nishimoto's nomination to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Dr. Nishimoto is well qualified for this position. She brings a wealth of information, experience and historical knowledge. Dr. Nishimoto has pursued a career of 30 years of service in the field of developmental disabilities. She is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Responsive Caregivers of Hawaii and has held many leadership and upper management positions in both public and private organizations. Dr. Nishimoto is also a Practicum Instructor at the University of Hawaii and Hawaii Pacific University as well as an Advisory Board member for a research project at the University of Connecticut.

With this depth of experience, she has been at the forefront of the many changes in the field; from an institutional perspective toward a community-based service delivery mode and community inclusion.

Although, I have known Dr. Nishimoto for many years, I have only just recently had the pleasure of working with her for the past few years. As a Board member of the Hawaii Waiver Provider Association, I have appreciated having Pattie as the Board President. She has injected energy and cohesiveness into the Association. She is efficient and effective. She is knowledgeable and passionate even after 30 years. Any organization, committee etc. would benefit greatly from her unique blend of abilities.

I humbly ask for your support and favorable consideration of Dr. Pattie Nishimoto's nomination to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ellen Ching
Executive Director



HILOPA'A

Family to Family Health Information Center

Date: March 25, 2008

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Fr: Leolinda Parlin, State Coordinator for Family Voices of Hawai'i

Re: GM 359 – Support for confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities,
Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA A. NISHIMOTO

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I support GM 359.

As an organization, Family Voices is a national grass roots organization of family of friends of child with special health care needs. In Hawai'i, we operate the federally funded Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center.

"Pattie" has been a champion for persons with disabilities as well as their families, both professionally and personally and is considered to be a leader in our state. Pattie has the unique insight and perspectives into the needs of children, youth, families and self advocates. While Pattie is quite youthful, in her lifetime, she has been a line social worker working with children with special health care needs and their families; she has also been a parent who understands the complexity first hand of trying to navigate the system for children and youth with special health care needs, while simultaneously meeting the needs of her aging parent. And as the Chief Executive Officer of Responsive Caregivers of Hawai'i, she addresses on a daily basis the needs of adults and aging adults with developmental disabilities, some who have tremendous family support, and other who rely solely on her organization.

To say Pattie is well versed in the needs of the community served by the State Council on Developmental Disabilities is an understatement. She faces the difficulties in recruiting, training, and compensating employees who are the cornerstone workforce that serve individuals with disabilities and their families, in this day in age where unemployment is at a historically low level.

Pattie is a leader who is not afraid of sharing her opinions and experiences in an open and collaborative manner. She has demonstrated her ability to work well with all stakeholders: families, self advocates, disability specific support groups and the Departments of Health and Human Services.

Thank you for time and consideration in supporting GM 359.



GOV. MSG. NO. 360

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 Developmental Disabilities**:

Liz Ann K. Salvador

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
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Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: GM 360 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Liz Ann K. Salvador**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 360** to confirm the nomination of **Liz Ann K. Salvador** for a term to expire on June 30, 2012.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. The law specifically requires that 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, their parents, or family members. Additionally, the following agencies are required to be on the Council: Department of Health; the agencies that administer funds provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Older Americans Act of 1965; Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act; the Protection and Advocacy Agency; the Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; agencies and private non-profit organizations concerned with services to individuals with DD. The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

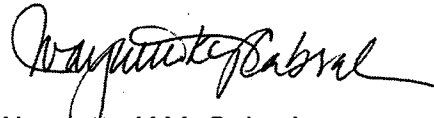
Ms. Salvador was first appointed by Governor Lingle in 2004. She is the sister of two young men with autism and resides on Kauai. She is the Executive Director of Ho'oheno, a private non-profit organization providing services to individuals with DD. Ms. Salvador is the current Chair of the Council and has been actively involved with Council activities and is a member of the Council's Executive and Community Supports Committees, DD Division's Waiver Policy Advisory Committee, and Quality Assurance Subcommittee.

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Ms. Salvador's knowledge and experience as a family member and service provider has continued to contribute to the mission and activities of the Council. We are fortunate to have her as the Chair and a member, and we fully endorse her nomination to the Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support for **GM 360** confirming Liz Ann K. Salvador to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator



HILOPA'A

Family to Family Health Information Center

Date: March 30, 2008

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Fr: Leolinda Parlin, State Coordinator for Family Voices of Hawai'i

Re: GM 360 - Support for confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, LIZ ANN K. SALVADOR

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I support GM 360.

As an organization, Family Voices is a national grass roots organization of family of friends of child with special health care needs. In Hawai'i, we operate the federally funded Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center.

Liz Ann Salvador has the expertise and experience to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DDC). As a small business owner and a sibling of 2 young adults with developmental disabilities Liz Ann's perspective is invaluable. The inception of their family business on Kaua'i, Ho'oheno Inc., was derived to fulfill a need in the community which as a family they had experienced firsthand - the scarcity of trained resources to serve individuals like her brothers. Since her mother's retirement, Liz Ann has stepped up to the plate in running the organization and has filled her mother's shoes quite well.

Liz Ann has served her family and island community well as the current chair of the DDC. She has always made herself available to participate in subcommittees, workgroups and task forces across departments and programs to further the community based services for individuals with disabilities.

She is a well respected member of the advocacy community.

Thank you for time and consideration in supporting GM 360.



GOV. MSG. NO. 361

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
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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 Developmental Disabilities**:

Michael D. Tada

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

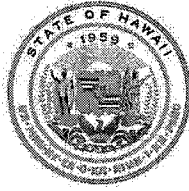
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The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
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Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: GM 361 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Governatorial Nominee Michael D. Tada**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 361** to confirm the nomination of **Michael D. Tada** for a term to expire on June 30, 2012.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. The law specifically requires that 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, their parents, or family members. Additionally, the following agencies are required to be on the Council: Department of Health; the agencies that administer funds provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Older Americans Act of 1965; Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act; the Protection and Advocacy Agency; the Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; agencies and private non-profit organizations concerned with services to individuals with DD. The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

Mr. Tada is regarded as one of the most compassionate self-advocates in the community. He is persistent in his advocacy for self-determination and full inclusion of all persons with DD. He is a graduate of the Council-sponsored Partners in Policymaking Leadership Academy (II) that provides education and training in current disability issues and best practices, and legislative and systems advocacy.

As a member of the Council's Public Awareness, Self-Determination and Training Committee, he continues to speak up about involving people with DD to sit at the table with other stakeholders to discuss concerns and issues, and be part of the solution. His

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attendance and participation has been a great support for the Committee. He serves as the conscience and consistently gives friendly reminders to professionals, "nothing about us, without us."

Mr. Tada's work experience for various companies and current employment with the Hawaii Centers for Independent Living will assist the Council in its activities to increase employment options for people with DD.

The Council is pleased with Mr. Tada's nomination to the Council and looks forward to working with him to achieve our goals in the area of self-determination and full inclusion.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support for **GM 361** Michael D. Tada to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Wayhette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator



HILOPA'A

Family to Family Health Information Center

Date: March 30, 2008

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Fr: Leolinda Parlin, State Coordinator for Family Voices of Hawai'i

Re: GM 361 - Support for confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL D. TADA

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I support GM 361.

As an organization, Family Voices is a national grass roots organization of family of friends of child with special health care needs. In Hawai'i, we operate the federally funded Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center.

Michael is living proof of how the programs and services that we currently advocate for, can make a difference. Michael was one of the first participants in our Hawai'i Early Intervention Program over 30 years ago. Back then, it wasn't called "EI" but the model was the same and primarily has not changed. Michael is a walking, talking, legacy to Dr. Setsu Furuno who was our pioneer both locally and internationally in defining services for children with special health care needs.

Michael has a passion for self-advocacy and currently serves on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DDC). He has focused these last several years on refining his advocacy skills. He has served on the steering committee for CPASS - a federal grant awarded to the state looking at supporting models of consumer directed services in our communities and currently works for the Hawai'i Center on Independent Living. He is a long time volunteer for Easter Seals Hawai'i and worked tirelessly at the Taste of Honolulu.

He is the type of young self advocate the DDC needs. He continually self-monitors and asks for feedback on "how he's doing". Michael is driven to support other self advocates and is highly self motivated. This is the right combination for the DDC.

Thank you for time and consideration in supporting GM 361.



GOV. MSG. NO. 477

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

March 3, 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 Developmental Disabilities**:

Mark F. Romoser

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice-chair
Committee on Health

Monday, March 31, 2008, 1:15 PM

Supporting GM477, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mark F. Romoser.

My name is Mark F. Romoser. I have served on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities since July of 2001. I served as Council chair from July 2004 through June 2006. Presently, I serve on the Council's Public Awareness, Self-Determination and Training Committee. I served as that committee's chair prior to becoming Council chair.

I am seeking reappointment so as to continue my work with the Council. The Council I doing important work in areas such as: transition from institutional to community-based care ("Money Follows the Person", "Going Home Plus"); disability awareness (the Storytellers DVD project); and capacity building (Day at the Capitol and partners in Policymaking).

I urge the committee to approve GM477. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely yours,

Mark F. Romoser



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March 31, 2008

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: GM 477 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Governatorial Nominee Mark F. Romoser**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 477** to confirm the nomination of **Mark F. Romoser** for a term to expire on June 30, 2012.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. The law specifically requires that 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, their parents, or family members. Additionally, the following agencies are required to be on the Council: Department of Health; the agencies that administer funds provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Older Americans Act of 1965; Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act; the Protection and Advocacy Agency; the Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; agencies and private non-profit organizations concerned with services to individuals with DD. The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

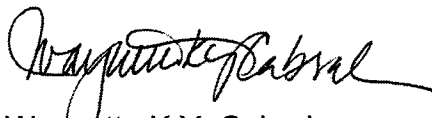
Mr. Romoser is the past Chair of the DD Council and is a current member of the Council's Executive and Public Awareness, Self-Determination and Training (PASDT) Committees. His active participation on the PASDT Committee contributes to the activities that support inclusion, self-determination, and self-advocacy for persons with DD. Through his involvement on the Self-Advocacy Council, he has been instrumental in providing training to individuals with DD to become their own advocates and take control of their lives.

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Mr. Romoser brings to the Council his numerous work experiences in the areas of research and technology, independent living, and his skills in presenting information on disability issues in the community.

The Council endorses his nomination to the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support for **GM 477** Mark F. Romoser to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator



HILOPA'A

Family to Family Health Information Center

Date: March 30, 2008

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Fr: Leolinda Parlin, State Coordinator for Family Voices of Hawai'i

Re: GM 477 - Support for confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARK F. ROMOSER

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I support GM 477.

As an organization, Family Voices is a national grass roots organization of family of friends of child with special health care needs. In Hawai'i, we operate the federally funded Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center.

I have come to know Mark over the last 5 years serving on the Po'ohala Council which provided family support and training for individuals with developmental disabilities. Since then, we have served together on committees and workgroups. We have also invited Mark to participate in panel discussions at conferences as well as in graduate school training programs to give our students insight into disabilities. He is dutiful and diligent.

Mark has previously served as the Chair of the DDC and was an active Chair in the planning of Council activities, and during his tenure, he represented the Council well.

Thank you for time and consideration in supporting GM 477.



GOV. MSG. NO. 514

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

March 17, 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 Developmental Disabilities**:

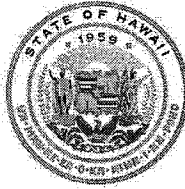
Sheryl A. Nelson

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE



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March 31, 2008

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: GM 514 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Governatorial Nominee Sheryl Nelson**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 514** to confirm the nomination of **Sheryl Nelson** for a term to expire on June 30, 2012.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. The law specifically requires that 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, their parents, or family members. Additionally, the following agencies are required to be on the Council: Department of Health; the agencies that administer funds provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Older Americans Act of 1965; Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act; the Protection and Advocacy Agency; the Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; agencies and private non-profit organizations concerned with services to individuals with DD. The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

Ms. Nelson is a self-advocate and an educator on disability issues in increasing awareness and access for individuals with disabilities. She lived in an institution as a child. Through her determination and will, she ventured on her own, received a Bachelor of Science Degree, worked various jobs and has become successful in her life and work. Her experiences and background continue to assist the Council with achieving its goal to increase employment opportunities and improve the transition process for students with developmental disabilities transitioning from school to post secondary education or employment.

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As the Executive Director of the Statewide Independent Living Council, she provides the Council with first hand issues of supporting people with disabilities to live independently in the community and achieve their goals in life.

The Council fully endorses Ms. Nelson's nomination to the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support for **GM 514** confirming **Sheryl Nelson** to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Wayhette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator



HILOPA'A

Family to Family Health Information Center

Date: March 30, 2008

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Fr: Leolinda Parlin, State Coordinator for Family Voices of Hawai'i

Re: GM 514 - Support for confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities,
Gubernatorial Nominee, SHERYL A. NELSON

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I support GM 514.

As an organization, Family Voices is a national grass roots organization of family of friends of child with special health care needs. In Hawai'i, we operate the federally funded Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center.

There are very few people in Hawaii that are able to bring not only the insight and knowledge of being a person with a disability who spent her formative years away from home living in an institution but are also able to express that insight as eloquently as Sheryl Nelson. Sheryl is a tireless self advocate and is not afraid to face the tough issues. She is collaborative and good natured, and walks to talk.

I met Sheryl for the first time serving on the Olmstead Task Force. That first meeting has left a lasting impression. She's the kind of leader we are most fortunate to have, working on the kind of systems change we need for our community.

Thank you for time and consideration in supporting GM 514.



GOV. MSG. NO. 516

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

March 17, 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 **Disability and Communication Access Board**:

Peter L. Fritz

Term to Expire: 6/30/2009

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

PETER L. FRITZ
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**THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008**

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

**Hearing March 31, 2008
Testimony on GM 516**

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Fukunaga and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present information about myself for your consideration of my appointment to the Disability and Communication Access Board. ("DCAB")

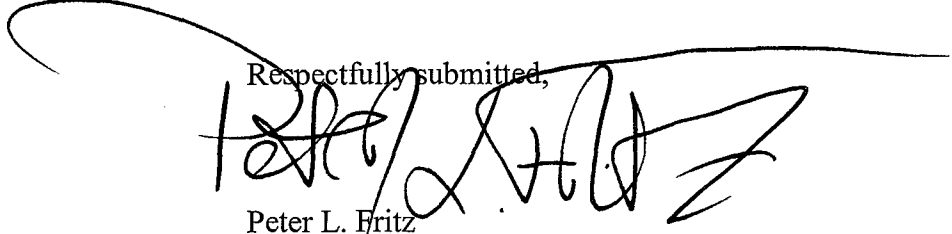
I am an attorney specializing in State and Federal tax law. My practice has also included Title I (Employment) and Title III (Public Accommodations) of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA").

Because of my hearing impairment, I have a personal familiarity and understanding of the relationship of laws and disabilities. As someone who has a sibling with cerebral palsy, I have an understanding of the needs of individuals with disabilities and their families. I have been an advocate of barrier free design and access to education long before the ADA and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA").

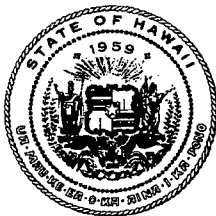
I was previously appointed to the State Rehabilitation Advisory Council and served for eight years. I have also been a director of Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii ("ATRC"). ATRC is a nonprofit organization that provides information and advocacy for assistive technology devices for individuals.

My experience will enable me to make a contribution to the DCAB.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter L. Fritz



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March 31, 2008

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 516 - Appointment of Peter L. Fritz to the Disability and Communication Access Board

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Mr. Peter L. Fritz to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board. The Board is a seventeen (17) member board, of which a majority are people with disabilities, their families, or caregivers.

Mr. Fritz is being appointed in the capacity of a consumer, a person with a hearing loss. He also brings to the Board the unique perspective of also being a family member of a person with a life-long disability. He has been very active in the disability community, as a past member of the Rehabilitation Advisory Council and as past president of the Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii. As an attorney licensed in the State of Hawaii, he has a broad understanding of laws affecting people with disabilities and has taken an active role analyzing laws and providing testimony to the Legislature.

We believe that Mr. Fritz will be an asset to the Board and recommend your confirmation of his nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director

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**THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008**

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Fukunaga, Members of the Committee

**Hearing March 31, 2008, 1:15 pm
Testimony on GM 516
(Relating to Confirmation of Peter L. Fritz)**

I strongly support the nomination of Peter L. Fritz to the Disability and Communication Access Board, and urge his confirmation.

I have known and worked with Peter in different capacities for over 10 years. Peter is a caring and concerned individual who takes seriously community affairs and their impact on citizens, especially those with disabilities. Peter has first hand knowledge of disabilities, including his sister's situation and his own hearing loss.

Peter performed eight years of service on the State Rehabilitation Council, which is comprised of consumers, service providers and nonprofit organizations. The Council reviewed programs of the Department of Rehabilitation Services to determine how well it provided services and how to improve those services. The Council also evaluated and made recommendations for requests for proposals submitted to the Council.

Peter also practiced ADA law for employment and public accommodations, and knows the laws that concern the disabled.

Very truly yours,

CHUN, KERR, DODD, BEAMAN & WONG,
a Limited Liability Law Partnership


Ray Kamikawa

testimony

From: Lyle Y. Harada [lharada@klhlp.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 11:23 AM
To: testimony
Subject: Committee on Health, March 31, 2008, 1:15 pm. Re: Peter L. Fritz,

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair, Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Health:

This is written in support of Peter L. Fritz's nomination to the Disability and Communication Access Board. I have known Peter for nearly 20 years, and for a portion of that time, we worked together at the same law firm, where Peter dealt with the concerns of the disabled and the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, among other things. Peter has also served on the State Rehabilitation Council for many years. He is an outstanding choice. He is smart and compassionate, and has both the experience and background to ably serve our community as a member of the Disability and Communication Access Board. I wholeheartedly recommend him.

Unfortunately, because of a school conference, I will not be able to testify in person. However, should you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct line is 275-0326. Thank you for your consideration of this.

Lyle Y. Harada
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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MONDAY MARCH 31, 2001 @ 1:15P.M.
TESTIMONY FOR GM516:**

March 29, 2008

Hon. David Y. Ige
Chair, Senate Committee on Health
16th District
State Capital, Room 215
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hon. Carol Fukunaga
Vice-Chair, Senate Committee on Health
11th District
State Capital, Room 216
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige, Senator Fukunaga, and Committee Members:

Re: GM516, Disability and Communication Access Board
Gubernatorial Nominee PETER L. FRITZ

I am writing to support the nomination of Peter L. Fritz to the Disability and Communication Access Board for the term to expire June 30, 2009. I have had the pleasure and privilege of working with Peter at the Rules Office of the Department of Taxation during the period 2000-2002. During this time I got to know Peter as a hardworking and conscientious public servant. In addition to having the ability to research and understand technical tax statutes, Peter is an excellent coworker and was always willing to stay late and pitch in to help others with difficult assignments. Although I left the Department of Taxation in 2002 to join the Attorney General's office we still remain in touch on a personal level and occasionally discuss tax issues.

In closing, I urge you to confirm Peter L. Fritz for this position as I am sure he will continue to serve the public well.

Sincerely,


Nathan S.C. Chee

Cathleen Tokishi
Cathy.Tokishi@gmail.com

March 31, 2008

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Health
State Capitol, Room 215
415 S. Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: G.M. 516
Nomination of Peter L. Fritz to the Disability and Communication Access Board
Hearing: Monday, March 31, 2008; 1:15 PM; Conference Room 016

Thank you for this opportunity to submit this testify in support of the nomination of Peter L. Fritz to the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB).

I am sure that his resume speaks for itself regarding the professional qualification of Mr. Fritz to serve on the DCAB. As an attorney, his practice has included both Title I and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act. He also served on the State Rehabilitation Advisory Council for eight years, and was a director of the Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii. In addition, Mr. Fritz is intimately familiar with many of the issues the DCAB deals with on a personal level, as he has an impairment himself as well as a sister with a disability.

What I would like to add is my certainty that Mr. Fritz will also bring to the DCAB a level of dedication and passion that will surely benefit the community it serves. As a colleague at the State Department of Taxation, I came to know Mr. Fritz as a tenacious researcher, as someone who pays attention to the details, and as a forward-thinking individual who carefully considers the ramifications of any decision or action. These are qualities that I am sure you can appreciate and recognize as being important to any organization.

Mr. Fritz will be a tremendous asset to the DCAB, and I respectfully ask that you consent to his appointment to serve the people of Hawaii in this volunteer position.

Very truly yours,



CATHLEEN N. TOKISHI

testimony

From: Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong [barbinhawaii@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, March 30, 2008 9:23 PM
To: testimony
Subject: Senate Hearing Health 3/30/08 1:15PM

Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong
616 Honua St.
Honolulu, HI 96816

I am in support of the appointment of Peter L. Fritz to the Disability and Communication Access Board. Mr. Fritz is a positive and intelligent supporter of those of us with disabilities and at the same time has a perspective that is inclusive of our entire community. He has served on several boards in both the public and private non profit sector and as an excellent understanding of fiduciary as well as legal issues as they relate to board's and commissions. As a lawyer and as a person with a disability he brings his own unique expertise and perspective. He presents well and is a leader who is respected by all who have worked with him in this field.

I know Mr. Fritz as a lawyer, personal friend, first president of the Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii and as a collaborator on numerous projects in the disability community and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong
Founding Executive Director Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii (retired)

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TESTIMONY OF ROBERT SHLESER ON BEHALF OF CLEAR FUELS TECHNOLOGY INC
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

March 31, 2008 at 1:15 PM February 25, 2008

RE GM516

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Fukunaga, members of the Committee,

My name is Robert Shleser. I am the Chief Technical Officer of ClearFuels Technology Inc. I am testifying in support of the nomination of Peter L Fritz to the Disability and Communication Access Board ("DCAB"). I have known Mr. Fritz for more than six years. I have worked with him professionally and have personal knowledge of his competence and abilities.

Having served on the State Rehabilitation Council as well as nonprofit agencies that assist the disabled, Mr. Fritz will bring this knowledge to the DCAB. In addition I believe that Mr. Fritz will also bring his skills as an attorney and his can do approach to the DCAB.

I urge you to approve the appointment of Mr. Fritz the DCAB

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Robert Shleser. CTO

Testimony of

Isaac W. Choy

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Monday, March 31, 2008

1:15 pm

Conference room 016

Re: GM 516

Relating to the confirmation of Mr. Peter L. Fritz

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committee

It is with great pleasure to write in Support of confirming Mr. Peter L. Fritz to the Disability and Communications Access Board

I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Fritz on tax legislation and found his expertise, demeanor and ability to explain complex issues invaluable. I especially enjoyed his ability to be objective and to present all sides of an issue. I believe he will bring these same qualities to the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Mr. Fritz has also served on the State Rehabilitation Council for eight years. His service on this Council, required by the Rehabilitation Act (RAC), consists of interacting with consumers, service providers and parents of disabled individuals. This council reviewed the effectiveness of programs by the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. As a member of RAC, he analyzed and recommended which candidates should receive contracts for the program. Additionally, he also served as a director of Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii which is a Tech Act agency. Its mission was to provide information about technical assistive devices for the disabled and to advocate for such devices.

These experiences will not only be invaluable to the Disability and Communications Access Board but also to the state of Hawaii as a whole and again it is my pleasure to add my name in support of Mr. Fritz's confirmation.

Very Truly Yours,

Isaac W. Choy

testimony

From: David Talisman [david@truedigital.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2008 12:44 PM
To: testimony
Subject: The Senate Committee on Health for the 1:15 pm hearing agenda for GM 516.

Importance: High

Dear Sirs:

I would like to recommend Peter Fritz and provide testimony in support of his nomination to serve on the Disabilities and Communication Access Board.

Peter Fritz has a lot of experience with the disability community in Hawaii and I think he would make an excellent candidate for this important role.

Mr. Peter Fritz has a hearing impairment and his sister is also an individual with a disability. He has been involved with the rights of the disabled long before the ADA.

Peter Fritz served for 8 years on the State Rehabilitation Council (³RAC²). The RAC was made up of consumers, service providers and nonprofit organizations. The RAC evaluates the services provided by the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (³DVR²). The RAC conducted customer satisfaction audits of the DVR programs. As a member of the RAC, Peter Fritz reviewed and made recommendations for RFPs submitted to the DVR.

Peter Fritz also served on the board of directors of the Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii (³ATRC²). ATRC is a ³Tech Act² agency. It receives federal funds to provide educations and advocacy for technical devices for the disabled. Before he served on the board, he was a member of their advisory committee. The committee served as a focus group for ATRC.

While in private practice in Hawaii, Peter Fritz practiced labor law. His practice included ADA employment and public accommodations law.

I believe that his wide experience and good character qualifies him to serve on the Disabilities and Communication Access Board.

Sincerely, David Talisman, President/CEO

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GOV. MSG. NO. 517

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

March 17, 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 **Disability and Communication Access Board**:

Ann Chinen Ito

Term to Expire: 6/30/2010

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

3757 Kumukoa Place
Honolulu, HI 96822

March 28, 2008

Senator David Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health

Re: Testimony from Ann Chinen Ito and Disability and Communication Access Board

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce myself for your consideration as a new appointee for service on the Disability and Communication Access Board.

My name is Ann Chinen Ito, born and raised in Honolulu, a proud product and proponent of our public school system and a grateful graduate of the University of Hawai'i with a baccalaureate in speech and speech correction and a master's degree in social work.

My involvement with and dedication to the disability community has been both personal and professional. I myself live with multiple disabilities and have/had family members with various physical and mental disabilities. As director (and previously counselor) of the KOKUA Program on the Mānoa campus of the University of Hawai'i, I have for more than 35 years served thousands of students with disabilities in their often challenging pursuit of equal access to the higher education experience. In my work and community service, I have been dedicated to identifying and removing barriers with and for people with disabilities in lower and higher education, library services, mobility and transportation, vocational rehabilitation and employment, health care, communication, culture and the arts, legislation, etc. Out of my faith orientation, I consider it my life purpose to ensure that all persons with disabilities are accorded respect and dignity as worthy human beings and welcomed by and into the larger community.

As a reasoning, responsible and respectful individual, I would bring to DCAB service a grounding in both the letter and spirit of the multitude of civil rights and related laws protecting and empowering persons with disabilities along with an excitement and passion about future possibilities for this ever increasing segment of our population. Those of us with disabilities may be different because of our physical and mental impairments but our differences do not make us less.

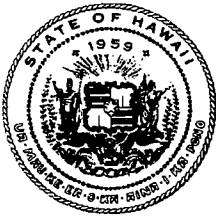
Throughout the nation, DCAB has been one of the most highly regarded state offices of advocacy, technical assistance and public education regarding persons with disabilities in terms of their rights and responsibilities. It would be a privilege for me to return to DCAB service. I respectfully request your confirmation of my appointment to the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Please accept my profound apology at my inability to attend your Senate confirmation hearing due to a scheduling conflict related to legally mandated work commitments.

Sincerely,



Ann C. Ito



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March 31, 2008

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 517 - Appointment of Ann C. Ito to the Disability and Communication Access Board

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Ms. Ann C. Ito to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board. The Board is a seventeen (17) member board, of which a majority are people with disabilities, their families, or caregivers.

Ms. Ito is a person with a visual loss and she will be representing that segment of the community as a consumer. However, in addition, Ms. Ito is the Director of the KOKUA Program at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. The KOKUA Program is the University's program to provide services to students with disabilities on the Manoa campus. Ms. Ito brings to the Board a tremendous amount of professional expertise to complement her personal perspective.

We believe that Ms. Ito will be an asset to the Board and recommend your confirmation of her nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Students

March 27, 2008

The Honorable David Ige
Chair, Senate Health Committee
State of Hawai'i
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 311
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Ige:

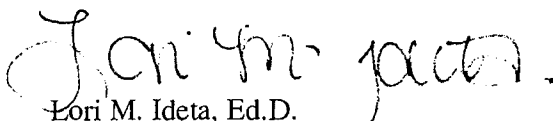
I understand that Ms. Ann Ito, Director of the KOKUA Program of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, has been nominated to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board. It is with complete zeal that I write this letter of support for Director Ito and her nomination.

I have had the pleasure of working with Director Ito for the past 15 years. Director Ito serves as the coordinator of Kahi o Ka Ulu 'Ana (KOKUA), the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa disability access office. Over the years, I have witnessed Director Ito serve as an advocate for individuals with disabilities; a counselor for students adjusting to the "college experience;" a keen crafter of policy, rules, regulations, and procedures that benefit the entire University community and the community at large; an administrator who works diligently to ensure fair representation of individuals with disabilities, and an educator who teaches from her own humble experiences. As is apparent, Director Ito wears numerous "hats" on a daily basis. She does so with effectiveness and grace. All of Director Ito's accomplishments and characteristics are juxtaposed with the reality that she is a woman who lives with a disability. Thus, it is Director Ito's lived experiences - her ability to walk her talk - that makes her most effective in her daily interactions. Director Ito is a true treasure to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and we are privileged to be able to call her a colleague.

I understand that Director Ito has served on the Disability and Communication Access Board in the past and that her membership proved extremely beneficial and effective. Thus, it is without reservation that I support the nomination of Director Ann Ito to continue service on the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Should you have any questions, or wish to discuss my interactions with Director Ito, it would be my pleasure to speak with you. Please, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Lori M. Ideta, Ed.D.
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Students

Senate Committee on Health

1:15 pm agenda, March 31, 2008

GM 517

TESTIMONY SUPPORTING GM 517 NOMINATION OF ANN CHINEN ITO to the Disability and Communication Access Board for a term to expire 6-30-201

SUBMITTED BY: Amefil Agbayani, Director SEED, UH Manoa

I support in the strongest possible way, the nomination of Ann Ito to the Disability and Communication Access Board. Ann is the Director of KOKUA, the UH Manoa program responsible for access services for students with disabilities. KOKUA is part of the Office of Student Equity Excellence and Diversity (SEED). As Director of SEED, I have known Ann for many years. I can attest to her deep commitment to serving students, with compassion and good judgment. She is a tireless advocate, counselor, and friend. She works hard to learn about changing needs of the people on campus with disabilities and to incorporate new methods of meeting these needs. Ann is widely respected for her knowledge, integrity, and generosity of spirit. She will contribute greatly to addressing the challenges faced by DCAB

testimony

From: Darrell [teruyadt@worldnet.att.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 7:35 AM
To: testimony
Subject: GM 517 Hearing Monday 03/31/08 1:15 PM

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Members of the Senate Health Committee

Hearing Monday, March 31, 2008 1:15 p.m.

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANN CHINEN ITO, for a term to expire 6-30-2010.

Please let me start out by saying that Mrs. Ito is one of the finest individuals I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. Despite being visually handicapped Mrs. Ito is a loving wife and mother and maintains a very heavy schedule as director of the KOKUA Program. The KOKUA Program, which I had the opportunity to serve with in the early to mid 70's, provides support services to physically handicapped students in the University of Hawaii system.

Mrs. Ito has always leant a compassionate ear to the clientele of the program and has continued to maintained a schedule which would be overwhelming to most individuals. Seemingly indefatigable, Mrs. Ito has also proven to be an effective advocate and font of knowledge for access issues of physically challenged individuals. Ann's grasp of issues and concerns within the UH system and community at large, continues to impress me.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in support of the appointment of Mrs. Ann Chinen Ito for this position.

Darrell Teruya, DDS



GOV. MSG. NO. 518

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

March 17, 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 **Disability and Communication Access Board**:

Lance Kaneshiro

Term to Expire: 6/30/2011

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Disability and Communication Access
Board

March 20, 2008

Lance Kaneshiro

Disability and Communication Access Board

Chair Ige, members of the Senate Committee on Disability and Communication Access Board, thank you for this opportunity to present some background information about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board.

I was born in Honolulu and was raised in McCully. I attended and graduated from McKinley High School. I then continued my education at Washington State University, where I graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Architecture in 1989. I have been the Director for the Washington State University Alumni Association Hawaii Chapter for two terms.

Upon graduating from Washington State University, I began working at the architecture firm of Yamasato, Fujiwara, Higa and Associates. I have been working there for 19 years. I have utilized the Americans with Disabilities Act Guidelines in practically all of the projects I have been involved with.

A position on DCAB would give me the opportunity to work on a broader range of issues that our citizens encounter. These citizens and visitors alike need to have their necessary issues addressed as to not be discriminated against and to have the highest possible accessibility in our community. I can understand their concerns as I have recently been given direct involvement with caring for my mother who has some accessibility issues.

I know that this position will challenge me but I feel that with my professional background, hard work ethic, and experience with the ADAAG will prepare me for these challenges. I humbly ask for your support on my nomination to the Disability and Communication Access Board. Mahalo.



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March 31, 2008

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 518 - Appointment of Lance Kaneshiro to the Disability and Communication Access Board

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Mr. Lance Kaneshiro to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board. The Board is a seventeen (17) member board, of which a majority are people with disabilities, their families, or caregivers.

Mr. Kaneshiro is a licensed architect in the State of Hawaii with a private architectural firm. Mr. Kaneshiro has expressed interest and demonstrated expertise in the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines for the design of buildings and facilities. The Board has responsibility, under §103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to review all plans and specifications for the construction of state and county buildings, facilities, and sites to ensure physical access for persons with disabilities. Mr. Kaneshiro's architectural expertise will be valuable in the setting of policies, guidelines, interpretive opinions, and recommendations on key issues such as a new State Building Code.

We believe that Mr. Kaneshiro will be an asset to the Board and recommend your confirmation of his nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director



GOV. MSG. NO. 387

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**:

Belinda A. Anderson

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

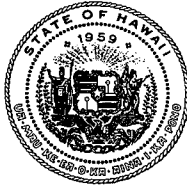
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Senate Committee on Health

**GM 387, 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 Belinda A.
2 Anderson to the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH) for a four-year term.
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Belinda A. Anderson is the mother of a child with a serious emotional
5 and behavioral disorder (SEBD) who receives services in the public mental health system.
6 Ms. Anderson has been employed with Ho'omau Ke Ola Drug Treatment Program in Waianae as a
7 Housing Placement Case Manager. Previously, her roles with this employer have included counselor
8 aide, recreational specialist, and transporter.
- 9 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.



GOV. MSG. NO. 388

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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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**:

Alan Buffenstein MD

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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**GM 388, 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 Alan Buffenstein,
2 M.D., to the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH) for a second four-year term.
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** Dr. Alan Buffenstein is a licensed psychiatrist in the State of Hawaii and is
5 employed part-time as a MedQUEST consultant to the Department of Human Services. He is also
6 employed by Community Care Services, and Care Hawaii, Assertive Community Treatment Program.
7 Over the last 16 years, his psychiatric experience has included employment at Hawaii State Hospital and
8 an Assistant Professorship at the University of Hawaii. In his current role as a SCMH member,
9 Dr. Buffenstein continues to provide valued input and innovative solutions to the mental health needs of
10 our community.

11 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.



MSG. NO. 389

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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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
P.O. Box 630585
Lanai City, HI 96763
artcabat@yahoo.com

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.

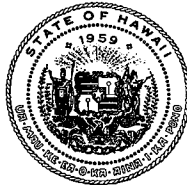
I believe that the purpose of the State Council on Mental Health is to provide important advice to both the Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD) and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) of Hawaii on the various ways possible to meet the allocation of resources and to meet the important 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

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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.



GOV. MSG. NO. 390

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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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,

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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.

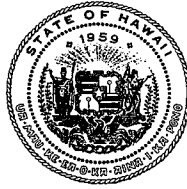
As you are aware from the information I have provided to your committee, I have been employed by the Judiciary for over thirty years as probation officer, probation supervisor and program specialist. I am currently a program specialist with the Office of the Chief Court Administrator and I am assigned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

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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.

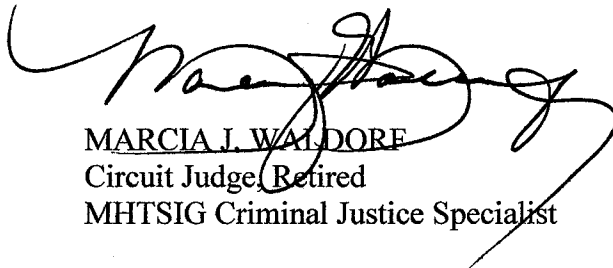
As but ONE concrete example of what she has to offer, I would point to the First Circuit's Mental Health Court. As a new pilot, she was instrumental in its implementation and development, serving both on the Advisory Committee and the treatment team. She brought a sense of creativity, while well grounded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

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

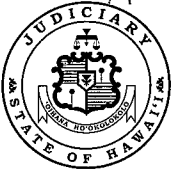
In 2007, she sat on the SCR 117 Task Force as a Judiciary representative, and continues to look for ways to serve. She is currently interested in working with the Mental Health Transformation State Incentive Grant.

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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Janice Yamada
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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March 21, 2008

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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GOV. MSG. NO. 391

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**:

Randolph C. Hack

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

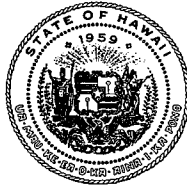
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Senate Committee on Health

**GM 391, 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 Randolph C. Hack
2 to the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH) for a second four-year term.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Randolph C. Hack fills the mandated SCMH membership position of a
5 State agency employee that represents the mental health agency. Mr. Hack is employed by the
6 Department of Health, Adult Mental Health Division, Office of Consumer Affairs, as Consumer
7 Advisor. As a consumer and consumer advocate, his membership position also contributes to the
8 SCMH membership mandate (P.L.102-321) that not less than 50% of members are not state employees
9 or providers of mental health services. Mr. Hack's long standing public service assists him to make
10 valued contributions to the work of the SCMH. His consumer perspective is often consulted to ensure
11 implementation of the recovery model of mental health service delivery.

12 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.

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From: namioahu [namihawaii@hawaiiantel.net]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 11:59 AM
To: testimony
Subject: GM 391

Senate Committee on Health, Monday, March 31, 2008, 1:15p.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 RANDOLPH C. HACK to the State Council on Mental Health.

Mr. Hack served as a member of our Board of Directors and has been active as a consumer-representative of our organization. Randy's talents and skills have benefited us tremendously over the years. His accomplishments will translate to the State Council in an exemplary manner. He is known and respected in the mental health community. His communication skills make him especially suited for such an appointment. Mr. Hack is a hard worker who will bring many important perspectives " to the table".

Thank you for your consideration of Mr. Randolph C. Hack, and 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 is 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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From: Arvid Youngquist [thirr33@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2008 5:55 PM
To: testimony
Subject: RE: GM 391 Testimony in Strong Support of Mr. Randy Hack

Senate Committee on Health, Monday, March 31, 2008, 1:15p.m. Room 016

CHAIR IGE AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH:

Aloha,

My name is Arvid Youngquist. I am in **Strong Support** of the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee RANDOLPH C. HACK to the State Council on Mental Health.

Mr. Hack served as a member of our Board of Directors and has been active as a consumer-representative of our organization. Randy's talents and skills have benefited us tremendously over the years. His accomplishments will translate to the State Council in an exemplary manner. He is known and respected in the mental health community. His communication skills make him especially suited for such an appointment. Mr. Hack is a hard worker who will bring many important perspectives " to the table".

Thank you for your consideration of Mr. Randolph C. Hack, and 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. Additionally, Mr. Hack is a biographee in the ***2008 Marquis' Who's Who in America*** under Hawaii's proponent for education and advocacy for the mentally ill and those who need a "helping hand".

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Arvid T. Youngquist

P O Box 37542

Honolulu, Hawaii 96837



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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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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**:

Donna Darlene Hansen

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

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testimony

From: Donna [Donna@MauiRealEstate.net]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2008 4:52 PM
To: testimony
Subject: State Service Area Board Re=appointment
Attachments: #392 signed application.pdf; Suda ltr.pdf; Wagner Recommendation.pdf; Cella.pdf

From: Donna [mailto:Donna@MauiRealEstate.net]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2008 4:50 PM
To: 'testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov.'
Subject: FW: State Service Area Board Re=appointment

From: Donna [mailto:Donna@MauiRealEstate.net]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2008 4:47 PM
To: 'testimony@capitol.hawaii.gov.'
Subject: State Service Area Board Re=appointment

Aloha David Ige, Chair and
Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

My sincere apologies. I cannot attend the March 31st, 2008's hearing. Please see attached the requested information. If you have additional information please feel free to call me.

All the Best!

Donna Darlene Hansen

808-280-1650

808-879-3667 (direct)

808-442-0945 (fax)

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

FROM: Donna Darlene Hansen, Nominee #392
Member of the State Council on Mental Health
P. O. Box 294, Kihei HI 96753
Email: dad@MauiRealEstate.NET

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 and would be honored and pleased to continue serving on the Council. It has been a very educational and helpful experience for me to be involved with the State Council. I enjoy the people, the information that I learn and then share with the Maui Service Area Board and believe that I can continue to contribute to the system, to the State and to Maui. My focus and goals continue to be to:

1. Continue to bring Maui's Mental Health Needs to the attention of the State
2. Continue to learn the inter-workings of the Mental Health System
3. Contribute my personal and professional knowledge to assist the system in working affectively
4. Communicate to Maui the needs of the State System from Maui
5. Communicate to others how I, as well as others, can assist the State in helping those individuals in need of Mental Health assistance
6. Assist in every way possible in affecting a successful mental health system
7. Help in networking the different agencies with each other
8. Be a good communicator between individuals and agencies in Maui with State agencies

In addition, my personal experience with our family member being involved in the system has helped me to contribute information in a positive and helpful way. That knowledge has enabled me to assist in educating others in the good as well as negatives that occur throughout the system. That education has made it possible for me to contribute to the State Board how the system can work more effectively.

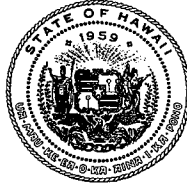
I appreciate the opportunity of offering my time, interest and energy to continue to serve on the State Mental Health Board and your taking the time to consider my written testimony.

Sincerely,



Donna Darlene Hansen

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CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D.
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**GM 392, 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 Donna Darlene
2 Hansen to the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH) for a four-year term.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Donna Darlene Hansen is a realtor and is a family member who has an
5 adult son with severe and persistent mental illness. She serves on the Maui Service Area Board (SAB)
6 on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, holding the position of Vice-President and represents the SAB
7 as an Interim appointee to the State Council on Mental Health. Her experience and expertise as a realtor
8 for over thirty years recently earned her the shared title with her husband as Top Coldwell Banker Agent
9 for the State of Hawaii for 2005. Ms. Hansen's membership in professional organizations includes the
10 Maui Board of Realtors in which she serves as the South Maui representative to the Board and Board
11 member at-large. Ms. Hansen also supports the activities of The Children's Advocacy Center, Hui
12 No'eau Visual Arts Center, and Homeless Outreach Programs. She is viewed by community members
13 as being dedicated to the needs of persons with mental illness and a vigorous advocate on their behalf.

14 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.

RORIE K. Suda
90 HALELANI PLACE
KIHEI, HI 96753
808-298-9612

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Rorie Suda and I am writing this letter of recommendation for Donna Hansen. I have known Donna for four years. I have worked very closely with her in her professional career as a top sales agent for Coldwell Banker and in her personal life as a crusader for consumers with Mental Health illnesses.

Donna is dedicated to her career and family. She has been able to balance the constant demand of her clients and has been able to also maintain a solid family foundation. She is dedicated to the serving the community especially those consumers with mental health illness.

Experiencing first hand the effects of mental illness issues, Donna has had to deal with taking care of her 31 year-old son who has severe form of mental illness. She has been able to see first hand how the system can and cannot work for those with mental illness. She has served on advisory boards and has dedicated hours of community service to help those with mental illnesses. She has most recently supported and fought to have an ACT team placed on Maui to better serve the consumers on Maui.

Donna is the most dedicated and compassionate person I have ever met. She has the will and drive to make a difference in the community and to help those who are in need. She is the kind of person you want to have on your side at all times. She will fight for what is right and always strives to do her best at whatever she does. She is truly an outstanding member of society and the community of Maui!

Sincerely,

Rorie K. Suda

March 27, 2008

David Ige, Chair and
Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Regarding Donna Darlene Hansen
Nominee #392 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to
the State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominee,
DONNA DARLENE HANSEN, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

Dear Mr. Ige and Ms. Fukunaga,

It is my honor to recommend Donna Hansen to you to continue to
serve on the State Council on Mental Health.

I have known Donna and worked with her for almost 10 years, the
last five of which, as the Broker in Charge for the firms with which
she is associated Donna, in addition to being one of the most
conscientious, caring and professional Realtors ® in our firm is
also one of the most civic minded.

Donna's efforts to raise funds for children's charities are
legendary. She has worked for years to support Mental Health
programs for Maui residents.

She is a dedicated and high achieving goal setter who would be a
continued great asset to the Council. I hope you will give her
every consideration.

Jim Wagner
Broker in Charge
Coldwell Banker Island Properties
The Shops at Wailea
3750 Wailea Alanui B-37,
Wailea, Maui HI 96753

March 28, 2008

Attention: David Ige

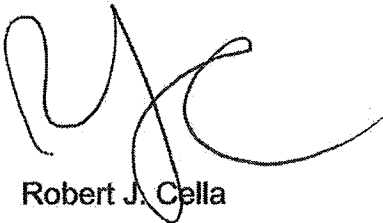
Chair of Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair regarding Donna Darlene Hansen, Nominee #392 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominee DONNA DARLENE HANSEN, for term to expire 6-30-2012.

Dear Mr. Ige,

It is with great pleasure I recommend Donna Hansen to serve on the Mental Health Board. I have had the privilege to know her personally for many years. She exemplifies a strong sense of commitment and dedication allowing her to accomplish anything she sets out to do.

Please feel free to reach me directly with any questions (808) 280-5000.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Cella

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March 28, 2008

David Ige, Chair
Carol Dukunaga, Vice Chair

Re: Donna Darlene Hansen, Nominee #392.
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health,
Gubernatorial Nominee, DONNA DARLENE HANSEN, for a term to expire 6/30/2012

I, Bobbi Newman, have enjoyed knowing Donna Hansen since 2001 on a business and personal level.

We have each experienced a family member afflicted with debilitating and catastrophic mental health challenges. I found Donna to be a diligent researcher, an effective advocate and compassionate friend who has practical experience on each level of finding solutions and helping to raise public awareness of the needs of mentally ill persons.

She is passionate about this field of Mental Health and I believe would be an asset to the State Council. Please confirm Donna Hansen to this post.

Respectfully submitted
Bobbi Newman
Wailea, Hawaii 96753



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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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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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Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 9:36 PM
To: testimony
Subject: GM 393--Ku'u lei K iliona

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 393
Nominee: Ku'u lei A. K iliona

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

FROM: Ku'u lei A. K iliona, 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
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**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]
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2008 8:19 PM
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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 Kiliono 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 Kiliono 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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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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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**:

Candace M. Sandal

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

HONOLULU, HI

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D.
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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 Candace M. Sandal
2 to the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH) for a second four-year term.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Candace M. Sandal currently serves as the second Vice-Chair on the
5 State Council on Mental Health. Her SCMH membership position is also representative of mandated
6 Kauai Service Area Board (SAB) representation on the Council (HRS 334-10). Her membership
7 position also contributes to the SCMH membership mandate (P.L.102-321) that not less than 50% of
8 members are not state employees or providers of mental health services. In both 2006 and 2007,
9 Ms. Sandal has been chosen by the Council to be their representative at national State Plan Peer
10 Reviews. Ms. Sandal's advocacy efforts have provided a productive voice for mental health consumers.
11 In bringing issues forward, she has provided opportunities for state agencies to collaborate for improved
12 service delivery. Her re-appointment will be a positive asset to the functioning of the Council.

13 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.



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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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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**:

G. Noelani Wilcox

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF HAWAII

Presentation to the Senate Committee on Health

Hearing Date: March 31, 2008

G. Noelani Wilcox

Chair Ige, members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for the opportunity to present background about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health.

I was born and raised in Oahu, Hawaii. I grew up in Kaimuki where I attended and graduated from Sacred Hearts Academy (1971), University of Hawaii-Manoa with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (1975), University of California-Harbor Medical Center with a certificate as a Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner and the University of Hawaii-Manoa, Master of Science Degree, specializing in Psych-Mental Health Nursing (1989).

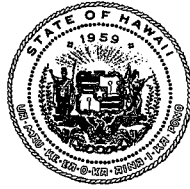
During the course of 31 years as a health professional in this state I have worked in both the private and public sector of government as a hospital staff nurse, public health nurse, nurse case manager, nurse consultant and faculty with the University of Hawaii School of Nursing. Despite the many professional challenges I have encountered and my knowledge of the system of care, nothing prepared me for my son's diagnosis. Through the process of supporting my son and looking for resources to support my son and family, I have learned about how the system works (and doesn't) for children and their families. These experiences have prepared me well to assume this role for which I have been nominated.

The State Council on Mental Health is challenged with community fears regarding mental illness. Stigma often prevents children and their families from reaching out for needed supports to improve functioning and recovery. From my own experience as a mental health professional I know that many of these children grow up to be adults who lack basic educational skills. Although the state has successfully ended the Felix-Waihee Consent Decree, the parsimonious actions of the Department of Education will only cost-shift to our prisons, jails, state hospitals, homeless shelters and emergency rooms.

My hope is that the system of care for children and families begin to recognize that managing risk factors of children makes economic sense and improves opportunities for recovery and children growing into adulthood living full and productive lives. As a parent of a son with mental illness, it is time for this community to live *ola*. There is no Hawaiian word for health only life. As a member of the State Council on Mental Health, I will diligently advocate for giving children with mental illness an opportunity for life.

I welcome the challenges ahead. I ask that you support my nomination to the State Council on Mental Health. Mahalo for your consideration of my nomination.

LINDA LINGLE
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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 G. Noelani Wilcox,
2 APRN, to the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH) for a four-year term.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. G. Noelani Wilcox, APRN, is the mother of a son with childhood
5 schizophrenia and is currently participating as a child and family advocate interim appointee on the State
6 Council on Mental Health. Ms. Wilcox was employed by the AMHD from 1998 to 2005 as the Adult
7 Mental Health Division's (AMHD) Statewide Service Director for Crisis Services, and subsequently in
8 the AMHD's COSIG (Co-occurring State Incentive Grants) Grant. Consequently, Ms. Wilcox brings to
9 the Council expertise in a variety of mental health areas, including co-occurring psychiatric and
10 substance abuse disorders, crisis and emergency services, and, as a caregiver for her son, familiarity
11 with the child and adolescent public mental health system. Ms. Wilcox graduated from Sacred Hearts
12 Academy; received her B.S. Degree from the University of Hawaii in 1975; received a certificate for
13 Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner from the University of California Harbor Medical Center in
14 1985; and her Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Hawaii in 1989. Ms. Wilcox has

1 been an active member of the Council during her interim appointment, providing valued information on
2 behalf of both children and adolescents and adults.

3 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.