



GOV. MSG. NO. 584

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 28, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **State Council on Developmental Disabilities**:

April M. Mira

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

April Mira  
1174 Waimano Home Road #207  
Pearl City, HI 96782  
Ph. 455-1766

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

Dear Senator Ige:

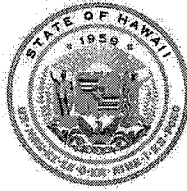
Governor's Message – 584 – April M. Mira to the State Council on  
Developmental Disabilities

My name is April Mira. I want to introduce myself to you and the Committee. I am a self-advocate and I live independently in the Arc of Hawaii apartments in Pearl City. I've lived in my apartment for one year and take care of my apartment. I pay my own rent and telephone bills every third of the month. I am currently not working, but looking for a job a courtesy clerk or dishwasher. I'm involved with Abilities Unlimited to find a job.

I graduated from Partners in Policy Making Leadership Academy Training in 2006 and have learned to advocate for myself. I also attend the Day at the Capitol to meet with legislators. I am willing to serve on the DD Council to help other people with disabilities to live independently in the community and to advocate for themselves and others.

Please consider me to be appointed to the Council. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
April Mira



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
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April 9, 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 584 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee April M. Mira**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 584** to confirm the nomination of **April M. Mira** 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. Mira is a self-advocate who lives independently in the Arc of Hawaii-operated apartments in Pearl City. She is a recent graduate of the DD Council-sponsored Partners in Policymaking Leadership Academy Training and has participated in the Council's annual Day at the Capitol event. She has held various employment positions at Sac-n-Save, Pearl Harbor, Kmart and Hawaii Newspaper Agency.

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Ms. Mira will be an asset to the Council in promoting independent living and self-determination to empower individuals with DD to become self-advocates. She serves as a model for others to achieve independence in the community.

The Council is pleased with Ms. Mira's nomination to serve on the Council and looks forward to her participation and contributions to improve the quality of life for individuals with DD. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for GM 584 confirming April M. Mira to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral  
Executive Administrator



GOV. MSG. NO. **585**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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GOVERNOR

March 28, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
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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**:

Theresa M. Octavio

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE

Theresa Octavio  
PO Box 93  
Waimea, HI 96796

April 8, 2008

Senator David Ige  
Senate Health Committee  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

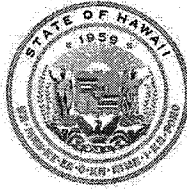
Re: Governor's Message #585

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Health Committee:

I am honored to be nominated by the Governor to serve on the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I am a woman with a developmental disability. I was able to move into an apartment of my own in 2006 after years of living in a foster care home. Now, my life is my own. I can come and go as I please. I even work at the local restaurant. I will gladly serve as a Council Member and hope to be able to help others with disabilities through my role as a Council Member. Please contact me at (808)338-2443 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Theresa Octavio



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The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: GM 585 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Theresa M. Octavio**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 585** to confirm the nomination of **Theresa M. Octavio** 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. Octavio is a self-advocate who resides on Kauai. She is a graduate of the DD Council-sponsored Partners in Policymaking Leadership Academy Training. She has been a consistent participant in the Council's annual Day at the Capitol event and has met with Kauai legislators to express her support for increased dental services.

Ms. Octavio has been an active member of the Kauai DD Committee comprised of individuals with DD, family members, and private and public service providers. This Committee serves as an advisor to the DD Council in conveying issues and concerns for the Kauai community.

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We welcome Ms. Octavio's appointment to and participation on the Council. She will serve as a great liaison for the Council on Kauai. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for GM 585 confirming Theresa M. Octavio to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral  
Executive Administrator





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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 **State Council on Developmental Disabilities**:

Pamela Louise Rice

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

Senator David Ige, Chair  
Senate Health Committee  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Health Committee,

Reference: G M #586

Thank you all for the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Pamela Rice and I am a happily married mother of two adult boys with disabilities. I live in Makaha and volunteer as a facilitator for Partners in Policymaking. Partners, is a leadership academy sponsored by the Developmental Disabilities Council for people with disabilities and their families. As a former graduate of Partners along with my husband, Bill, in 2000, I have been involved in Partners ever since.

I have also been involved in the Waianae Community Children's Council and a family advocate all over the state of Hawaii and also in New Hampshire, attending Individual Education Program meetings in the public school system too numerous to count.

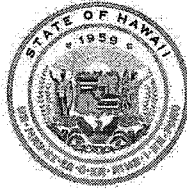
I served as a member of the Po'Ohala council from start to finish. We gave out grants to groups of people with disabilities that were responsible for numerous projects throughout Hawaii.

As the mother of a child with an autism spectrum disorder and with autism on the rise I hope to be able to help families navigate through the Developmental Disabilities system by serving on the council. I hope that you will consider me for the position and feel it would be an honor to serve. Again, thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Pamela L. Rice

Enclosed please find my experiences.



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The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: GM 586 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Governatorial Nominee Pamela Louise Rice**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 586** to confirm the nomination of **Pamela Louise Rice** 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. Rice is a mother of two sons with DD. Her experience will give the Council a parent's voice and perspective of the importance of supporting families to enable their daughter/son to live with them. She is a graduate of the DD Council-sponsored Partners in Policymaking (PIP) Leadership Academy Training, currently serves as a facilitator for the training program and is on the advisory committee. Her contributions with the PIP program continues to be an asset in making it a successful leadership program that provides education and training in current disability issues and best practices, and legislative and systems advocacy.

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Ms. Rice has also been active with the Council's annual Day at the Capitol event and serves as a mentor for other parents to convey their interests and concerns to legislators. We are pleased with Ms. Rice's nomination to serve on the Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for GM 586 confirming Pamela Louise Rice to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral  
Executive Administrator



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March 28, 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 **Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances**:

Dallen K. Paleka

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,



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**Presentation before the Senate committee on Health (HTH)  
April 9, 2008  
Dallen Paleka  
Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse  
and Controlled Substances**

**Chairman Ige, members of the committee, Thank you for this opportunity to present background about myself in your consideration of my confirmation.**

**I was born in Maui and raised in Oahu. I attended the Kamehameha Schools and graduated in 1979. I have been married since 1980 and have 3 sons ages 26, 23, and 21 years old. I worked in the construction industry until 1988 when I began my Corrections career at the Halawa Correctional Facility.**

**During my free time I have coached and been a referee for basketball, Served as an associate pastor at Hope Chapel Olomana, and volunteered for many community projects.**

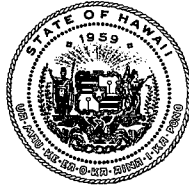
**During my 20 years in Corrections I have experienced many facets of how Drug abuse permeates our society. From dealing with combating drugs entering Halawa, Inmates sharing how substance abuse affects them, dealing with inmates and employees experiencing substance abuse problems, and being part of the Mainland Prison Audit teams which I have done for the last 9 years.**

**I have worked with many different Substance abuse programs and counselors. I have a vision for the comprehensive plan that would be needed for Hawaii that includes the collection, analysis, and research evaluation of data and programs that provides information to all organization levels to ensure implementation, improvement or correction. While many issues will be related to this process, the need for administrative skills will also be required. I have experience in each of these areas.**

**I would be committed to serving Hawaii by being diligent, diplomatic, enthusiastic, and effective if nominated to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D.  
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

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

In reply, please refer to:  
File:

### Senate Committee on Health

### G.M. 587, Consideration and Confirmation of Dallen K. Paleka to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances

Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health  
April 9, 2008

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports confirming the appointment of  
2 Dallen K. Paleka to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances  
3 (HACDACS), for a term to expire on June 30, 2012.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** Not applicable.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** HACDACS appointees represent a cross-section of the community,  
6 including, but not limited to pharmacological, medical, community and business affairs, youth action,  
7 educational, legal defense, enforcement and corrections segments of the community. Confirmation of  
8 Dallen K. Paleka to HACDACS will provide representation of the corrections segment of the  
9 community on the Commission.

10 Captain Dallen K. Paleka is Acting Chief of Security at the Department of Public Safety (PSD),  
11 Halawa Correctional Facility. His service with PSD, which commenced in September 1988, has  
12 included posts at the facility as a Sergeant, Watch Lieutenant, Watch Commander and Operations  
13 Captain. He has undergone numerous hours of corrections related training which include: American  
14 Correctional Association Congress of Correction (3.2 Continuing Education Units, August 3-7, 2002);  
15 PSD New Supervisors' Management Course (72 hours, September 2000); Pressure Point Control Tactics

1 (PPCT) Management Systems Course for Defensive Tactics Instructors (40 hours, May 22 – 26, 2000);  
2 and Instructor Training for Institutional Crisis Intervention (350 hours, December 1999 to March 2000).  
3 Captain Paleka is a graduate of Kamehameha High School. Since August 2002, he has been a member  
4 of the American Correctional Association. He is also licensed to perform marriages in the state.

5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this volunteer who will represent the  
6 corrections segment of the community. We respectfully request your expeditious and favorable  
7 consideration of his confirmation to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled  
8 Substances.

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## TESTIMONY

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

FROM: Jonah-Kuhio K. Ka'auwai

92-513 Awawa Place  
Kapolei, HI 96707  
(808) 620-5702



DATE: Wednesday, April 9, 2007 @ 1:15 (Capitol Conference Room 016)

SUBJECT: **GM 587, Consideration and Confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee DALLEN K. PALEKA to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, for a term to expire 6-30-2012**

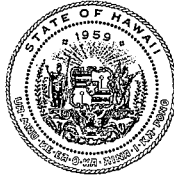
Honorable Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Fukunaga and other distinguished committee members. My name is Jonah-Kuhio K. Ka'auwai and I am in strong support and encourage the confirmation of Adult Corrections Officer Captain Dallen K. Paleka to the Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

As the former Division Administrator of the Department of Public Safety's Correctional Industries Division, I worked with Captain Dallen K. Paleka at the Halawa Correctional Facility from December 1999 to October 2007. Through those years I grew very fond of Dallen because he carried himself with the highest integrity and values. As a Lieutenant and Captain, Dallen was well respected by his subordinates, facility staff and inmates. He always made time to listen to those around him and was focused on always doing what was right. As a visionary and change agent, I always found Dallen looking at the positive side of issues and at all times seeking solutions.

It is my personal opinion that Dallen is one of the best and the brightest in the Department of Public Safety. As a 20-plus year veteran of the Department, he has incredible working knowledge of the issues that inundate the corrections system. With his heart of righteousness and especially hope, he will bring great wisdom to the Hawai'i to the Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

Thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony.

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF HAWAII



MICAH A. KĀNE  
CHAIRMAN  
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION  
KAULANA H. PARK  
DEPUTY TO THE CHAIRMAN  
ROBERT J. HALL  
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS

P.O. BOX 1879  
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96805

April 7, 2008

Hawaii Advisory Commission on  
Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS)

Subject: Appointment of Dallen Keliikai Paleka to HACDACS Board

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of support for the appointment for Dallen "Keli" Paleka to the HACDACS Board.

I have known Keli personally for over twenty-five years. He is outspoken and well respected by his peers and colleagues at his current position at the Department of Public Safety. Additionally, he brings a positive energy and the discipline to stay committed to the overall mission.

Keli has always been a team player who understands his role and knows the importance of focusing to pursue team goals. Whether it is leading a group or carrying out a specific task, he is quick to action while maintaining the balance of patience. He is a servant at his church, Hope Chapel Olomana, and partners with his wife Lori to serve the community on a volunteer basis possessing a true servant's heart. Finally, he is eager to learn and explore better ways in getting things done.

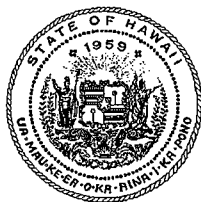
Should he be fortunate to serve on the HACDACS Board, Keli will make a valuable contribution to the State of Hawaii immediately as he has already shown at his current workplace and in the Windward community.

I recommend Mr. Paleka to be appointed to the HACDACS Board.

Aloha and mahalo,

Kaulana Park  
Deputy Director  
Department of Hawaiian Homelands

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR



FRANCIS X. SEQUEIRA  
ACTING WARDEN

ERIC G. TANAKA  
DEPUTY WARDEN

STATE OF HAWAII  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**HALAWA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**  
99-902 Moanalua Road  
Aiea, Hawaii 96701

No. \_\_\_\_\_

April 7, 2008

To whom it may concern:

**Re: Mr. Dallen K. Paleka**

I have personally known Mr. Dallen K. Paleka for over 20 years and have worked with him in a professional capacity for over 15 years. He has proven to be forthright, professional, and a dedicated Corrections Officer.

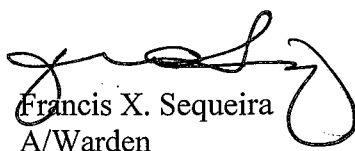
I have been his supervisor while Mr. Paleka has been the Acting Chief of Security at Halawa Correctional Facility for the last year and I have been impressed with his demeanor with staff, his dedication to perfection, his security insight, and his ability to deal with adversity.

He has a great sense of humor and continually shows his compassion towards all individuals be it incarcerated individuals or staff.

I strongly recommend Mr. Paleka for a position on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance. I can assure you that he will truly prove to be an asset.

If further query is needed, feel free to contact me at (808) 484-7205.

Sincerely,

  
Francis X. Sequeira  
A/Warden

April 4, 2008

Dear Sir or Madam:

I have known Dallen Keli Paleka since approximately 1990, initially on a professional basis. Since that time, our working relationship has morphed and evolved to include social parameters.

He has demonstrated a demeanor that is sympathetic and caring, yet logical and common sensical. This intellectual individual is dedicated to family and church values as well as the basic notion of treating everyone the way that he would like to be treated.

A champion for the underprivileged and less fortunate, Keli is a team player that is filled with goals and ideas. He will work tirelessly to insure a compromise, end or solution is reached.

It is without hesitation that I recommend Dallen for this most prestigious position on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance (HACDACS).

Should you have any further questions, please contact me at 372-9509.

Sincerely,

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Eric Tanaka

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR



STATE OF HAWAII  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96814

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Deputy Director  
Administration

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Deputy Director  
Corrections

JAMES L. PROPOTNICK  
Deputy Director  
Law Enforcement

No. \_\_\_\_\_

April 7, 2008

Mary Tumminello, RN  
Clinical Section Administrator  
Halawa Correctional Facility  
99-902 Moanalua Rd.  
Aiea, HI 96701

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a letter of recommendation to appoint Dallen Keliikai Paleka to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

I have known Captain Paleka for many years while working at Halawa as a staff nurse and now as the nurse administrator. Together, we regularly have to collaborate efforts between security and nursing to deliver good health care to the inmates and to assure their right to access to care. Captain Paleka has a genuine concern for the well-being of the inmates as part of his character. He is a man of his word, fair, kind, approachable, has a good sense of humor, and is a good listener. These qualities extend beyond the prison walls as he does a lot of volunteer work in his church and in the community as well.

I have a lot of respect for Dallen Keliikai Paleka. I believe he would be a wise choice for this position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary P. Tumminello RN, CSA". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mary P. Tumminello, CSA, RN

April 7, 2008

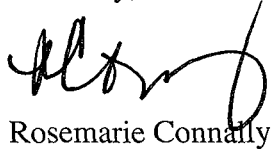
To whom it may concern:

I have known and worked with Mr. Dallen Keliikai Paleka for over 7 years. He is a pleasure to work with and is well respected in our office as well as outside of the office. He has demonstrated a sympathetic and caring demeanor throughout the work place. He is an intellectual individual and is dedicated to his family and his church.

I highly recommend Mr. Dallen Keliikai Paleka for this most prestigious position on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance (HACDACS).

Should you have any further questions, please contact me at (808) 485-5228.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosemarie Connally", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Rosemarie Connally

Wanda Craig  
425 Kalama Street  
Kailua, Hawaii, 96734

April 5, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter of reference at the request of Dallen Keliikai Paleka who is seeking appointment to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS). Dallen is not only a family friend of mine but also a co-worker. I have known him for over 15 years of which I have worked directly with him for the last 8 years.

During the time that I have known him, I have found Dallen to have many positive traits. First of all, Dallen is a peace-loving citizen. He is against violence, cruelty and drugs. His peace-loving nature along with his devotion to his church and his job will make him a great candidate for this commission.

Second, Dallen is a very courteous person. He honors and respects authority as well as extends the same courtesy to his staff at Halawa Correctional Facility. Dallen currently holds the position of Major (Chief of Security). With this title also comes a lot of responsibility and as I had him previously as my Lieutenant, Captain and now Chief of Security, I have found him to be a no-nonsense type of individual. He looks optimistically at things and is fair and consistent in his daily duties.

As a final point, Dallen has managed to achieve quite a lot of respect and admiration from his colleagues and has proven to be a leader in his field.

In conclusion, I can recommend Dallen to you without reservation. You will find my trust in him to be well placed.

Feel free to contact me using the information provided above.

Sincerely,

Wanda M. Craig



April 7, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I have worked with Mr. Dallen Keliikai Paleka for 8 years. I work in close capacity with him for approx. 5 years till present. He is the Acting Chief of Security at the Halawa Correctional Facility.

Dallen is organized, efficient, extremely competent, and has an excellent rapport with the facilities staff. His communication skills, both written and verbal, are excellent.

In summary, I highly recommend Dallen to be appointed to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances. He will be a valuable asset for the organization.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 485-5229.

Sincerely,

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Kendra L. Lee



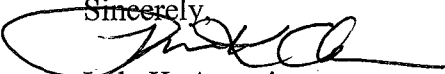
Lyle K, Antonio  
91-1074 WeloWelo St  
Kapolei Hi 96707

To Whom It May Concern:

I am providing this letter for Major Dallen Keliikai Paleka. I have worked with and been supervised by Mr. Dallen Keliikai Paleka At Halawa Correctional Facility since May 1997. Mr. Paleka is an excellent organizer, planner, leader and a spiritual and morale motivator to all his peers, subordinates and friends. I have learned and worked with Mr. Paleka on many tasks, however I think I have learned a lot of Administrative and Correctional issues that I have created a portfolio to utilize as a guide in the correct direction to excel in a Correctional Administrative position.

I strongly believe that Mr. Dallen Keliikai Paleka would become a good appointee to your team and or organization (Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance).

Sincerely,



Lyle K, Antonio

HAWAII ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DRUG ABUSE AND CONTROLLED  
SUBSTANCES (HACDACS)

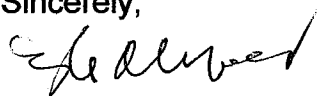
To whom it may concern:

My name is Lyle Kanoa. I am in my 31st year of public service, 21 of which have been with Halawa Correctional Facility. I am currently an investigator assigned to the Gang Intelligence Unit.

I have known Mr. Dallen Paleka for more than 30 years. During this time he has displayed the knowledge and dedication that has earned him promotions from the ranks, as a line officer to his current position of acting Chief of Security at Halawa Correctional Facility. His measures in planning, structuring and implementing strategies are evidence of his leadership capabilities. I am sure that he would be an asset to this committee.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to submit my written testimony in support of Mr. Dallen Paleka for membership on the Hawaii Advisory Committee on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

Sincerely,



Lyle Kanoa  
Investigator

April 7, 2008

Hawaii Advisory Commission  
On Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION: Mr. Dallen Keliikai Paleka

This letter of recommendation is being submitted on behalf of Mr. Dallen Keliikai Paleka, a candidate for appointment to the Hawaii Advisory Commission On Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS).

It is truly an honor to have worked with Mr. Paleka at Halawa Correctional Facility since March 1989. I have personally witnessed Mr. Paleka advance upward from ACO III to Chief of Security. He has earned his current position due to his professionalism, honesty, and pro-active attitude in facility related issues. As a unit manager, one of my priorities is keeping my unit safe, sanitary, and secure from all unauthorized elements, especially drugs. Each time the need for shakedowns due to probable cause/evidence of drug abuse became eminent, Mr. Paleka was always there to support my efforts. He is very quick in making decisions to conduct urinalysis and assemble teams of investigators to professionally address the matter at hand. Mr. Paleka is very knowledgeable on the present types of controlled substances. He ensures that his staff receives update training on various drugs/activity and works diligently on prevention of entry into our facility. As far as the enforcement of rules regarding drug abuse and controlled substances, Mr. Paleka will not hesitate to take legal action against those responsible for illegal drug trafficking.

In closing, Mr. Paleka has proven to be an asset to the Department of Public Safety. I truly feel that an appointment to the HACDACS will be in our State's best interest. Should any inquiries arise pertaining to my recommendation, please feel free to contact my office at (808) 485-5276.

Thank you,

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Bert M. Santiago,  
Corrections Supervisor I

April 7, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to recommend the appointment of Dallen Keliikai Paleka to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

I have known Dallen for approximately 20 years. We both work at Halawa Correctional Facility. He is the Acting Chief of Security and I am the Residency Section Supervisor. The majority of the inmates at Halawa Correctional Facility have a substance abuse problem with illegal drugs and/or alcohol. We see daily the effects of their substance abuse on their families, their physical and mental health, their employment and society. Substance abuse is a huge problem in Hawaii. Dallen encourages the inmates to participate in available programming to assist the inmates in turning their lives in a more positive direction. Dallen works very hard to keep our prison focused on the goal of maintaining a safe and secure environment that promotes programming.

Dallen continues his efforts in his free time as an associate pastor for Hope Chapel. This church has worked hard to assist families in the community who are coping with the devastation of drug abuse. This church offers an alternative lifestyle to support change.

Dallen has also attended college for six years and taken numerous courses pertaining to social work and substance abuse. He has a broad range of experience to bring to the HACDACS.

His strong desire to make a difference in this problem would be an asset to this commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cinda Sandin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cinda Sandin

April 7, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:


I, Carmelo Santiago-Lopez, Food Service Manager IV at the Halawa Correctional Facility/Food Service Unit, have been working with Mr. Dallen Keliikai Paleka since 1988.

From January 1995 through 1998, Mr. Paleka was assigned as the Kitchen Sergeant in the Food Service Unit. During his tenure as a Sergeant, he was on top of the rest that worked with me. He performs his duties with complete dedication and ability. He is truly an exceptional leader. Conduct, bearing and appearance are a good example for others to emulate as a corrections officer. At present, Mr. Paleka is the Acting Chief of Security.

Mr. Paleka is a very good personal friend of mine. We often attend family gatherings and church activities together. He is a respectable person with good moral character.

I strongly and highly recommend him for the job he is applying for.

Sincerely,

  
Carmelo Santiago-Lopez  
Food Service Manager IV  
Halawa Correctional Facility

April 7, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Monica Chun, I currently work at the Halawa Correctional Facility as a Human Services Professional. I worked as a Substance Abuse Counselor from 1991 until 2005.

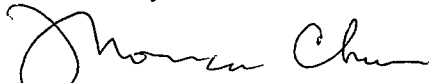
I am writing to you regarding my recommendation of Mr. Dallen Keliikai Paleka to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

Dallen and I have worked together since 2000 and have become friends as well as co-workers. He is easy to talk with and is always willing to help his co-workers. He is as caring and understanding when he goes out of his way to speak to inmates that are struggling with issues.

The Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS) would benefit from having someone with Dallen's intelligence and concern. He truly cares for people and is interested in their well-being and future.

If you have any questions please call me at 485-5272.

Sincerely,

  
Monica Chun


April-07-2008

**Lt.-Harry Su'apaia  
Halawa Correctional Facility  
99-902 Moanalua Hwy-96701**

**To: Hawaii Advisory Commission on  
Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.  
(HAC-DACS)**

**I have known Dallen Keliikai Paleka for the past twenty-one years on a personal and business relationship. I have been fortunate to observe his growth and maturity. He is genuinely honest and is able to commit the energy and his knowledge to all tasks assigned. He is an old soul who connects on all levels of society by simple fellowship and understanding. He brings experience, youth and insight beyond his years. He would be a great addition to your team and would champion all that the Commission advocates. Check him out.**

Thank-you

 4-7-08

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR



FRANCIS X. SEQUEIRA  
ACTING WARDEN

ERIC G. TANAKA  
Deputy Warden

STATE OF HAWAII  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**  
**HALAWA CORRECTIONAL FACILITY**  
99-902 Moanalua Road  
Aiea, Hawaii 96701

No \_\_\_\_\_

April 8, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Dallen Keliikai Paleka, who has expressed his sincere interest in serving as a member of the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance (HACDACS).

I have known Dallen since 1988, when he began serving as an Adult Corrections Officer at Halawa Correctional Facility. Over the years, he has risen through the ranks of the ACO series and has attained the rank of Captain. Presently, he is serving as our Acting Chief of Security and has done so for over a year.

Dallen has always demonstrated to me that he is a caring individual with high moral standards. It is well documented that over 75% of inmates incarcerated have some involvement with alcohol or substance abuse. Dallen, through his many years of experience, has seen the devastating results that this involvement has had on the inmates, their families, and the community and wants to play a more active role in stemming the plague that pervades our society.

I feel that Dallen is up to the challenge of serving on HACDACS and whole-heartedly endorse him.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 485-1871.

Sincerely,

Gary B. Kaplan  
Program Control Administrator

Noted and Forwarded:

Francis X. Sequeira  
Acting Warden



**Emily T. Weaver**  
**549 Auwina Street**  
**Kailua, Hawaii 96734**  
**Phone: 772-7846**

April 8, 2008

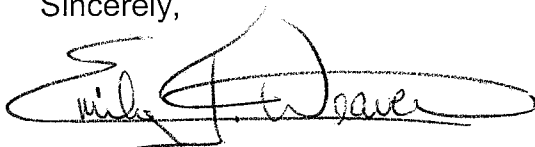
**RE: APPOINTMENT OF DALLEN KELIIKAI PALEKA TO THE HAWAII ADVISORY COMMISSION ON DRUG ABUSE AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (HACDACS)**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a close family friend of Dallen Keliikai Paleka and have known him for approximately 25 years. Over these years I have seen his character grow and mature. He and I are members of Hope Chapel Olomana, where he was the former pastor of the men's ministry and continues to actively serve in leadership roles within our church. As the men's pastor he was a role model and greatly influenced the lives of other men. He is a man of integrity, compassion, and a loving husband and father.

His distinguished career in corrections brings a wealth of experience, making him a valuable asset to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances. His participation can positively impact our community through the Commission's efforts to reduce the drug abuse and controlled substance problem throughout the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

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Emily T. Weaver, MBA

April 6, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Kenneth Sitch and I am privileged to write a personal recommendation for Dallen Keliikai Paleka. I have known "Kelli" for over 5 years as a neighbor and as a member of our church Hope Chapel Olomana. He is a respected member of the church and has served as our Men's Ministry leader and currently is a member of our worship team. Kelli has always demonstrated a passionate, enthusiastic, cheerful demeanor and his creative energies allow him to accomplish what needs to be done. He interacts well with people and has proven to be a caring, loving husband and father.

His ability and dedication as a supervisor in the Hawaii Correctional Facility can only add to his communal leadership in the future. I believe he will be an asset to the Advisory Commission and will not disappoint but will exceed your expectations.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this recommendation on his behalf.

Yours truly,

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Kenneth Sitch

1324 Aloha Oe Drive

Kailua, HI 96734



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Dear Commission,

My name is Pastor Guy Kapeliela of Hope Chapel Olomana. An affiliation of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.

I am writing you on behalf of Mr. Dallen Keliikai Paleka. Mr. Paleka is seeking appointment to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Abuse and Controlled Substances. He is a person of great character, wisdom and integrity. After working with Mr. Paleka in the ministry for the past 9 years, I see him as a great asset to our ministry. He has help numerous people in our congregation through difficult times in their lives. He has always gone above and beyond what is expected of him. I highly recommend him for your commission.

If you have any questions regarding Mr. Paleka, please feel free to contact me at our church office at 262-8021. Thank you for your time.

Blessings,

Guy Kapeliela  
Senior Pastor  
Hope Chapel Olomana

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# IKAIKA, INC.

**April 7, 2008**

HACDACS

RE: Dallen Keliikai Paleka

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Dallen Keliikai Paleka. I have known the Paleka family for 15 years. I would like to recommend Dallen to be appointed: Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS). He has been a great leader in our church (Hope Olomana), our community and with my family. I can say that he would show the same leadership in this position to help our state and community with a solid system in helping the fight against drug abuse.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 479-6655.

Sincerely,



Anthony H. Gregory, Jr.  
President-Owner



41-753 Mo'oiki Street  
Waimanlo, HI 96795

PHONE (808) 259-5546  
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E-MAIL [imuikaika@aol.com](mailto:imuikaika@aol.com)

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April 7, 2008

HAWAII ADVISORY COMMISSION  
ON DRUG ABUSE AND  
CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES  
(HACDACS)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of Dallen Keliikai Paleka in consideration for an appointment to the HADACS commission. I have known and worked with Dallen for the past nine years here at Hope Chapel Olomana. He is currently a leader in our worship band, has overseen men's ministry and is a point person with our prison outreach ministry.

Dallen has shown commitment and passion for the hurting and those who have not made the best choices in life. His high energy and motivation is orientated toward having men be the best they can be. He serves as an inspiration to us all.

Having overcome substance use in his youth, I believe Dallen has the awareness and understanding of those still stuck in that culture. Dallen would be an asset to any organization who has him on the team.

His punctuality, consistency, and excellence together with enthusiasm will make Dallen an integral part of change for the drug challenges Hawaii faces today and into the future.

Should have any questions please call me at 808-262-8021.

Sincerely,

Ted I. Nakagawa  
Executive Pastor  
Hope Chapel Olomana

# Russell A. Awana

150 Akiohala Place  
Kailua, Hawaii 96734  
808-382-4075

Dear Sir or Madame,

I have known Dallen Keliikai Paleka in a variety of capacities for about 9 years. He has been a family friend, a fellow member of our church at Hope Chapel Olomana, our Worship Leader, Men's Pastor, and all around good guy. I often refer to him as "coach" because he has the power to mentor and motivate not only young people but us old guys as well

Kelii is organized, efficient, extremely competent, well liked, and has an excellent rapport with people of all ages. His communication skills, both written and verbal, are excellent.

In summary, I believe Dallen Keliikai Paleka has the necessary character, leadership qualities, proven experience, and qualifications to serve on the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

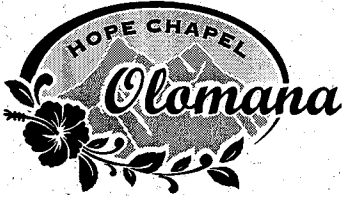
He will be a valuable asset to this commission.

I respectfully submit this to you and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Russell A. Awana



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April 7, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Dallen Keliikai Paleka since 1999 when Hope Chapel Olomana first began. I have had the privilege of serving with him in the Worship Ministry for the past couple of years in a leadership capacity. He is an incredible leader with the amazing gift of inspiring people to be positive and to be all that they can be. He is the kind of person that people are drawn to and just want to be around. He always has a positive outlook on any situation I have seen him in and has this incredible faith and passion to believe in people and to believe there is hope for change.

I was excited to learn that Dallen is interested in being appointed to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS). He would be a great asset to the commission and to the people who benefit from the work they do. The drug epidemic in Hawaii is in dire need of help .

I fully support appointing Dallen to the Advisory Commission and hope you will accept his application. If you have any questions regarding this recommendation please call me at 262-8021.

Sincerely,

Debi Fairbairn  
Worship & Administrative Pastor



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April 7, 2008

To whom it may concern:

It is my great pleasure to recommend Dallen Keliikai Paleka for the appointed position on the "Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances" (HACDACS).

Dallen has been a member of Hope Chapel Olomana from the beginning which was started in 1999. While being a member of Hope Chapel Olomana, Dallen served as the men's pastor for a number of years. He also served as a member of our Worship Team. He is currently leading one of our worship teams.

In these past years knowing Dallen, he has shown me that he is a very organized man and great leader of men. He is a leader of leaders.

In my opinion Dallen Keliikai Paleka is a great candidate for the appointed position on the "Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances" (HACDACS).

Sincerely,

Albert Paglinawan  
Youth Pastor of Hope Chapel Olomana



April 7, 2008

To whom it may concern.

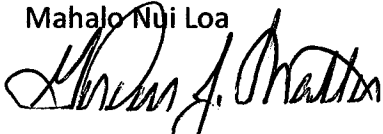
My name is Gordon Joseph Mattos and I'm writing to ask for your support in appointing Dallen Keliikai Paleka to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS) Board.

I first met Dallen and his wife (Lori) approximately 11 years ago as Sunday school teachers at the same church where our families fellowshiped. Through these years Dallen has been a blessing in my life. Especially during those time when both of our sons were serving in Afghanistan. My son would call home and share with me that Dallen's son (Shane) is such a neat and caring individual. This statement from my son only confirms the great job Dallen has done in raising his family. He is an excellent role model for the men in our church regarding leadership in the family, church, job and community. I'm always touched by Dallen's passion to establish positive relationship with people regardless if it is in a church setting, sports event, party or just fellowshiping one with another. He is very motivating and funny at times and is much focused when there is a need to get down to business. Dallen has served as our Men's Pastor and is currently part of the worship team at Hope Chapel Olomana.

I'm a retired supervisor of Hawaiian Electric Company and one of my responsibilities was to evaluate our workers. I've learned (via the acronym T R A I T) that these core values trust, respect, appreciation, integrity and teamwork must be rooted into the group for the job to be completed successfully. I see these core values in Dallen, which is a huge asset for any group that he is associated with.

Again, I ask for your vote in appointing Dallen Keliikai Paleka to HACDACS Board. If you have any questions or concerns regarding my letter of support, please feel free to call me at 630-0488.

Mahalo Nui Loa

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Gordon J. Mattos

April 7, 2008

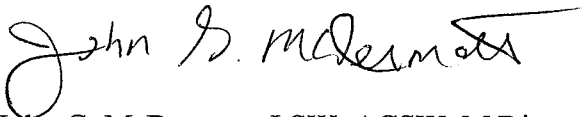
To Whom It May Concern,

Mr. Dallen Keliikai has asked for a letter of reference in order to be appointed to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS). It is with great pleasure that I nominate Mr. Paleka for this Commission.

I have known Mr. Paleka and his wife since the end of 2005. Mr. Paleka has always impressed me as someone who is truly dedicated to his job, his co-workers and the public he serves. He is very conscientious and professional. He is a person I believe one can trust to do the right thing in all situations. He is very involved in his church and enjoys helping others.

I believe Mr. Paleka would be an asset to any commission and I most enthusiastically nominate him for HACDACS.

Sincerely,

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John G. McDermott, LSW, ACSW, M.Div.  
Hawaii State Long Term Care Ombudsman



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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 28, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs**:

Hyung K. Cha

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

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**Presentation before the Senate Committee on Health (HTH)**

**April 9, 2008**

**Hyung Kwon Cha**

**Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs**

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

I was born and raised in Korea, and I have lived in Hawai'i for the last 35 years. I attended and graduated from Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea receiving a Bachelor of Arts and Masters of Public Administration degree, majoring in political science and public administration.

During my years in Korea, I learned and experienced the importance of respecting Elders through Asian philosophy. In my 35 years in Hawai'i doing financial and risk management services, I have helped many business men and women to successfully operate their own businesses. I have also helped many individual clients to plan ahead for their future welfare, retirement planning, and family protection so they can have peace of mind. I have also served the Honolulu community as a business owner, and an active member of many organizations, such as the chamber of commerce, the Lions Club, and my Buddhist Temple. Although I have very strong ties to the Korean community in Hawai'i, I also have served the broader community of Hawai'i.

The position on Policy Advisor Board for Elder Affairs would give me another opportunity to work on an extraordinary range of issues regarding aging. Hawai'i is home to a large number of senior people. We have the good fortune that our Elders are living longer than ever before. With the increasing population of senior citizens, we will confront many difficulties in the coming years, such as challenges for our retirement funds, health plan, long term care and elders' entertainment program. With language barriers, many Elders have no place to ask or present their opinions, ideas, concerns, and no way to obtain advice from the government authorities. I have dealt with similar issues for decades in my profession and in my community activities. Those experiences will help me to serve on the Board.

There is an urgency today to deal with these challenges and to secure the welfare of our senior community. The plans we make for the future plans are really not only about us, but rather about providing for the generation to come.

I welcome the challenges ahead. My background, education and experience in Hawai'i and Korea will help the Policy Advisor Board for Elder Affairs serve the Elder community as well as the larger community of Hawai'i. I ask for you to support my nomination to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Thank you.

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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**Senate Committee on Health**

**GM 588 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**

**Wednesday, April 9, 2008**

**1:20 P.M.**

**Department's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is writing in strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Hyung K. Cha's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

**Fiscal Implications:** None.

**Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Cha has been serving the people of Hawaii for over 25 years, being in the financial services industry and active in the Korean community in the state. He has been a member of boards and community organizations, giving of his time and talents ranging from being president to chairman. As a financial representative, he has helped many people with insurance and money matters, especially those who are in their retirement years.

Mr. Cha speaks fluent Korean, is also an older adult consumer, and a proud grandfather. He will bring to the PABEA valuable insights and has a sincere regard for the needs of Hawaii's kupuna, especially those in the Korean elderly community in which English is their second language.

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



# Ohana Pacific Bank

April 7, 2008

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

**RE: GM 588 - NOMINATION OF MR. HYUNG K. CHA TO THE  
POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS**

**Chairman Ige and Members of the Health Committee:**

**Aloha! We are taking this opportunity to introduce and highly recommend Mr. Hyung K. Cha to be confirmed as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs for the State of Hawaii. We strongly believe that Mr. Cha has the ability, qualities and attributes that would make him an excellent member of this policy advisory board.**

**Mr. Hyung Cha is professionally an insurance broker with over twenty years of experience in Hawaii's insurance industry. Due to his outstanding work in the insurance industry, Mr. Cha has received numerous awards and recognition for his achievement and contributions in the insurance field in the State of Hawaii over the years.**

**Mr. Cha is also deeply involved with our Hawaiian community including serving in leadership positions of several community organizations ranging from the Hibiscus Lions Club, the Korean United Society of Hawaii, the Korean-American Chamber of Commerce in Hawaii and the Hawaii Council for the Humanities.**

**I have known Mr. Cha as he serves with me on the Board of Directors of Ohana Pacific Bank, a de novo bank, opened in 2006 serving Hawaii's Korean-American market. Mr. Cha is well known with many business and personal contacts in the Korean-American community. As a Board member of Ohana Pacific Bank, he provides strong marketing, asset generation, financial, risk management and community relations experience.**


The Honorable David Y. Ige  
and Members of the Health Committee  
April 7, 2008  
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With his years of experience in the insurance industry coupled by his deep commitment to our community, Mr. Hyung K. Cha has the necessary background and experience required for the position on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

It is without reservation that I endorse Mr. Hyung K. Cha as a candidate as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. Your kind consideration in confirming his nomination is appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,



Wayne T. Miyao  
Chairman of the Board  
Ohana Pacific Bank

April 7, 2008

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

RE: THE NOMINATION OF MR. HYUNG KWON CHA TO THE  
POLICY ADVISORY BOARD FOR ELDER AFFAIRS

Dear Chairman Ige:

I am very pleased to recommend Mr. Hyung Kwon Cha to be confirmed as a member of the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs for the State of Hawaii. I firmly believe that Mr. Cha has the experience, capabilities and personality that would make him an excellent member of this policy advisory board. I would like to say a few words about him.

I have known him for more than 10 years since I moved to Honolulu from Seoul. I have associated with him during the activities of local community. From the beginning, I have been impressed by his dedication, participation and contribution to for the betterment of Hawaii, especially for Korean-American community in Hawaii. I believe that he is really a man of integrity, confidence and voluntarism.

For more than 35 years, Mr. Cha has accumulated experience and reputation in the fields of insurance and finance and the voluntary activities of local community organizations, such as the Hawaii Council for the Humanities, the Hibiscus Lions Club, the Syngman Rhee Society, the Korean-American Chambers of Commerce in Hawaii, and the Korean United Society of Hawaii. His achievements and contributions have been recognized by numerous awards. Most importantly, he is trusted and respected among those who know him.

It may be helpful for you to figure out what kind of person Mr. Cha is if I introduce myself. I have been a researcher at the East-West Center for 11 years. I am a retired professor and also a high-ranking public official (served as an assistant to three Korean presidents for more than 9 years) in Korea. With my background, I have strict standards of recommendation.

I strongly believe that Mr. Cha is well qualified and recommend him for a member of the policy advisory board for elderly affairs.



Thank you for the opportunity to recommend such a well qualified person.

Choong Nam Kim, Ph. D.  
Coordinator for POSCO Visiting Fellowship  
East-West Center



GOV. MSG. NO. **589**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 28, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs**:

Peter T. Dyer

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

8 APR 2008

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## SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message GM Number 589

Appointment of Peter T. Dyer, Ed.D. to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

Chairman Ige and Member of the Senate Committee on Health:

My name is Dr. Peter Dyer. I am here today to present myself for your positive consideration of my appointment by Governor Lingle to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs.

For over the past three decades I have been involved in serving the people of the State of Hawaii in some form of public service. Most recently I served as the Public Member for the State Board that licenses and oversees the continuing education and ethical conduct of architects, professional engineers, surveyors, and landscape architects. Prior to that appointment I served for 21 years as the Provost (now called Chancellor) of the Windward Community College campus of the University of Hawaii, transforming it into one of the most uniquely beautiful and educationally rich campuses in our University system.

Today, I ask for your confirmation of my appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs, which serves in an advisory capacity to the State Executive Office on Aging. In my years in higher education I often became involved in some aspect of the needs of seniors, whether it was for programs to permit educational opportunity and specific senior oriented curriculum, or the variety of issues that face citizens in retirement. Also, as a long time member of the board of directors of the University's credit union, I have championed the offering of safe financial instruments and financial planning for the retirement years of our senior and not so senior members.

While I have kept reasonably current regarding the many challenges facing seniors, and lived through several myself as a result of having live-in aging in-laws and a parent with Alzheimer's disease and a variety of other health problems, I no doubt will need to become more educated regarding current programs for seniors that address the many issues they face. I do believe my perspective and skills can be of help to the continuation, evaluation, and development programs that help the State serve the needs of the elderly.

I ask that you act favorably on my appointment.

Mahalo.

LINDA LINGLE  
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**Senate Committee on Health**

**GM 589 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**

**Wednesday, April 9, 2008**

**1:20 P.M.**

**Department's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is writing in strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Peter T. Dyer's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

**Fiscal Implications:** None.

**Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Dyer has been serving the people of Hawaii for over 30 years, having been a professor and an administrator in the University of Hawaii System. He has been a member of numerous boards and community organizations, giving of his time and talents ranging from being chair to board officer. During his time of service at UH and the previous boards, he has addressed issues relating to the elderly such as senior oriented educational curriculum and financial planning for the retirement years.

Mr. Dyer also helps care for elderly parents as well as babysit for twin grandchildren. He will bring to the PABEA valuable insights and has a sincere regard for the needs of Hawaii's kupuna and caregivers.

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



GOV. MSG. NO. **590**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 28, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs**:

Paul Kim

Term to Expire: 6/30/2009

Sincerely,

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

LINDA LINGLE

Presentation Before the Senate Health Committee

April 9, 2008

Paul Kim

Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

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

I grew up in Wahiawa, graduated from Leilehua High School class of 1957, and retired from Federal Service after 31 years of service as Construction Inspector. I served in the United States Army Reserve for 8 years.

As a member on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, I would have opportunities to give input on issues affecting a growing segment of our aging population as seniors experience healthcare and financial needs in their golden years. Programs and assistance provided on their behalf would be addressed as "common sense," receptive, and innovative.

My wife and I have been relief care givers for aging family members that have since passed on. We also help out with our three grandchildren. As an active member of my church, I volunteer to pick up elderly members for weekly church services and also drive them to their appointments.

Demographics indicate that aging numbers will increase with time. With my personal experience as a family caregiver and grandparent helping with grandchildren, I'd like to kokua to our kupuna by serving in the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. I welcome the opportunity to serve and ask for your support. Thank you.

LINDA LINGLE  
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Senate Committee on Health

GM 590 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

Wednesday, April 9, 2008

1:20 P.M.

**Department's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is writing in strong support for the confirmation of Mr. Paul Kim's appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs (PABEA).

**Fiscal Implications:** None.

**Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Kim has served in government for over 30 years as a civil service journeyman for the Department of Defense and as a US Army reservist. He is an active member of his church in the Windward side who serve many elderly people in the congregation and the community. He is also a proud grandfather and great supporter of his grandchildren's school. Moreover, Mr. Kim has helped care for his aging parents-in-law.

Mr. Kim will bring to the PABEA valuable insights and has a sincere regard for the needs of Hawaii's kupuna, caregivers, and grandparents helping raise grandchildren.

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

Senator David Ige  
Senator Carol Fukunaga  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker  
Senator Ron Menor  
Senator Paul Whalen

Subject Nomination for Policy Advisory Board for Elderly Affairs

Re: Endorsement

We, the undersigned, recommend that Paul Kim be selected as a member for subject board, having known him as a neighbor/friend for over thirty years. We attest to his upright character and astuteness to say and do the "right thing".

Amy House  
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Kailua, HI 96734

Lorna Hino  
1333 Keolu Dr.  
Kailua, HI 96734

June E. Char  
1520 Kupau Street  
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GOV. MSG. NO. **591**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 28, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
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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 **Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs**:

Sara A. Tompkison

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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

LINDA LINGLE

April 7, 2008

To: Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Subject: Testimony in Support of GM 591

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee on Health:

Due to a prior commitment, I humbly apologize for not being able to attend the Senate confirmation hearing on 4/9/08, re: appointment to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

As stated in my written testimony, my interest to serve on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs is to participate in improving the quality of life for Hawaii's Elders via program development initiatives. Our aging population requires both short and long range planning to meet the needs of our healthy and frail elderly citizens in Hawaii.

Thank you very much for your consideration of my nomination to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Sincerely,

Sara Tompkison

**GM 591**

**Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Health**

**April 7, 200**

**Sara A. Tompkison**

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

Thank you for the opportunity to present background about myself for consideration of my confirmation to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs Commission.

Ethnically, I am Chinese, born in Geneva, Illinois and raised in Hawaii. I grew up in Ewa Beach, graduated from James Campbell High School, and attended the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I received my Bachelor of Science degree in Human Development and have also earned a Master of Social Work degree specializing in Health and Gerontology.

During my career as a professional Social Worker, I have been an advocate for the elderly and their family caregivers. Past involvement with community activities to promote the health and welfare of our Elders included Board memberships with the Hawaii Parkinson's Association, Comfort Security and Independence Agency (Elderly/Disabled Financial Case Management Services) Catholic Charities Services for the Elderly, the Department of Human Services-Senior Companion Program, and the Hawaii Association of Case Managers.

Diverse work experiences with the elderly and their families in acute care, home health, psychiatry, long term care and community based care have enriched my personal and professional growth.

I welcome the challenge of peer collaboration, and remain committed to serve our Kupuna in the capacity of examining creative initiatives to build upon existing community based care services in our island community.

If appointed to serve on the Advisory Board for Elder Affairs, my experiences of the aging process as a baby boomer, being a secondary caregiver, and twenty eight years as a practicing Social Worker will be an asset to the Policy Board.

Thank you for your consideration of my nomination to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara A. Tompkison

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**Senate Committee on Health**

**GM 591 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**

**Wednesday, April 9, 2008**

**1:20 P.M.**

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

**Fiscal Implications:** None.

**Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Tompkison is the coordinator for the VA Caregiver Assistance Pilot Program and has a Master's of Social Work degree from the University of Hawaii. Her areas of specialty are gerontology, case management, home health care, long term care, mental health, and Um/discharge planner. She is also a practicum instructor at UH School of Social Work. She served in several community committees.

Ms. Tompkison will bring to the PABEA valuable insights and has a sincere regard for the needs of Hawaii's kupuna, the veterans, and family caregivers.

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

**dige2 - Joyce K**

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**From:** Epure, James P. [james.epure@va.gov]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 08, 2008 10:38 AM  
**To:** dige2 - Joyce K  
**Subject:** Sara Tompkison

April 8, 2008

The Honorable David Y. Ige  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige,

Re: Nomination of Sara Tompkison to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

I enthusiastically submit this letter of support for Sara Tompkison, who is being considered for a position on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. I have known Sara professionally for over ten years and have worked with her extensively at the VA Pacific Islands Healthcare System in our Geriatrics Department.

I have always found her to be extremely knowledgeable regarding issues of the elderly in our community and consider her a valuable resource for information and assistance. She is very ethical in her professional practice as a social worker with the VA and is always approachable and open to new ideas. Ms. Tompkison is also willing to work collaboratively with individuals from all departments and is a joy to work with. I am certain that she will be an asset to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs and I recommend her without reservation.

Sincerely,

James P. Epure, MD  
Medical Director  
Center for Aging  
VA Pacific Islands Healthcare System

**Hawaii Parkinson Disease Center of Excellence**  
**347 N. Kuakini Street, HPM-9**  
**Honolulu, Hawaii 96817**  
**(808)528-0935**

April 7, 2008

The Honorable David Y. Ige  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health  
415 S. Beretania Street  
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Dear Senator Ige,

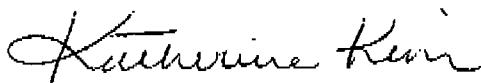
Re: Nomination of Sara Tompkison to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

I am happy to submit this letter of support for Sara Tompkison, who is being considered for a position on the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs. I have known Sara professionally for several years and really got to know her advisory capabilities while she served for three years on the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Parkinson Association (HPA).

I have always found her to be up-to-date on concerns of the aging community, very ethical in her business and professional dealings, and approachable and open to different ideas. During her tenure as an HPA Director, Sara showed her ability to work with various groups (both professional, patient and community) and a willingness to work collaboratively to make things happen for the benefit of the people on whose behalf she was serving.

Sara Tompkison will be a dynamic and brilliant asset to PABEA.

Sincerely,



Katherine Kim, MPH  
Center Coordinator and HPA Board Secretary



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MAILE TANAKA SINGSON, M.S.,CCC-SLP

April 7, 2008

The Honorable David Y. Ige  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige,

Re: Confirmation of Sara Tompkison to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs

Thank you for the opportunity to present written testimony regarding the confirmation of Sara Tompkison to the Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs.

I am honored to support the confirmation of Ms. Tompkison with whom I have worked as a clinical treatment team member , over the past ten years, serving for our Veterans. Without exception, Sara has proved to be extraordinary in her knowledge base, her resourcefulness and her ability to work with our geriatric clients, their families and the entire treatment team, both within the VA system, as well as the community at large. She has a passion for her work with the geriatric population. She has a respect and awareness of their histories and cultures that she honors in her work. She is always part of the problem solving . She serves this community with compassion and unequaled insightfulness and humility.

On a personal basis, through caring for aging family members, she is critically aware, at all levels, with the issues families face.

She will bring a unequaled combination of insight, acumen and compassion to help this Board in it's work. I enthusiastically endorse her appointment.

Maile Tanaka Singson, MSCCC Speech Language Pathologist



GOV. MSG. NO. 592

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 28, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Statewide Health Coordinating Council**:

Frederick William Rohlfing

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

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Testimony Before the Senate Committee on Health (HTH)

April 9, 2008

Frederick W. Rohlfig

Statewide Health Coordinating Council

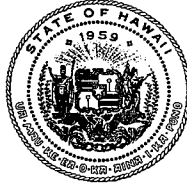
Chairman Ige and members of the Senate Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present data relevant to your consideration of my appointment by the Governor (GM 592) to the above referenced most important State commission. I received notice of your hearing at my home in Kula, Maui late on Friday (April 4) and as of this writing unfortunately won't be able to appear in person on April 9<sup>th</sup> due to prior public service commitments. Therefore I take this means of seeking to assist you in your confirmation duties. (I have also attached a Summary Resume' for your review).

I am a local boy— born and raised in Manoa, and am a graduate of Punahou, Yale University and George Washington Law School. As my resume' reveals during my post law school life in Honolulu and for a few years on Maui, I was engaged in three overlapping careers, e.g. law practice, the legislature, and the US Naval Intelligence Reserve. It was 1984 when I retired from the legislature and my wife and I moved to Maui. On arrival I joined the Corp Counsel's Office and ultimately became Corporation Counsel for Mayor Hannibal Tavares. I then served as a US Magistrate Judge (Part time), then on the Maui Advisory Committee to the Reapportionment Commission, and most recently as Commissioner on the Maui County Salary Commission (term ended 3/31/08). I found that most recent County assignment to be challenging and fulfilling and as it came to an end offered myself for service on several significant state commissions.

While I am not a medical professional, I have followed the Maui controversy over Malulani , and other proposed facilities closely in the press. My daughter in law is a member of the Maui Medical Center Foundation and I know many others (doctors, nurse , and just plain citizens) involved in attempting to improve medical and hospital services in our county. The loss of Dr. Ron Kwon to Boston is symbolic of how we are losing key people in our Health system.

Back in the late 60's - 70's for at least 7 years I was attorney for the Hawaii Nurses Association and participated in numerous collective bargaining sessions as well as the first ever Hawaii nurses strike. (I was made an honorary RN by resolution of the HNA). In this capacity I learned a great deal about personnel and management matters at major hospitals in Honolulu. Good health care nationally as well as locally is under severe pressure from various parties in interest and in some cases nationally from overly aggressive politicians. Calm, cool planning by our state is a better way to attack problems, make thoughtful decisions, and secure healthy outcomes for our people. As this is the job of the commission I have been appointed to I believe I can contribute to this process by reason of background, education and experience. At my age I can assure you of one thing...mature judgment! Thank you for your consideration..

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D.  
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**Frederick William Rohlfing**

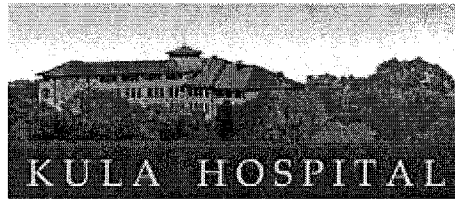
**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation of  
2 Frederick W. Rohlfing to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Frederick Rohlfing is a retired lawyer and a former member of the Hawaii  
5 State Legislature (Minority Floor Leader and Minority Leader). He served in Viet Nam as a Naval  
6 Officer. He is active in community services – he was past president of Kula Community Association;  
7 member of the Kula CA Community on commercial bike tours; and member of the Maui County Salary  
8 Commission. He has received letters of commendation as a Naval Officer; and received numerous  
9 awards, including the Maui Affordable Housing Alliance Meritorious Service award; The Maui News  
10 award for “who made a difference in 2001”; and competitive swimming medals.

11 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Frederick W. Rohlfing to serve on the Statewide Health  
12 Coordinating Council.



Testimony Before the Senate Committee on Health (HTH)

April 9, 2008

**Frederick W. Rohlfing**

Statewide Health Coordinating Council

Chairman Ige and members of the Senate Health Committee,

I am writing to recommend Mr. Rohlfing's for the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. As you are aware, the Statewide Health Coordinating Council is responsible for putting together the state's master facilities plan " Hawaii Health Performance Plan (H2P2) and also for reviewing new facility applications. Mr. Rohlfing is an excellent choice for this position. I have discussed health policy with him and he is well aware of the health needs of Maui's upcountry population and how they relate the statewide health care system. He also understands how the different service sectors relate to each other, most especially the need to provide more long term care services which not only help with our aging population, but free up acute care beds. His long history of public service, dedication to our community, and sharp analytical ability will produce better health facility and program planning. He will make a valuable and hard working member of the Coordinating Council.

Mahalo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Lee Johnson", written in a cursive style.

Lee Johnson FHFMA  
Administrator

## **dige2 - Joyce K**

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**From:** Alan Kaufman [kaufman@maui.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 06, 2008 8:52 AM  
**To:** dige2 - Joyce K  
**Subject:** Statewide Health Coordinating Council

To: Mr. David Ige, Health Committee Chairman

Dear Chairman Ige,

I contact you as a private citizen pleased to learn of Mr. Fred Rohlfing's recommendation to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

I worked with Mr. Rolfing while I was president of the Kula Community Association. His input was constructive and essential for our association's position on downhill bicycle tour regulations. The legislation he successfully spearheaded enables Maui County to regulate this industry as it affects our residents. He has been and continues as a valuable asset to our organization.

I am also aware of his work on the Maui County Salary Commission. He did a good job of balancing needs while offering practical solutions. I know the Commission will miss his service. I enthusiastically support Mr. Rohlfing for a position on the Health Coordinating Council. His public policy knowledge and commitment to community is outstanding. I am impressed by his ability to examine issues objectively from both a practical and public service perspective. He will perform his duties with dedication and a commitment to bringing the highest level of health care to Hawaii.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to call me.

## **Alan Kaufman, DVM**

Alan Kaufman, DVM  
Past President, Kula Community Association  
Chair, Maui County Board of Ethics  
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Chairman David Ige and Vice-Chair Carol Fukunaga  
Senate Committee on Health  
Conference Room 016  
State Capitol

Re: Testimony in support of Nomination of Frederick Rohlfing to Statewide Health Coordinating Council

For: Senate Committee on Health (HTH) Hearing on April 9, 2008

Aloha Chairman Ige, Vice-Chair Fukunaga and members of the Senate Health Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the nomination of Frederick Rohlfing to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. Mr. Rohlfing is an outstanding choice for this position. He has a long history as a public servant and serving positions with objectivity, a respect for the law and bringing quality of life improvements to his community. In my time working with him, I have found him to be a hard worker, valuable team player, and an exceptionally experienced public policy analyst. He has a well deserved reputation for practicality, effectiveness and bringing unity. I truly believe he will be able to translate his service into better health care for the entire state of Hawaii and all of its communities and individuals.

The Statewide Health Coordinating Council has the task of overseeing statewide facility and program planning and as part of this function reviews applications for new medical facilities. It takes a special person with training in statewide public policy, local community planning and expertise in government regulations. Mr. Rohlfing's years of public service at the federal, state, and county level, and legal expertise makes him an ideal candidate. I have worked with Mr. Rohlfing on Kula Community Association issues and found his unique ability to understand government planning at all levels invaluable. His approach to Kula Community Association issues often includes a recognition of the interplay of all three levels of government and a strong reliance on working with-in the system to bring improvements down to the local level. On health care, he has demonstrated a clear understanding of Upcountry's health care needs and how they fit into statewide planning.

His approach, knowledge, and experience will be invaluable in the upcoming update of the Hawaii Health Performance Plan which lays out all of the state's health services and facilities policies. I believe he will strengthen the document's effectiveness at bringing state policies to the local level where care is received.

Working for the Statewide Health Coordinating Council also requires someone able and dedicated to learning the myriad of specific regulations governing medical facilities and a commitment to follow the law as laid out by elected and civil policymakers. Mr. Rohlfing has continually shown a respect for the law and a recognition of the importance in following procedure when representing governing bodies. He also has one of the sharpest and most analytical minds I have encountered. It is not often to find someone able to understand not only complicated policy issues, but also able to translate them into practical effective government policy. In my conversations with him about health care, I have been impressed by his understanding of such a complex issue and his objective approach. He is also an avid learner and I'm sure he will dedicate himself to learning all of the rules and regulations governing medical facilities and to understanding any part of the healthcare system he hasn't already mastered. Again, he receives my highest recommendation and confidence that all citizens will benefit from his work on this important Council. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need additional information.

Mahalo,  
Gina Flammer  
President, Kula Community Association  
Vice-Chair, HHSC Maui Region Governing Board



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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April 9, 2008

Senate Health Committee  
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Rosalyn Baker, Member  
Ron Menor, Member  
Paul Whalen, Member

Dear Senator Ige and Committee Members,

I am writing in support of the confirmation of Frederick W. Rohlfing to the Health Coordinating Council, Statewide.

Former Senator Fred Rohlfing's desire to serve on the Health Coordinating Council stems from his commitment to improving medical services. Fred is keenly aware of the risks to the quality and availability of healthcare for the citizens of Hawaii.

Fred's personal experience will provide a great resource to the Health Coordinating Council. In addition to being counsel for health professionals for many years, Fred has served in the Legislature giving him an in depth understanding of how the state can work with the various agencies and resources to provide healthier outcomes for the citizens of Hawaii.

Fred Rohlfing is a true asset to this community and will make an excellent addition to the Health Coordinating Council, Statewide!

Sincerely,

**Representative Barbara Marumoto**  
State Capitol Room 304, Honolulu HI 96813  
Phone: (808) 586-6310, Fax: (808) 586-6311  
Email: repmarumoto@capitol.hawaii.gov

**Kanoe Kamao**

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**From:** mauidatabook@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 08, 2008 5:17 PM  
**To:** Sen. David Ige  
**Subject:** Senate Committee on Health, April 9, 2008

To: Senator Ige:  
From Mark Andrews  
Subject: Senate Committee on Health, April 9, 2008  
Appointment of Frederick W. Rohlfig – Statewide Health Coordinating  
Council

I offer my full support to the appointment of Frederick W. Rohlfig to the Statewide Health Coordinating Council.

I have known Fred for over 25 years, having served with him as a member of the State of Hawaii House of Representatives in the 1980s, as a member and president of the Kula Community Association in the 1990s and most recently as a member of a committee involved in the review of activities of commercial bike tours on Haleakala.

Mr. Rohlfig has been involved in a number of Boards and Commissions in Maui County throughout the years I have known him. He has always served honorably and taken his commitment to the community of Maui County very seriously. I am certain that he will become an outstanding member of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council. He will bring to the Council a wealth of experience that few in our community have achieved.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

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GOV. MSG. NO. **613**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 31, 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 **Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea:**

Christopher P. Schlueter

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE



**CHRISTOPHER P. SCHLUETER**  
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April 8, 2008

VIA FACSIMILE and E-MAIL

Office of Senator David Y. Ige  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 215  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Sub-Area  
Nominee: Christopher P. Schlueter  
Bill Number: GM613

Dear Senator Ige,

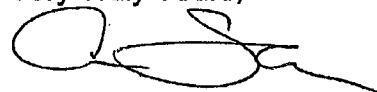
I write to express my interest in serving on the Health Planning Council for the Hawaii County Sub-Area.

I am a resident of Hilo and maintain a law practice on the East side of the Big Island. Since arriving in Hilo, I have been embraced by the community and find it appropriate to give back by helping to ensure quality health care and facilities for its citizenry.

Presently, I am active in community outreach programs including CALC (Adult Literacy Program Board Member) and volunteering as an advisor with High School mock trial competitions.

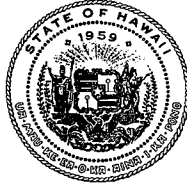
If confirmed, I believe my legal background and analytical skills will contribute to the diversity of the Health Planning Council. Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing back on your committee's decision.

Very Truly Yours,



Christopher P. Schlueter

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D.  
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

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

In reply, please refer to:  
File:

**GM 613,  
Christopher P. Schlueter**

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

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation of  
2 Christopher P. Schlueter to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Christopher Schlueter is an attorney with the Law Offices of Steven Strauss  
5 in Hilo. He has interests in business law, real estate/land use, immigration law and litigation. He  
6 represents clients in a variety of civil litigation matters. Previously, he served as counsel to attorneys  
7 regarding proper redemption law procedure. He is a graduate of Xavier University in Cincinnati, and  
8 Gonzaga University School of Law, in Spokane.

9 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Christopher Schlueter to serve on the Hawaii County  
10 Subarea Health Planning Council.

*Jo-Ann Sarubbi MD  
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*Senator David Y. Ige  
State of Hawaii Health Committee*

*Re: Mr. Christopher P Schlueter*

*Dear Senator Ige,  
I have known Mr. Schlueter on a personal and professional basis over the last four years. I have been impressed by his diligence and work ethic. He transitioned easily on his move to Hawaii; involving himself in volunteer community work and establishing himself as a respected attorney in the legal field. He has demonstrated an ability to rise to any challenge that he must face.*

*I strongly support his nomination to the Health Planning Council, his organizational skills and leadership will be an asset.*

*Please support bill, **GM613**.*

*If you have any further questions regarding this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me using the information on this letterhead.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dr. Jo-Ann Sarubbi*



Juliette M. Tulang  
P.O. Box 1119  
Hilo, HI 96721

April 8, 2008

The Honorable David Ige  
Chair, Senate Health Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol  
415 South Britannia Street  
Honolulu, Hi 96813

**Re: Bill Number GM -613 - Letter of Support for Chris Schlueter's appointment to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council**

Chris Schlueter, attorney at law, is a newcomer to the Big Island but he has become an active member of the community and is committed to maintaining the values and quality of life that make the Big Island a wonderful place to live, work and play. Chris comes from a rural community on the mainland and is aware of the balance of services needed for a "healthy" and safe place to live and raise a family. He is married to a local girl whose family has a long history with providing medical services on the island.

As the current chair of the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council, I am aware of the need to have committed, caring and solid thinking community members on the council. I am confident that Chris will be an asset to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council. I can be reached at 808-969-1601 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Juliette M. Tulang  
Chair, Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council



GOV. MSG. NO. **593**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 28, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Health Planning Council, West Oahu Subarea:**

Leslie K. Tanoue

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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

LINDA LINGLE

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

Leslie Tanoue  
Wednesday, April 9, 2008  
Health Planning Council, West Oahu Subarea  
Governor's Message (GM) Number 593

Chairperson Ige and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to meet with you and share information on myself for your consideration of my confirmation to the Health Planning Council, West Oahu Subarea.

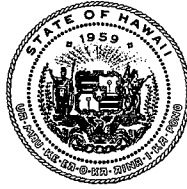
Having worked in the aging services community for over ten years, I understand the future impact that aging will have on the health care delivery system of the State.

Presently, I am a member of the Health Aging Partnership in coordination with the State Executive Office on Aging, Department of Health, county and local non-profit agencies. We are focused on enhancing the lives of the states elders through healthy aging.

A position on the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council will provide an opportunity for me to help the Planning Council see how the State's aging population will affect Hawaii's health care system. I can offer a perspective on the needs of older adults and what can be done for planning purposes.

My education and experience provide me a strong foundation to be an active member of the Health Planning Council, West Oahu Subarea.

I ask that you support my nomination to the Health Planning Council, West Oahu Subarea. Thank you.



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
P.O. Box 3378  
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In reply, please refer to:  
File:

Leslie Tanouye

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

- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation of  
2 Leslie Tanouye to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council.
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** Leslie Tanouye is a Manager with Alu Like, Inc., Elderly Services  
5 Program. In this capacity she is responsible for supervising managers on five islands. In addition, she  
6 coordinates the implementation of the Stanford University's Chronic Disease and Self Management  
7 Program at Alu Like, Inc. sites. Ms. Tanouye is a member of the Hawaii Healthy Aging Partnership and  
8 works closely with the State Executive Office on Aging, Department of Health, County Area Agencies  
9 on Aging, and non-profit organizations to make the Stanford Chronic Disease and Self Management  
10 Program available to older adults across the state. Ms. Tanouye has a Master's Degree in Public Health  
11 and has a strong background in gerontology.
- 12 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Leslie Tanouye to serve on the West Oahu Subarea  
13 Health Planning Council.

Dear Mr. Ige,

It is my privilege to write this letter of support on behalf of Leslie Tanoue for consideration to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council of the State of Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA). Leslie embodies many leadership skills and has been able to use these skills when dealing with both ALU LIKE, Inc.'s Kumu Kahi (Elderly Services Department) program participants, as well as other employees within her department and the agency. I have always been able to depend on Leslie, both personally and professionally, and grown to respect her. She has always been willing to listen and offer constructive feedback, while giving a fair judgment. She is quick to offer assistance, willing to put in the time and energy, not for personal gain, but for the benefit of each situation.

Over the course of the last year, I have been able to work closely with Leslie as we both are certified Master Trainers for the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP). I could not have asked for a better partner. Leslie was always prepared for the tasks at hand, thorough in her delivery of the material, and well versed and up-to-date with the various communities and its' members. Along with spearheading CDSMP within ALU LIKE, Inc., Leslie has also worked hand-in-hand with both the City and State offices to promote not only CDSMP; but also any and all programs that are designed to promote avenues to keep the elderly healthy.

Thank you for your consideration,



Dawn A. Adachi  
ALU LIKE, Inc. – Specialist V  
Native Hawaiian Career and Technical Education Program





ALU LIKE, Inc.

*E alu like mai kākou, e nā ʻōiwi o Hawaiʻi  
Let Us Work Together, Natives of Hawaiʻi*

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April 7, 2008

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

Dear Senator Ige:

It is a pleasure for me to recommend Leslie Tanoue for appointment to the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council of the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA). Leslie started with ALU LIKE as an Outreach Worker for our Elderly Services Program. She was promoted to Health/Caregiver Specialist in July 2006 and to Manager II in 2007. The latter two positions were both directly under my supervision.

Leslie has earned the respect of program participants and co-workers because she is hard working, responsible, and fair-minded. As her supervisor I have been most impressed by her ability to almost immediately comprehend even the most complex issues. Her skills have also been appreciated in the community. ALU LIKE has been participating in a community partnership to embed evidence-based health promotion programs statewide. Leslie has worked with the State Executive Office on Aging and the County Area Agencies on Aging and has emerged as a "champion" for the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP). She has taken on a major responsibility for the implementation of this program throughout Hawaii.

I truly believe Leslie will be an asset to the Health Planning Council. With her background in public health and her ability to work well with people, I'm sure that West Oahu and the whole state will benefit from her appointment. Please feel free to contact me at (808) 535-1327 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Meahl  
Director Kumu Kahi Department

April 7, 2008

David Y. Ige, Chairperson Senate Health Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

To Senate Chairperson David Y. Ige:

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that I write this letter of recommendation for Leslie Tanoue. I met Leslie in April 1999 when I began volunteering in the Therapeutic Recreation Department at Hale Pulama Mau, Kuakini's long term care nursing facility. Leslie was a Therapeutic Recreation Assistant and one of my supervisors. In 2003 I was given the opportunity to work alongside Leslie as a fellow Therapeutic Recreation Assistant. We worked closely together for four years and over the years I have come to know her well.

Leslie is dedicated to the field of aging and is committed to helping underserved populations. She recognizes the various needs of the elderly population and is proactive about initiating positive changes. I have always admired her unwavering support and passion for elderly affairs and issues. Leslie is no stranger to hard work, working full time at Alu Like and part time at Kuakini simultaneously. She took pride in her work and always gave 110%. Her work ethic and initiative made her an invaluable member of our team. Leslie was a great leader and motivated other employees. She was also respected by her co-workers as a great team player and for her willingness to provide assistance whenever she could.

At Kuakini our department was responsible for providing physical, cognitive, recreational, social, and sensory stimulation and support for the residents of Hale Pulama Mau. Leslie was especially effective at connecting with our "sensory" residents, those who could not actively participate in their care or voice their needs and concerns. Furthermore, residents did not feel isolated or lonely because Leslie engaged these residents in lively one-on-one bedside visits. Needless to say, Leslie built lasting relationships with many residents at the facility. She also made a concerted effort to connect with the resident's family members, recognizing that family participation is critical in the care of the residents. Families were delighted to hear about their loved one's day, their accomplishments, progress, and milestones.

One of the most popular topics of conversation at Kuakini was about Bingo. Residents enjoyed playing Bingo just as much as winning prizes. Our supply of Bingo prizes relied heavily on donations since we had a limited budget. Leslie regularly donated items from her household to Kuakini. At times we would not have any prizes if it weren't for her donations. Those who did not attend Bingo were not exempt from Leslie's generosity. She even brought specific items that she knew residents needed and gave it to them, whether they attended Bingo or not. Leslie even thought about the residents while on vacation. She collected the free shampoo, soap, and lotion from her hotel room daily and brought them home to bring to Kuakini. She even encouraged her

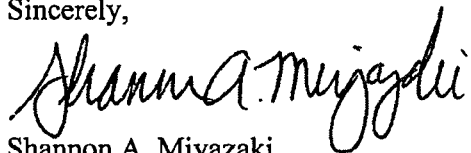
extended family members to do the same. This may seem like a minor gesture to us, but to the residents they were treasures. Many of the residents did not have the monetary resources to buy toiletries they preferred and were forced to use the supplies of the facility. This provided a small touch of home life.

The pet visitation program was another popular activity at Kuakini. Dedicated volunteers, certified through the Hawaiian Humane Society, would bring their personal pets to visit with the residents. The pet visitation program was such an overwhelming success as a large group activity that Leslie took it upon herself to make arrangements with the pet owners to conduct individual room visits. She and the pet owners reached out to those who loved pets or would benefit from such a visit, but did not attend group activities. Often times Leslie would use her lunch break to do this because there was no other time during the day. She did this without hesitation or complaint. Leslie made connections with residents that no other staff member could.

Leslie is not only a companion to the elderly, she is also an advocate. Often times residents would confide to the staff about their preferences and wishes. She was not only a great listener, but empowered the residents to speak up and initiated positive changes. For example, many of the residents complained about the meals. They missed cooking their favorite dishes and longed to eat them again. Leslie implemented a cooking class during the weekend activity program. This was a hands-on activity where residents helped prepare the dish, whether it was providing cooking tips or actually cutting the vegetables and meat. She welcomed recipes, suggestions, and constructive criticism. The residents were overjoyed and felt like they were in their own kitchen again.

When Leslie left Kuakini she was missed by residents, family members, and staff. Many residents asked for Leslie long after she was gone. It was obvious to the remaining staff that she had a profound impact on the resident's lives. There is no doubt that Leslie will continue to care and advocate for the elderly. I am truly honored to have had the opportunity to work beside such a remarkable woman. It is not only her intelligence and extensive credentials that make her an asset to the field of aging, but her genuine desire to improve the lives of Hawaii's elderly. It is without reservation that I wholeheartedly recommend Leslie Tanoue for the West Oahu Subarea Health Planning Council of the State Health Planning and Development Agency. If you have any further questions regarding Leslie Tanoue or this recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Health  
The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 215  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Leslie K. Tanoue

Dear Chair Ige,

I have had the pleasure to have worked with Leslie Tanoue while I was employed with ALU LIKE, Inc. (ALI). Leslie began her employment 9 years ago with ALI as a full time employee in the Ke Ola Pono Nō Na Kūpuna Program which has since become the Kumu Kahi Department.

Leslie's area of expertise is in elderly affairs with her commitment to enriching the lives of our kūpuna in their golden years. Although Leslie started as a full time employee, she made the decision to change to a part time position so that she could care for her grandparents. Leslie became a caregiver to both her grandfather and grandmother, making sure they kept all their doctor appointments, took their medications and maintained a healthy life style.

While working with ALI, Leslie also worked part time on the weekends with Kuakini Hospital with the elderly. Although Leslie's grandfather has since passed on, she has continued to care for her grandmother but has returned to full time employment with ALI. She is a Manager II and supervises the island Managers I. Although she has returned to full time employment, Leslie works a flex schedule so that she dedicates a weekday to taking her grandmother to her appointments and spending time with her.

As you can determined, Leslie has a lot of compassion for our kūpuna and has dedicated her personal and work life to them. Her sensitivity has endeared her to all kūpuna. Kūpuna love her because of her soft spoken voice, her listening skills and her humor. She knows when to be stern and when they need to be loved.

Leslie will be an excellent member of the Health Planning Council, West O`ahu Subarea. Knowing that Leslie is part of this committee assures me that good decisions will be made for my future as I age into the kūpuna status.

Since I am no longer with ALI, Leslie has become a great friend and someone I know I can depend on.

Mahalo for giving me this opportunity to share my thoughts on Leslie. Should you need to contact me with any questions, feel free to call or email me at 282-7653 or [jomori@ingdirect.com](mailto:jomori@ingdirect.com).

ʻO wau nō me ka ha`aha`a,



Jamie H. Omori  
ING Direct  
Hawai'i Business/Community Development Coach



## Kuakini Health System

*A Health Care Organization*

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07 April 2008

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

Chairperson Ige and Committee Members,

### **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FOR MS. LESLIE TANOUÉ**

It is with pleasure that I received Ms. Tanoué's request for a letter of recommendation—her commitment to the health and welfare of Hawaii's people will no doubt fuel your committee with boundless energy, thoughtful insight, and creative solutions to some of the critical issues facing all of us.

Ms. Tanoué worked alongside me at Kuakini Geriatric Care, Inc. as a student-intern, and later as an employee. As I watched her work with the constant stream of people moving in and out of Kuakini's long-term care facility, I was impressed by her ability to make each feel that they were receiving her undivided attention. . . each felt listened to, needed, as well as understood. I am not only speaking about the aged residents of the facility, but also their families and visitors who were all dealing with the realities of aging in their own manner. Ms. Tanoué proved to be a strong advocate for those she came into contact with—she was comfortable bringing up difficult concerns, and was diligent in trying to find solutions that could provide the best alternative for all involved.

It is my understanding that the West Oahu Sub-Area Health Planning Council, as part of the State's Health Planning and Development Agency, will need to be able to provide 'grass-root' insight to the health issues that are impacting all our communities—to this end, I know that Ms. Tanoué will prove to be a key-player as you seek out the areas of greatest need . . . West Oahu is growing at a remarkable rate. . . it is also an area with a dense population of seniors—both living in their own homes, but also in Adult Residential Care Homes. Due to the large numbers of aging residents, there has been a noticeable influx in businesses and vendors (health supply stores, senior day care programs, intergenerational programs and so forth) that have also focused their efforts to meet this growing need—this having its good and bad points. I think Ms. Tanoué's experience working with the aged, and their caregivers, will provide an excellent foundation for your committee as it explores these issues now and in the future.

In closing, I recommend Ms. Leslie Tanoué for a position in your committee without reservation. Please feel free to contact me if you should need anything more at 547-9360.

Sincerely,

Jan M. Shishido, MPH  
Managing Director, Long Term Care



GOV. MSG. NO. 594

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 28, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Hawai'i Service Area Board:**

Inez Schultz

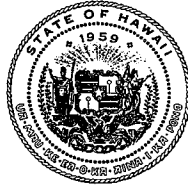
Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

  
LINDA LINGLE

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LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D.  
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

STATE OF HAWAII  
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In reply, please refer to:  
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**Senate Committee on Health**

**GM 594, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND  
SUBSTANCE ABUSE, HAWAII SERVICE AREA BOARD**

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

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

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination of Inez Schultz, M.A.,  
2 to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Hawaii Service Area Board.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Inez Schultz, M.A., provider representative, is a seven year mental  
5 health staff member with the Department of Education. Ms. Schultz is interested in assisting the Hawaii  
6 Service Area Board to meet the challenges in providing mental health services to children. Since 2001,  
7 in her role as a Behavioral Health Therapist, Ms. Schultz has been providing counseling to students and  
8 their families and consultation to the school team at Waikalua Elementary School. She has also served  
9 as a member of the Board of Directors of Families as Allies. Prior to moving to Hawaii in 1999,  
10 Ms. Schultz worked in the mental health field in Bellevue, Washington.

11 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.

Colleen O'Sullivan, RN  
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[colleenosullivan@hawaiiantel.net](mailto:colleenosullivan@hawaiiantel.net)

June 30, 2007

Boards and Commissions  
Office of the Governor  
Hawaii State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Inez Schultz and Hawaii Service Area Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse

I offer this letter as an emphatic recommendation for Inez Schultz in applying for a Board position on the Hawaii Service Area Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

I first met Inez seven years ago, while I worked as a Mental Health Care Coordinator with the Child & Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD). We collaborated together on many cases with families and collegial teams. I always appreciated her excellent skills base, professional knowledge & experience, responsibility, and unique problem solving abilities. While always remaining family & client centered, she was also able to navigate working within the boundaries of various system constraints.

Inez is a creative thinker, and she was always willing to conceive of new ideas and then work to implement them, outside of her regular job expectations. For example, she took on many extra projects such as developing a parent & a teacher resource book. She is currently undertaking work on a training manual for educational aides.

Many of our client/ families had substance abuse issues, and a significant portion also had DHS or additional agency involvements.

I could enumerate, but I will keep this brief, and please feel free to contact me if I can assist in providing further positive recommendation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Colleen O'Sullivan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Colleen O'Sullivan



**Alex B. Walter, Ph. D.**  
**Clinical Psychologist**  
**P.O. Box 3420**  
**Kailua-Kona, HI 96745**  
**(808) 325-2740**

July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007

To the Governor's Office  
Selection of Board Members

Re: Mrs. Inez Schultz to serve in the West Hawaii Service  
Area Board for Mental Health and Substance Abuse

To whom it may concern:

I have known Mrs. Inez Schultz for over six years, mostly in her role as a School Based Behavioral Health Specialist for the Department of Education. Being her supervisor I have had a first hand opportunity to appreciate her intelligence, dedication and concern for mental health in the community. She has always gone the extra mile, and has initiated several projects on behalf of parents and children, thus making a positive impact in their lives. She has always exceeded expectations in her Performance Appraisals.

Mrs. Schultz is both, a provider as well as a family member of a consumer, which make her highly qualified and particularly suited to function very well as a member of the West Hawaii Service Area Board for Mental Health and Substance Abuse. Up until recently I have personally served on the Board and I can see how she would be a perfect fit

I am recommending Mrs. Schultz very highly, since I know she will make a significant contribution.

Yours truly,

*Alex B. Walter Ph.D.*  
Alex B. Walter, Ph.D.

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR



PATRICIA HAMAMOTO  
SUPERINTENDENT

STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
WAIKOLOA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
68-1730 HO'OKO STREET  
WAIKOLOA, HAWAII 96738

June 26, 2007

To: The Hawaii Service Area Board

From: Kris Kosa-Correia, Principal

Re: Recommendation for Inez Schultz

It is my pleasure to write this letter of recommendation for Inez Schultz. I have known Inez for 7 years now, and she has always been the consummate professional. She has been the School Based Behavioral Health specialist at both Waimea School and Waikoloa Elementary in those 7 years.

Inez has many adjectives that could describe her qualifications, but the best ones that come to mind are organized, diligent, caring, and dependable. Inez attends many conferences to always stay ahead of the learning curve when it comes to her profession. She is a problem solver, and always there to help in any kind of crisis.

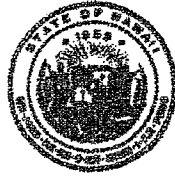
Inez Schultz is an asset to any organization that is lucky enough to have her working for them.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 883-6808 ext. 223, and I would be happy to answer them for you.

Sincerely,

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Kris Kosa-Correia  
Principal



GOV. MSG. NO. 595

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 28, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board**:

Charles E. Dionne III

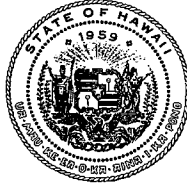
Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

  
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LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D.  
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

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

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**Senate Committee on Health**

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

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

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

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination of Charles E.  
2 Dionne III, to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Charles E. Dionne III, consumer representative, has worked with  
5 Mental Health Kokua for the last four years, starting out as a case aide, and then becoming a peer  
6 specialist working with mental health consumers. In this capacity, Mr. Dionne has successfully assisted  
7 consumers with serious and persistent mental illness to live successfully in the community, providing  
8 education to prior tenants as mental health consumers' move into their housing complexes. Prior to  
9 living in Hawaii, Mr. Dionne worked on the East Coast as a Certified Mental Health Worker for the  
10 institutional forensic population and worked for the National Association of Government Employees,  
11 negotiating contracts, organizing workers and enforcing workers rights under collective bargaining.

12 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.



GOV. MSG. NO. 596

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 28, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **State Council on Mental Health**:

Maile M. Daguio

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

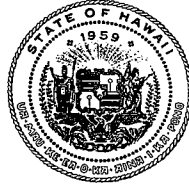
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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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**Senate Committee on Health**

**GM 596, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE STATE COUNCIL ON  
MENTAL HEALTH**

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

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

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination of Maile M. Daguio to  
2 the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Maile Daguio, youth representative, will serve as a representative of  
5 the "Transition" (youth to adulthood) population, a gap group for which the need for continuing and  
6 specialized services is being recognized nationally. Ms. Daguio is a member of the class of 2006 at  
7 Kapolei High School and is currently pursuing studies to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).  
8 Ms. Daguio also works part-time for Hawaii Families as Allies (HFAA) as a youth advocate and sits on  
9 HFAA's Hawaii Youth Helping Youth Board. Her community service also extends to membership in  
10 the Transformation Working Group of the Hawaii Mental Health Transformation Incentive Grant.

11 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.



GOV. MSG. NO. **597**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 28, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **State Council on Mental Health**:

Gordon M. Durant

Term to Expire: 6/30/2010

Sincerely,

LINDA LINGLE

8 APR 2008 10:15

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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

**Date:** 4/7/08

**FAX:** 586-6231

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

**Re:** GM-597

**Number of Pages Including This Page:** 3

**Memo:**

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



**Gordon M. (Mike) Durant**  
2311 Ferdinand Ave. Honolulu, HI 96822--1906  
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Email: gmdurant@earthlink.net

April 7, 2008

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

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

Dear Senator Menor,

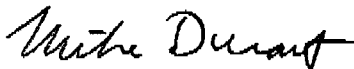
My interest in the field of mental health is a result of having a son who was diagnosed with a serious mental illness in 1996. I became involved with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) O'ahu in 1999 when my wife and I took part in a Journey of Hope training session sponsored by the State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

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

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

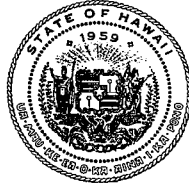
Thank you for considering me for this council, a copy of my resume is attached.

Sincerely,



Gordon M. (Mike) Durant

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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

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

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

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

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination of Gordon M. Durant  
2 to the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Gordon "Mike" Durant, a family representative, also provides  
5 representation to the SCMH as a member of the Oahu Service Area Board on Mental Health and  
6 Substance Abuse. Mr. Durant was born in Eleeele, Kauai, educated at Punahou School and the  
7 University of Hawaii and held management positions at Jorgensen Steel until his retirement in 1994. He  
8 has been active in the Chamber of Commerce and its affiliate, the Manufactures Association.  
9 Mr. Durant served as the Director and Treasurer of both Malama o Manoa from 1998 to 2004 and the  
10 Hawaii Historic Association from 2003 to 2007. His son diagnosed with serious and persistent mental  
11 illness led him to join the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) in which he served as Director  
12 and President since 2000 to the present. Since that time, Mr. Durant has also continued to volunteer as a  
13 co-facilitator for NAMI's Journey of Hope, providing education and support to other families.

14 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.

## testimony

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

CHAIR IGE AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH:

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

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

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

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

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

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LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 28, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **State Council on Mental Health**:

Carol Ann Young

Term to Expire: 6/30/2011

Sincerely,

  
LINDA LINGLE



STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND SERVICES FOR THE BLIND DIVISION  
601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 515, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

April 7, 2008

Mr. David Ige, Chair  
Ms. Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair  
Senate Health Committee  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

SUBJECT: GM 598 Governor's Nomination to the State Council on Mental Health  
Hearing: Wednesday, April 9, 2008, 1:20pm

Chair David Ige, Vice Chair Carol Fukunaga, and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for the opportunity to present information about my background for consideration of my confirmation for the State Council on Mental Health.

I have a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling with deaf and hard of hearing persons and have worked in rehabilitation for 25 years. I have worked as a counselor and a staff specialist at Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division. In my current position at Vocational Rehabilitation, I coordinate services for deaf and hard of hearing persons and I coordinate staff training.

I have seen a growing need for increased training and specialized services for persons who are mentally ill within Vocational Rehabilitation. Vocational rehabilitation is an important component of services to persons with mental illness. My interest in serving on the State Council on Mental Health is a result of the desire to improve collaboration and increase the expertise of our staff.

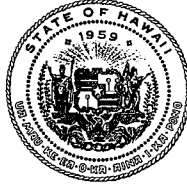
Thank you for your positive consideration of my appointment.

Respectfully,

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Carol Young  
Staff Specialist

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D.  
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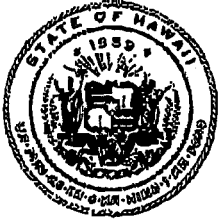
**April 9, 2008, 1:20 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination of Carol Ann Young to  
2 the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Carol Ann Young is being recommended by the Department of Human  
5 Services, Vocational Rehabilitation and Services (VRS), Blind Division. This appointment is to fill a  
6 federally mandated state agency SCMH membership position for representation from Vocational  
7 Rehabilitation. Since 1980, Ms. Young has largely worked as a Statewide Program Specialist in  
8 Vocational Rehabilitation with the State VRS agency. At present, Ms Young's major duties include  
9 leading staff development and training initiatives; collaborating with consumer boards to improve  
10 services, monitoring federal grants and local contracts; and acting as a technical specialist for persons  
11 who are deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind. Ms. Young received her M.S. Ed. in Rehabilitation  
12 Counseling from the Oregon College of Education at Monmouth; is a certified Rehabilitation Counselor;  
13 and she is fluent in American Sign Language.

14 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.



## DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

919 Ala Moana Boulevard, Room 101 • Honolulu, Hawaii 96814  
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April 9, 2008

### TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

#### Nomination of Ms. Carol Young to the State Council on Mental Health

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Ms. Carol Young to the State Council on Mental Health.

Ms. Young is a Staff Specialist with the Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division of the Department of Human Services. As a Staff Specialist, Ms. Young has worked extensively with disability groups in the community, particularly with the deaf and hard of hearing community, and in contract administration. She has attended and participated in many activities sponsored by our office, most recently to assist people with disabilities to understand the legislative process. She tirelessly has committed herself to improving services to the full range of disability groups.

Ms. Young's participation on the State Council on Mental Health will offer the Council the perspective of a person who is both an administrator and an advocate. In particular, there are many unmet mental health needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing that should not be ignored.

I recommend your positive endorsement of Ms. Young to the full Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCINE WAI  
Executive Director



## University of Hawai'i at Mānoa

**John A. Burns School of Medicine**  
 Pacific Basin Rehabilitation Research and Training Center  
 1268 Young Street #204 • Honolulu, Hawaii 96814  
 Telephone: (808) 592-5900 • Facsimile: (808) 592-5909



April 4, 2008

Senate Health Committee  
 David Ige, Chair and Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair  
 Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 215  
 415 South Beretania Street  
 Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

RE: Recommendation for Carol Young as member of the Hawai'i State Council on  
 Mental Health

Dear Honorable Senators Ige and Fukunaga,

It is my sincere pleasure to recommend Carol Young as a member of the Hawai'i  
 State Council on Mental Health.

### Information about PBRRTC

Pacific Basin Rehabilitation Research and Training Center is a University of  
 Hawai'i affiliated program. It has been in existence since 1988. PBRRTC seeks and  
 implements grants for research and demonstration or capacity building related to persons  
 with disabilities. The agency also provides contractual services such as project or  
 program evaluation, planning, needs assessment and facilitation related to disability  
 issues. PBRRTC has worked with Hawai'i Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the  
 Blind Division (HVRSD) providing the listed contractual services since 1991.

### Association with Carol Young

In my position as a researcher and later the director of Pacific Basin RRTC I have  
 worked with Mrs. Young since the 1990s. I have found her to be a concerned, ethical and  
 committed rehabilitation professional. We have worked with people with disabilities on  
 the Hawai'i State Rehabilitation Council, members of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
 Advisory group for HVRSD, and other concerned citizens and rehabilitation  
 professionals to conduct various needs assessments of persons with disabilities in Hawaii.

### Needs of Persons with Mental Health Needs

Several years ago Mrs. Young, who is responsible for assessing training needs,  
 developing and devising training for vocational rehabilitation counselors working for  
 HVRSD and I were working on a federal grant to secure funds for counselor training.  
 A need for training about improving services for persons with mental health issues was



recognized and formally submitted as a part of the grant. Previously this kind of training was only available from universities in other states, serving groups that were not culturally similar to Hawai'i. We hoped that courses could be developed through the University of Hawai'i to meet the need for information and training locally.

After the grant was awarded to HVRSD, Carol worked tirelessly for more than a year with a team of University researchers and teachers and a variety of community private and public agency representatives to develop a certificate of training specific to better serving persons with mental health issues. The group envisioned a six or seven course certificate covering:

- Principles and Practice of Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- Psychopathology
- Collaborative Case Management Strategies
- Vocational Assessment in Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- Placement Techniques in Psychiatric Rehabilitation
- Ethical Issues in Helping Professions
- Internship in Psychiatric Rehabilitation

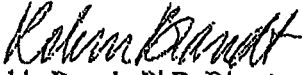
What resulted was a single, graduate level course on the first subject. Due to issues quite beyond the control of the team working on the certificate, the University department worked with could not help complete the development of the certificate.

#### **In Summary**

Mrs. Young is quite aware of the needs of persons with mental health issues in our community. Her agency funded a needs assessment of persons with mental health issues in Hawai'i that was completed in 2007. Mrs. Young and her employing agency are aware of the needs and barriers to appropriate services for people with mental health issues, particularly with respect to employment. Carol is a capable, caring and dedicated individual who would be a boon to the Hawai'i State Council on Mental Health. I hope you will support her nomination as do I.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

  
Robin Brandt, PhD, Director

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STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND SERVICES FOR THE BLIND DIVISION  
601 Kamokila Boulevard, Room 515, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707

April 8, 2008

Senate Health Committee  
David Ige, Chair  
Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Dear Senators:

I am pleased and honored to nominate Carol Young for an appointment to the Hawaii State Mental Health Council. I believe Carol's vast background, experience and expertise in the field of rehabilitation will be of tremendous benefit in promoting the goals and purposes of the State Mental Health council.

Carol is a Staff Specialist for the Hawaii Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division (VRSBD) of the Department of Human Services and is also a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor. She oversees all training and counselor recruitment activities for VRSBD and serves as a staff liaison to several agency partners including the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advisory Board, the University of Hawaii at Manoa Rehabilitation Counseling program and the San Diego State Rehabilitation counselor education program.

I believe she will work hard to assist the State Mental Health Council in developing long-term strategies that will assist in improving mental health services in Hawaii.

Sincerely,

Joe D. Cordova  
Administrator