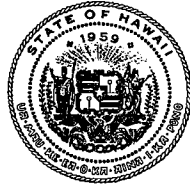


GM 326

Alva K.O. Kaneaiakala

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALVA K.O. KANEAIKALA, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D.
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

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In reply, please refer to:
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Senate Committee on Health

GM 326, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

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

March 4, 2009; 2:45 p.m.

- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination of Alva K.O.
2 Kaneaiakala to the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH).
- 3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 4 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Alva K.O. Kaneaiakala, family representative, has lived in Hawaii for
5 33 years and is now retired. Ms. Kaneaiakala is being recommended for a second membership term.
6 During her first term on the Council, Ms. Kaneaiakala served on the Membership Committee. She has
7 also actively represented the mental health concerns of the West Hawaii locale in which she resides. In
8 her former profession as a Registered Nurse, she was employed in Hawaii at Kapiolani Children's
9 Hospital and Kaiser Hospital. On the mainland, she was employed in San Francisco Bay Area hospitals.
10 Ms. Kaneaiakala's continued interest in serving on the SCMH is based on her knowledge and experience
11 resulting from raising two sons with severe and persistent mental illness.
- 12 Thank you for your positive consideration of this nomination.

Chair & ge, members of the Senate Health Committee, thank you for considering my nomination to the State Council on Mental Health.

I was born, raised and educated in San Francisco. I received my nursing education at Mount Holyoke College of Nursing. After working as a registered nurse for forty one years I retired in 1997.

Being on the SCMH has given me perspective and also educated me as to the challenges and the possibilities for mental health in Hawaii.

In 2006 I was given the opportunity to attend a conference in Washington D.C. regarding the elderly and are we doing enough for this population. The conference was very informative.

I welcome the challenges. I ask for your support for my nomination to the State Council on Mental Health.

Aloha O'Connor Koneanahala

March 3, 2009

Regarding: Alva Kaneaiakala

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Waianae, HI 96792

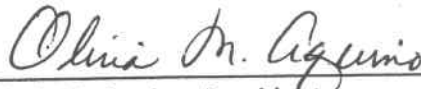
To Whom It May Concern,

I have known Alva Kaneaiakala for thirteen years. We first met at a Princess Kahanu Estates Association meeting. We both were also involved with PKEA Neighborhood security watch.

Alva is a person that loves her community and it certainly shows with the many meetings she attends. She does not hesitate to volunteer to help our association and community when help is needed.

I would like to recommend that Alva be considered to be a member of your Board.

Sincerely,



Olivia M. Aquino, President
Princess Kahanu Estates Association

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To Whom it May Concern,

February 18, 2009

This letter is a statement of support, and recognition of Alva Kaneaiahala.

Alva has been very active in many aspects of Community, and State, issues. She participates at the opening day of the State Legislature every year. She belongs to several different organizations, including one of the largest incorporated Ohana groups in Hawaii, The Ohana Kauaaua. The Ohana Kauaaua has been active for over 30 years!

Alva is active with our monthly meetings, and is part of the historical unit of the family.

Alva gives her time and energy to many causes, and is interested in improving Community and State, conditions. She wants change, and improving conditions is a major focus for Alva. She is an asset to any group, or organization!

Yours Truly,

Don E. Flaminio

Treasurer of the Ohana Kauaaua