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MICHELE S. SCOFIELD

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHELE S. SCOFIELD, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.



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G.M. 503, G.M. 504, G.M. 506, and G.M. 507, Nomination for Consideration and Confirmation for Commissioners of the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health
April 15, 2009**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports confirmation of Billie Gabriel
2 (G.M. 503), Louis M. Kealoha (G.M. 504), Michele S. Scofield (G.M. 506) and Steven M. Shiraki
3 (G.M. 507) to serve on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances
4 (HACDACS) for terms to expire on June 30, 2013.

5 **Fiscal Implications:** Not applicable.

6 **Purpose and Justification:** To confirm the appointment of Billie Gabriel, Louis M. Kealoha, Michele
7 S. Scofield and Steven M. Shiraki to serve on HACDACS.

8 HACDACS appointees represent a cross-section of the community, including, but not limited to
9 pharmacological, medical, community and business affairs, youth action, educational, legal defense,
10 enforcement and corrections segments of the community.

11 **Billie Gabriel** is a self-employed consultant who is engaged in public relations, marketing,
12 advertising, event planning and fundraising. Her 30-year career has also involved managing
13 comprehensive development, media relations, brand imaging, sponsor recruitment, donor relations and
14 legislative lobbying. During 2007 and 2008, Ms. Gabrielle provided management support to the
15 producer of the 11-day Hawaii Romance Festival held on Oahu. As Vice-President of Development

1 with Easter Seals Hawaii between 1993 and 2007, she developed a comprehensive strategy, marketing
2 and media plan to create greater awareness of the organization and its programs and services. Between
3 1979 and 1992, Ms. Gabriel served as Director of Community Relations for Kapiolani Medical Center
4 with responsibilities for managing fundraising events such as the Children's Miracle Network Telethon.

5 **Louis M. Kealoha** is a Captain with the Honolulu Police Department (HPD), Juvenile Services
6 Division. He is currently on special assignment to the Narcotics/Vice Division. Prior to his current
7 assignments, Captain Kealoha's service with HPD has included: Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer,
8 Patrol Sergeant, Training Sergeant, Recruit Class Supervisor, Training/Administrative Lieutenant, and
9 Captain within the Criminal Investigation Division. In addition to his work with the Honolulu Police
10 Department, Captain Kealoha is an Adjunct Professor and Lecturer in courses on criminal law,
11 criminology and the criminal justice system at Chaminade University of Honolulu. He holds dual
12 baccalaureate degrees (in human services and occupational education), a Master's of Science in
13 Criminal Justice Administration, and a Doctor of Education degree.

14 **Michele S. Scofield** is a Practicum Instructor/Project Junior Specialist with the University of
15 Hawaii at Manoa, School of Social Work, Pulama I Ke Ola Social Work Master's Program Training
16 Project. In addition to academic credentials in the field of social work, she is a licensed social worker
17 and certified substance abuse counselor. Ms. Scofield's experiences in programs that address behavioral
18 health include: classroom experience with special education students at Wheeler Elementary School,
19 Nimitz Elementary School, Pearl Harbor Kai Elementary School and Hickam Elementary School; public
20 and consumer education with the Department of Health, Adult Mental Health Division and Mental
21 Health Association; and clinical experience in the field of substance abuse at Hina Mauka.

22 **Steven M. Shiraki** is the Administrator/Educational Specialist with the Department of Education
23 (DOE) Student Support Section of the Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Support, Student
24 Support Services Branch. He has an extensive academic and professional background in the field of

1 Education. His areas of specialization are Special Education and Legal Issues for Administrators,
2 Supervision and Teacher Development, and Curriculum/Instructional Leadership. He began his
3 professional work with the DOE in 1993 as a Special Education teacher at Kawanānakoā Intermediate
4 School and served as Vice Principal at various elementary schools before serving as a District and State
5 Educational Specialist. In addition to his work with the DOE, Dr. Shiraki has taught college courses and
6 has given numerous scholarly and professional presentations. As the HACDACS member jointly
7 appointed (pursuant to Sections 329-2 and 334-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes) to the State Council on
8 Mental Health, Dr. Shiraki is knowledgeable about the community and the relationships between mental
9 health, mental illness and substance abuse.

10 We respectfully request your expeditious and favorable consideration in confirming
11 Billie Gabriel, Louis M. Kealoha, Michele S. Scofield and Steven M. Shiraki to serve on HACDACS.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of these volunteers whose
13 appointments add to the cross-section of community interests represented on the Commission.

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