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### Senate Committee on Health

#### G.M. 383, Nomination for Consideration and Confirmation for Commissioner of the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances

Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.  
Director of Health  
April 13, 2010; 2:00p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports confirmation of Karl P. Espaldon  
2 to serve on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS)  
3 for a term to expire on June 30, 2014.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** Not applicable.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** To confirm the appointment of Karl P. Espaldon to serve on HACDACS.

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

9 **Karl P. Espaldon** is the Director of Planning, Program Development and Communications for  
10 the Honolulu Community Action Program (HCAP), which is a non-profit organization that provides  
11 services that include the Head Start pre-school program, at-risk youth programs, transitional homeless  
12 shelter, emergency assistance, job readiness training, case management and weatherization assistance.  
13 Mr. Espaldon served as the State Drug Control Liaison within the Office of the Lieutenant Governor and  
14 had the responsibility of coordinating and overseeing implementation of the State Drug Control Plan. In  
15 his role as the State Drug Control Liaison, Mr. Espaldon assisted in coordinating efforts in applying for  
16 and securing competitive federal grants, including the Strategic Prevention Framework – State Incentive

1 Grant and the Access to Recovery Grant which address substance abuse prevention and substance abuse  
2 treatment, respectively.

3 Mr. Espaldon has also served as the Research, Planning and Resource Development  
4 Administrator and Interim Executive Director with the State Department of Labor and Industrial  
5 Relations, Office of Community Services. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science at  
6 Yale University and his juris doctorate degree at the William S. Richardson School of Law. His work in  
7 the field of law includes positions as Deputy Public Defender in the Office of the Public Defender, Law  
8 Clerk with the Intermediate Court of Appeals, Research Assistant to Attorneys Jon Van Dyke and  
9 Sherry Broder, Special Assistant in the Office of the Minority Leader for the 20<sup>th</sup> Guam Legislature, and  
10 Chief of Staff in the Office of the Delegate to Congress for Guam.

11 The depth of Mr. Espaldon's educational background and professional experiences will be assets  
12 to Commission deliberations. We respectfully request your expeditious and favorable consideration in  
13 confirming him to serve on HACDACS.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of a volunteer whose appointment adds  
15 to the cross-section of community interests represented on the Commission.

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