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HAWAII MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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DATE: Wednesday, March 14, 2012

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 229

To: SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator Josh Green, M.D., Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

From: Hawaii Medical Association
Dr. Roger Kimura, MD, President
Dr. Linda Rasmussen, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Joseph Zobian, MD, Legislative Co-Chair
Dr. Christopher Flanders, DO, Executive Director
Lauren Zirbel, Community and Government Relations

Re: GM547 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ALFRED ARENSDORF, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

In Support

Chairs & Committee Members:

The Hawaii Medical Association strongly supports the nomination of Alfred Arensdorf, M.D. to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board. Dr. Arensdorf has long been a steady advocate of health care in the state. His dedication to the wellness of Hawaii’s residents and to implementation of sound health care policy to care for Hawaii’s patients is without question.

It is without reservation that the Hawaii Medical Association supports the nomination of Alfred Arensdorf, M.D. to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board.

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Board of Commissions
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We are writing on behalf of Dr. Alfred Arensdorf for the position of Board member on the Maui Service Area Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

We highly recommend Dr. Arensdorf for this position. I have known him for over 15 years and first met him during the time he worked at the Department of Health, Child and Mental Health Division and I currently work with him on various committees and boards.

Dr. Arensdorf is highly qualified, respected and remains active in our Maui community. He volunteers for many events and community organizations like the Voluntary Organizations Assisting in Disasters (VOAD) and the American Red Cross. He serves as a Board of Director on several agencies such as, Friends of the Children's Justice Center and as Board Chair for Catholic Charities Hawaii on Maui and St Anthony Schools. He also currently consults with several youth agencies like Aloha House-Malama Family Recovery Center and Maui Youth and Family Services.

He is very knowledgeable in the area of mental health, substance abuse and community needs. He is relied on as an expert in these areas and we are grateful for his expertise.

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