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**HTH
Confirmation Hearing
03-14-2012**

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**G.M. 672, Nomination of Paula Morelli for Consideration as Commissioner on the
Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances**

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
Director of Health**

March 14, 2012

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports confirmation of Paula Morelli to
2 serve on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS) for
3 a term to expire on 6/30/2015.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** To confirm the appointment of Paula Morelli 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 **Paula Morelli** is an Associate Professor of Social Work at the University of Hawaii, Myron B.
10 Thompson School of Social Work. She has authored and co-authored numerous scholarly works in the
11 areas of trauma and healing, culturally-based interventions for Asian and Pacific Islanders, multicultural
12 education and cross-cultural competency. Her areas of focus in teaching include social work practice in
13 mental health, qualitative research methodologies, and theories of knowledge development. Dr. Morelli
14 is an active member of many professional and community organizations, which in part include: the

1 University of Hawaii Graduate Council, University of Hawaii Commission on Diversity, Academy of
2 Certified Social Workers, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, American
3 Psychological Association, Council on Social Work Education, and the National Association of Social
4 Workers. Dr. Morelli's reappointment will ensure representation of the education segment in
5 Commission deliberations.

6 We respectfully request your expeditious and favorable consideration in confirming
7 Paula Morelli to serve on HACDACS.

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

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Testimony for: PAULA MORELLI

We would like to recommend and support Paula Morelli.

Our organization had the pleasure of working with Paula in her role as coordinator and administrator of Outreach Education with University of Hawaii. Olomana Gardens taught many weekend agriculture related course via the Outreach College.

Paula organized and took care of the registration of students, monitored their participation and made sure we got paid in a timely manner.

Paula was competent and efficient and we doubt Olomana Gardens would have been successful without her guidance and assistance.

We wish her the best and highly recommend her.

Sincerely,

Glenn Martinez
Owner / Manager

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