

TESTIMONY

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**HTH
Committee Hearing
03-07-2012**

Dear Senator Green

Please note my responses to your questions:

- 1) I want to continue the work of the last 4 years I have been on the commission.
I want to make a difference and help better the state of Hawaii.
- 2) I represent the area of Corrections. A member of the commission must work with many different segments of Government, education, judiciary, Medical, and private interests. I have a responsibility to contribute to the solution of drug abuse.
- 3) I have 25 years experience working in state government. I have worked with the main Substance abuse program directors in the department of Public Safety and learned what are the issues affecting our success/failures. Besides being in charge of the largest sentenced felon population in Hawaii, I have extensive experience in auditing the mainland prisons, which include reviewing the substance abuse programs.
Lastly my most important skill is my leadership and ability to work with others.
- 4) I hope to contribute to addressing the medical Marijuana issue.
- 5) 3 qualities I possess are Consistency, Versatility, and Effective leadership.
- 6) My previous experience the last 4 years on the commission. I joined during a time of change and went from learning to leading. I will not waste my time or let the commission become weighed down with the complexities of government.
- 7) I do not see any conflict of interest that could arise.

Lastly, I look forward to serving the State of Hawaii and hope to be confirmed.

Sincerely, Dallen Paleka

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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



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Senate Committee on Health

**G.M. 673 and 674; Nomination of Dallen Paleka and Jamie Tomita for
Consideration as Commissioners 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 7, 2012

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports confirmation of Dallen Paleka
2 (6/30/2016) and Jamie Tomita (6/30/2016), to serve on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug
3 Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS) for terms to expire as parenthetically indicated.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** To confirm the appointments of Dallen Paleka and Jamie Tomita to serve
6 on HACDACS.

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

10 **Dallen Paleka** is Chief of Operations at the Department of Public Safety (PSD), Halawa
11 Correctional Facility. His service with PSD, which commenced in September 1988, has included posts
12 at the facility as a Sergeant, Watch Lieutenant, Watch Commander and Operations Captain. He has
13 undergone numerous hours of corrections related training which include: American Correctional
14 Association Congress of Correction (3.2 Continuing Education Units, August 3-7, 2002); PSD New

1 Supervisors' Management Course (72 hours, September 2000); Pressure Point Control Tactics (PPCT)
2 Management Systems Course for Defensive Tactics Instructors (40 hours, May 22 – 26, 2000); and
3 Instructor Training for Institutional Crisis Intervention (350 hours, December 1999 to March 2000).
4 Dallen Paleka's reappointment will ensure continued representation of the corrections segment in
5 Commission deliberations.

6 **Jamie Tomita** is a licensed pharmacist with Longs Drugs Store/CVS Pharmacy. She holds a
7 Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree from Oregon State University, College of Pharmacy. While
8 working towards her degree, she gained experience in the field of pharmacy in both Oregon and Hawaii
9 through experiential clerkships in community pharmacy, ambulatory care, internal medicine,
10 hospital/health systems, community management, medically underserved and inpatient pharmacy. Her
11 affiliations with professional organizations include: Phi Delta Chi, American Pharmacists Association,
12 Oregon State Pharmacy Association, National Community Pharmacist Association and the American
13 Society of Health Systems Pharmacists. Jamie Tomita's appointment will ensure representation of the
14 pharmacological segment in Commission deliberations.

15 We respectfully request your expeditious and favorable consideration in confirming
16 Dallen Paleka and Jamie Tomita to serve on HACDACS.

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

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