

TESTIMONY

GM694

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

Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Health

March 14, 2012

Alan R. Parker

Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea

Chair Green and members of the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to present information concerning my desire to be appointed to the Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea.

I will provide statements addressing the following questions:

- (1) Why do you wish to be a member of the *Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea*?

My past experience as a member and Vice Chair on the local subarea council was a very positive one. The council acted on numerous certificates of need and also took a very active role in addressing general health care needs in Hawaii County.

- (2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the *Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea*?

Being a member of the Subarea Health Planning Council is an honor that carries with it a great deal of responsibility and commitment, not only to the State of Hawaii, but also to the County of Hawaii as it involves review, seeking public input, and making recommendations relating to health planning for the Island of Hawaii.

- (3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the *Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea*, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the *Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea*.

I have found that my nearly 40 years of experience in eldercare programs, planning, and administration, can play a very important role in maintaining a focus on grassroots, community health care planning and development activities.

- (4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

In addition to gaining more knowledge of health care issues, I will work hard to better inform the general public on these issues as well as the important role played by SHPDA to improve service delivery and access to needed healthcare.

Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Health
March 14, 2112
Alan R. Parker
Page 2

- (5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea?

I like to think of myself as being honest, hard working, and community oriented. My years of experience, here in the County of Hawaii has provided me with a good understanding of the many communities around the island and their often diverse needs.

- (6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Health Council, Hawaii County Subarea?

As stated earlier, my experience here in Hawaii County, particularly my 27 years of experience as a planner with the Hawaii County Office of Aging provides a good community oriented foundation as health care issues continue to be a major concern.

- (7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not foresee any possible conflicts of interest. However, should one arise, I will definitely bring it to the attention of the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



LORETTA J. FUDDY, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
P.O. Box 3378
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96801-3378

In reply, please refer to:
File:

Senate Committee on Health

**GM 694, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Health Planning Council,
Hawaii County Subarea**

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

**Wednesday, March 14, 2012
1:30 p.m.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation
2 of Alan Parker to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the
5 Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council (HCSAC), Gubernatorial Nominee, Alan
6 Parker. Mr. Parker is the County Executive on Aging with the Hawaii County Office of Aging.
7 He is a 38-year veteran of government services. He previously served as Director of the
8 Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Planner with the Hawaii County Office of Aging, and
9 Deputy Director of the Hawaii County Department of Parks and Recreation. He currently
10 serves as Vice Chair of HCSAC. Mr. Planner has been an active and valuable member of the
11 HCSAC.

12 We ask for your support on the confirmation of Mr. Parker, enabling him to continue to
13 serve on the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council for a second term.

694

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



WESLEY LUM, PhD, MPH
DIRECTOR

LORETTA FUDDY, ACSW, MPH
DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

Telephone
(808) 586-0100

Fax
(808) 586-0185

STATE OF HAWAII
EXECUTIVE OFFICE ON AGING
NO. 1 CAPITOL DISTRICT
250 SOUTH HOTEL STREET, SUITE 406
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813-2831

Committee on Health

GM694 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, Alan Parker, for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

**Testimony of Wes Lum
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to Department of Health**

Wednesday, March 14, 2012; Conference Room 229

1:30 p.m.

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) supports the nomination of Mr. Alan
- 2 Parker to the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea.
- 3 **Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Alan Parker is currently the County Executive for the Hawaii
- 4 County Office on Aging which is the Area Agency on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource
- 5 Center (ADRC) for Hawaii County. Mr. Parker's leadership has enabled Hawaii County to build
- 6 the only physical ADRC site in the state. Mr. Parker's extensive background in government
- 7 service, and knowledge of and commitment to the Big Island's older adults and family caregivers
- 8 in all care settings, ranging from hospitals and nursing homes, to home and community based care
- 9 settings, brings a valuable perspective to the Health Planning Council. For these reasons, EOA
- 10 supports the nomination of Mr. Parker. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Green4 - Mailene

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, March 09, 2012 12:05 PM
To: HTHTestimony
Cc: jimcisler@ymail.com
Subject: Testimony for GM694 on 3/14/2012 1:30:00 PM

Testimony for HTH 3/14/2012 1:30:00 PM GM694

Conference room: 229
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Jim Cisler
Organization: Policy Advisory Board for Elder Affairs
E-mail: jimcisler@ymail.com
Submitted on: 3/9/2012

Comments:

I enthusiastically support the Governor's nomination of Alan Parker to the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea. My personal experiences regarding Alan's ability to perform, his insight based on several years of focused experience and his sincere desire to make positive contributions and obtain needed accomplishments in the area of our State's good health, reinforces my conviction that he is an exceptional choice.