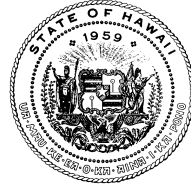


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Senate Committee on Health

GM 546, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea

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

Friday, February 22, 2013
1:30 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation
2 of David Kopec, Ph.D. to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council (HCSAC).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the
5 HCSAC, Gubernatorial Nominee, David Kopec, Ph.D.

6 Dr. Kopec has a doctorate in Environmental Psychology. In addition, he has a Master's
7 degree in Architecture and another in Community Psychology; and an undergraduate degree
8 in Community Health. He served as a Visiting Lecturer at Virginia Commonwealth University's
9 Doha campus in Qatar, and as a Visiting Professor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa's
10 School of Architecture and Department of Public Health Studies. He is the author of the book:
11 Health, Sustainability, and The Built Environment and Environmental Psychology for Design.
12 Dr. Kopec brings a perspective that combines the biological, social, and environmental aspects
13 of health.

14 We ask for your support on the confirmation of David Kopec, Ph.D. to serve on the
15 Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council.

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February 18, 2013

RE: Kopec Testimony Hawaii County Sub Area Council

Dear Senator Josh Greene,

I am seeking admission to the Hawaii County Sub Area Council. My expertise is Physical and Psychological Environmental Health as it pertains to the built environment. My credentials include a Ph.D. in Environmental Psychology, a Masters degree in Community Psychology and another Masters degree in Architecture. My undergraduate degree is in Community Health and I am a Masters level Certified Health Education Specialist.

My interest in the Hawaii County Sub Area Council is related to issues and concerns of equal access to and within existing and new building stock. This includes Ageing in Place, Universal Design, and accommodations for specific disorders that include asthma and allergies, autism, and assorted sensory-motor deficits.

I have written and published two textbooks pertaining to my specialty: Environmental Psychology for Design; and Health, Sustainability, and The Built Environment. Fairchild Books published both of these books. I have also presented on topics that pertain to human health and the built environment for the National Congress of Medicine and Engineering in Costa Rica, the relationship of design and human physical and psychological health in Tai Pei Taiwan, and have been invited twice to Doha Qatar as a visiting lecturer. I was also invited as a Visiting Professor for the 2009 Spring Semester to the University of Hawaii, Manoa where I served a joint appointment in the Schools of Architecture and Medicine (Department of Public Health).

Thank you for your time and I sincerely hope that you consider me for this appointment.



David "Dak" Kopec, Ph.D., MS. Arch., MCHES