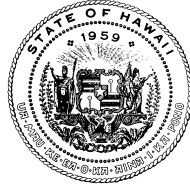


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## Senate Committee on Health

### G.M. 639, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kaua`i Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, SHEILA CALCAGNO, for term to expire 6-30-2016

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 strongly supports the nomination and confirmation  
2 of Sheila Calcagno to serve on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kaua`i Service Area Board  
3 (KSAB) for a term to expire on June 30, 2016.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the KSAB,  
6 Gubernatorial Nominee, Sheila Calcagno representing the family member segment of the community.  
7 KSAB appointees represent service area residents who are consumers or nonproviders of mental health  
8 services, and service area providers with a majority being non-state employees and nonproviders of  
9 mental health or other health services.

10 Ms. Calcagno brings varied experiences and interests to the KSAB. She is an outreach worker  
11 for substance abuse and has over 12 years of experience in the area of HIV prevention and strengthening  
12 families against drug abuse. Her experiences, with other board membership in the past, allow her to be a  
13 strong, active member on the KSAB. Since 2009, Ms. Calcagno has been very involved in providing

1 valued information to the KSAB on behalf of adults, children and adolescents living with mental illness  
2 and substance abuse challenges. She fulfills the role of family member on the KSAB.

3 We respectfully request your favorable consideration on confirming Sheila Calcagno to serve on  
4 the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kaua`i Service Area Board.

5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this nominee.