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In reply, please refer to:
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Senate Committee on Health

GM0561, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHRISTOPHER HOLSCHUH, for a term to expire 6-30-2018

Testimony of Lynn N. Fallin
Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Administration
Monday, February 24, 2014, 1:30 p.m., Room 229

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly supports the nomination of
2 Christopher Holschuh (6-30-18) to serve on the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH).

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation to the SCMH,
5 Gubernatorial Nominee, Christopher Holschuh. Pursuant to Chapter 334-10 of the Hawaii Revised
6 Statutes and Federal Law P.L. 102-321, Section 1914(c), the SCMH appointee represents residents of
7 the State, including principle state agencies with respect to mental health, education, vocational
8 rehabilitation, criminal justice, housing and social services, families of adults or families of children
9 with emotional disturbance, and segments of the community.

10 Mr. Christopher Holschuh, a consumer representative, has resided in Hawaii for twenty-five
11 years most of which has been on the Big Island. Mr. Holschuh graduated high school from Hawaii
12 Preparatory Academy (HPA) on the Big Island. His employment has primarily been in the customer
13 service industry. While at the clubhouse, he has worked in numerous Transitional Employment Program
14 (TEP) placements in the community. Mr. Holschuh has been a member of the clubhouse since 2004.

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1 In the past, Mr. Holschuh has held the position as Aloha Clubhouse’s President. He serves on
2 the Hale Oluea Clubhouse Advocacy Group, and is a strong supporter and participator of fundraising
3 events at Hale Oluea Clubhouse, such as the Hawaii Visitor Hotel Industry Charity Walks. Mr.
4 Holschuh is a very strong advocate for himself, as well as for fellow consumers within his clubhouse
5 and local community. Mr. Holschuh continues to servc his second term as the Hawaii Service Area
6 Board representative on the SCMH.

7 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming the appointment of
8 Christopher Holschuh to the SCMH.

9 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.