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Senate Committee on Health

**GM 564, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Hawaii Service Area Board,
Gubernatorial Nominee, ALICE BRATTON, for a term to expire 06-30-2018**

**Testimony of Lynn Fallin
Deputy Director of Behavioral Health**

February 24, 2014, 1:30 PM, Room 229

1 **Department's Position:** SUPPORT.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** None

3 **Purpose and Justification:** Governor's Message 564 submits the nomination of Alice Bratton for
4 consideration and confirmation to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Hawaii Service Area Board,
5 for a term to expire 6/30/2018. She will serve as the representative of parents of consumers.

6 The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division of the Department of Health strongly supports
7 Alice Bratton's nomination to the Hawaii Service Area Board. Alice Bratton will be able to provide the
8 perspective of parents of children with emotional and/or behavioral challenges. Alice Bratton is a foster
9 parent of a youth with emotional and/or behavioral challenges.

10 Ms. Bratton is a Parent Partner with Hawaii Families as Allies (HFAA), a nonprofit organization
11 whose mission is to support families of children with emotional and/or behavioral challenges. HFAA's
12 services include a warm line that parents can call if they have questions about their child's behavior, ,
13 parent education workshops, support groups and advocacy services.

1 Alice has worked as a Parent Partner with the Hawaii Family Guidance Center of the Child and
2 Adolescent Mental Health Division since 2009. During that time, she has provided emotional support
3 and guidance to countless Big Island families whose children have an emotional or behavioral
4 challenges. She coordinates parent support groups and conducts the evidence-based “Common Sense
5 Parenting” classes in Waimea and Captain Cook.

6 Alice and other members of HFAA developed the “Wear One, Share One” curriculum that aims
7 to reduce bullying and promote inclusion and friendship among 5th and 6th graders. Although the
8 initiative is run on a shoe-string budget, the 45-minute lesson has been very successful in achieving
9 outcomes.

10 Alice will be a valuable member of the Hawaii Service Area Board and we urge confirmation of
11 Alice Bratton.

12 We thank you for this opportunity to testify.