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Senate Committee on Health

GM0565, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Hawaii Service Area Board, 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 to serve on the Hawaii Service Area Board on Mental Health and Substance
3 Abuse (HSAB) for the term to expire 6-30-2018.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** To confirm the appointment of Christopher Holschuh to serve on the
6 HSAB.

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

12 In the past, Mr. Holschuh has held the position as Aloha Clubhouse's President. He serves on
13 the Hale Oluea Clubhouse Advocacy Group, and is a strong supporter and participator of fundraising
14 events at Hale Oluea Clubhouse, such as the Hawaii Visitor Hotel Industry Charity Walks. Mr.

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1 Holschuh is a very strong advocate for himself, as well as for fellow consumers within his clubhouse
2 and local community. This is Mr. Holschuh's second term on the HSAB.

3 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming the appointment of
4 Christopher Holschuh to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Hawaii Service Area Board.

5 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.