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**Senate Committee on Health**

**GM0569, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Hawaii Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ROBERT COLLESANO, 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 Robert  
2 Collesano to serve on the Maui Service Area Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse (MSAB) for  
3 the term to expire 6-30-2018.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

5 **Purpose and Justification:** To confirm the appointment of Robert Collesano to serve on the MSAB.

6 Mr. Robert Collesano has been involved with mental health and substance abuse treatment for  
7 the past twenty-five years. He has worked in the capacity of case manager, counselor, supervisor and  
8 director of programs in Florida, New York, and Hawaii. He currently works as the Director of Mental  
9 Health America on Maui. Mr. Collesano is certified as an Internationally Certified Alcohol and Drug  
10 Counselor (IDADC), Hawaii Certified Substance Abuse Counselor (CSAC), Certified Chemical  
11 Dependency Counselor (CCDS), and also has a Bachelors Degree in Sociology.

12 Mr. Collesano has a passion for helping children and adults living with mental illness and  
13 substance abuse to achieve respect and dignity and to develop their full potential. His work experiences  
14 and leadership qualities make him a valued member of the MSAB.

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1           We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming the appointment of Robert  
2 Collesano, to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board.  
3           Thank you for the opportunity to testify.