

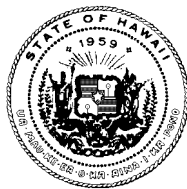
GM 641

S. BRUCE BERGER

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Fatherhood, Gubernatorial Nominee, S. BRUCE BERGER, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Report Title: Commission on Fatherhood

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April 10, 2014

MEMORANDUM:

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **G.M. 641 – Gubernatorial Nomination of S. Bruce Berger to the
State Commission on Fatherhood**

Hearing: Thursday, April 10, 2014, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the nomination of Mr. S. Bruce Berger to the State Commission on Fatherhood.

Mr. Berger is seeking a re-appointment to the State Commission on Fatherhood Commission. Mr. Berger has served as a Commissioner since 2012. Mr. Berger brings to the Commission over 20 years of counseling experience in Hawaii, effectively addressing the issues of alcohol and substance abuse as a Counseling Psychologist with the U.S. Army's Alcohol and Substance Abuse Clinic at Schofield Barracks. He has also worked as a vocational counselor counseling injured workers on the job and assisting them on returning to their job. His work with the U.S. Army Alcohol and Substance Abuse Clinic includes providing an array of services to soldiers who are in need of therapy or counseling services, particularly soldiers who are fathers that are in

need of therapy services. Mr. Berger created a “Speakers Bureau” of motivational speakers sharing first person experiences of recovery from substance abuse, child welfare issues and family matters.

Mr. Berger will provide representation to the Commission as the State Senate’s representative.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this Committee.