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**Sent:** Monday, February 29, 2016 4:50 AM  
**To:** Peggy Mierzwa  
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Dear Ms. Mierzwa and Senator Baker,

I want to convey my enthusiastic support for the appointment of Dr. Scott Shimabukuro to the State Mental Health Council. I have worked closely with Scott at the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD) for close to a decade, and I have greatly benefitted from our collaboration. Scott is a highly accomplished clinical psychologist, an excellent trainer, and a skilled administrator. Scott is one of the smartest, most thoughtful people I know, and he has an unusual ability to see the "big picture" and understand the whole mental health and child-serving system. I believe he can make a great contribution to the council, and I urge you to ratify his appointment.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide input on this important appointment!

Sincerely,

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 577 and GM 578, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT SHIMABUKURO, for terms to expire 06-30-2016 and 06-30-2020**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Hearing Date: March 1, 2016, 10:00 a.m. Room Number: 229

1 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health strongly supports the nomination of Scott  
2 Shimabukuro, Ph.D. ABPP, and urges his confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

4 **Purpose and Justification:** Governor's Messages 577 and 578 submit the nomination of Scott  
5 K. Shimabukuro, Ph.D. ABPP for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental  
6 Health for consecutive terms that would expire 6/30/2020. He will serve as the Department of  
7 Health representative.

8 The Department of Health, and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division in  
9 particular, strongly supports Dr. Shimabukuro's nomination to the State Council on Mental  
10 Health.

11 Scott K Shimabukuro, Ph.D. ABPP is a licensed clinical psychologist and board certified  
12 family psychologist who has been on staff with the Department of Health, Child and Adolescent  
13 Mental Health Division (CAMHD) since 2007. Dr. Shimabukuro, who was born and raised in  
14 Hawaii, provides training, consultation, program development and system supervision to state  
15 and independent mental health providers throughout Hawaii.

1           One of Dr. Shimabukuro's critical roles at CAMHD involves developing both clinical  
2 and administrative practices between the child-serving agencies such as the Judiciary, Office of  
3 Youth Services, child welfare, Department of Education and Med-Quest Division. A recent  
4 example of his efforts to coordinate among the agencies includes refining a protocol to transition  
5 youth from the child-serving system into the adult system.

6           Dr. Shimabukuro's extensive clinical experience includes the delivery and management  
7 of school-based counseling, school-based day treatment, residential treatment for children, and  
8 community-based services. He has expertise in the training and dissemination of evidence-based  
9 treatment, treatment of sexual offenders and in suicide prevention.

10           It is our pleasure to recommend the confirmation and appointment of Dr. Scott  
11 Shimabukuro to the State Council on Mental Health. The State of Hawaii would be well-served  
12 by this champion of children's mental health.

13           Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

