

# GM672

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea, Gubernatorial Nominee, MALIA PRUETT, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

**Report Title:** Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea

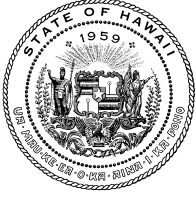
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## Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

### GM 672, Gubernatorial Nominee to the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council

#### Testimony of Romala Sue Radcliffe SHPDA Administrator

Thursday, March 24, 2016  
9:00 a.m.

1 **Agency's Position:** The State Health Planning and Development Agency supports the  
2 nomination and confirmation of Dr. Malia P.L. Tallett to the Hawaii County Subarea Health  
3 Planning Council (HCSAC).

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The purpose is for the consideration and confirmation of the  
6 HCSAC Gubernatorial Nominee, Dr. Malia P.L. Tallett.

7 Dr. Tallett is currently an Outpatient Physical Therapist with the Hawaii Physical  
8 Therapy & Chiropractic Clinic, Inc. and a per diem Skilled Nursing Physical Therapist with  
9 Brighton Mountain Land Rehabilitation. Dr. Tallett was previously an Acute Care Physical  
10 Therapist with Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, an Outpatient Physical Therapist with Big  
11 Island Physical Therapy Care, and a Home Health Physical Therapist (Early Intervention) for  
12 Dori Maxon's Pediatric Contracting Services, Inc.

13 Dr. Tallett is active in the community. She is currently the Hilo High School's Girls  
14 Varsity Water Polo Coach. She also served as a Big Island Interscholastic Federation (BIIF)  
15 Water Polo Official and was a Physical Therapist Volunteer with the local Pop Warner Football.

1           Dr. Tallett received both a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sports Sciences and a Doctor of  
2 Physical Therapy from the University of the Pacific at Stockton. She is also a graduate of the  
3 Kamehameha Schools, Kapalama Campus.

4           We ask for your support on the confirmation of Dr. Malia P.L. Tallett to the Hawaii  
5 County Subarea Health Planning Council.



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**RE: Governor's Message 672 Recommendation  
Letter of Recommendation for Malia P.L. Tallett, P.T., D.P.T.  
For Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea**

Aloha Senate Committee,

Please accept this letter to support the nomination of Malia P.L. Tallett, P.T., D.P.T. to the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea. Ms. Tallett is will be an outstanding member of this council for many reasons.

Malia P.L. Tallet is qualified to sit on this council with her strong academic background. As an alumna of the Kamehameha Schools, Class of 2001, and a certified Doctor of Physical Therapy, Malia is well educated and strives to care for the health of members of her community. Malia is also one of the youngest P.T.s on the Hawai'i Island and has a long career ahead of her.

Malia gives back to the community in many ways. She volunteers her time to assist with sports injuries for Keaukaha's pop warner football games. To assist with this, she volunteers her time and provides all necessary supplies to help the keiki be safe and enjoy playing football. Malia currently serves as the Head Coach of the varsity women's water polo team at Hilo High School. This is her third year as head coach and she provides her players with the skills necessary to play as a competitive team, but even more importantly, the life skills and mentoring the ladies on her team need to have the confidence to do well in school and think of future life plans. Her time in the community gives Malia some insight into the health needs of the local community.

Malia is also an entrepreneur. She has created a patent pending travel pillow that has turned into a local business owned by a Native Hawaiian woman. She also has two beautiful young daughters. Malia embodies a hardworking and dedicated mother. She also desires that our communities, especially Native Hawaiians, have the necessary knowledge, skills and resources to properly take care of their health. As you know, Hawai'i County recently ranked last in the state as least healthy county. That makes this role even more important.

Our community needs an advocate like Malia, so this position, on the Health Planning Council, is the right next step in her aspirations to make a positive impact on Hilo and the Hawai'i Island. I wholeheartedly support her nomination and kindly request that you do the same.

Mahalo nui loa,

Kirstin Kahaloa  
Executive Director  
Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce

Responses from: Malia Tallett, PT, DPT

(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

As a physical therapist, I discuss medical concerns with my patients. It is very frustrating to have to spend a lot of my time helping them to navigate their health insurance to get the services they need in a timely fashion. I would like to see changes to how things are done to be more stream lined and consumer friendly to decrease wasteful resources and extra work.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

To be honest, I don't really know what the duties of the board include. However, I want to see change and the only way to do that is to be a part of something that will provide me the experience needed to start making change.

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

As a health care provider, my knowledge can really help to protect the patients / consumer.

(4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

As a Doctor of physical therapy, I spend every day working with patients. I deal with their insurance companies. I have to know the way the system works to inform and correctly direct my patients to gain their trust, their compliance, and their overall satisfaction with my services.

(5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

As a doctor, I hope that my efforts will help get services in a timely manner to the patients. As a consumer, help me access medical services and insurance concerns without the headaches.

(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

I am not afraid to ask questions. I am not afraid to put the work in to make a change. I am about the patient first.

(7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

I have aided in designing programs for physical therapy. I am currently the head coach for Hilo High Girls Water Polo and have been developing a new program these last 3 years. I am all about creating standards and guidelines to improve a process.

(8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

There are always conflicts. Whether those conflicts are personality conflicts, opinion conflicts, or an actual professional conflict of interest; the best way to deal with them is to be objective. It's all about what is best for the whole and the responsibilities associated with them. Working as a team is important. There must be compromise within a timely fashion and efficiency is key. Each situation will be different. I have learned that you can't make everyone happy. But, the job is about what is best for the majority. Communicate calmly, objectively, and open mindedly to improve a process.