

GM679

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mental Health And Substance Abuse, Hawai'i Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, JEAN PAMMER, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

Report Title: Mental Health And Substance Abuse, Hawai'i Service Area Board

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Testimony SUPPORTING GM679
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse,
Hawaii Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, JEAN PAMMER, for a term to expire
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SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH
Hearing Date: March 24, 2016, 9:00 a.m. Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation
3 of Jean Pammer to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Hawaii Service Area Board for her
4 first term. Ms. Pammer fills the community member segment of the board, pursuant to Chapter
5 334-11 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

6 Ms. Pammer is a retired nurse and has lived on Hawaii Island for the past five years. She
7 has worked as a nurse in Maryland, Virginia, Washington, D.C., Wisconsin, and Saudi Arabia
8 and has quite a number of years of experience in the fields of mental illness and substance abuse
9 treatment. Ms. Pammer is excited about using her personal and professional experiences in
10 looking for solutions to the challenges that individuals living with mental illness and substance
11 abuse in her community face on a daily basis. She is articulate and genuinely concerned about
12 the well-being of others and believes that as a retired healthcare worker she will be able to bring
13 a problem solving approach on an all-inclusive basis to board deliberations.

1 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming the appointment of
2 Ms. Jean Pammer to serve on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Hawaii Service Area
3 Board.

4 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Ms. Pammer's behalf.

5 **Offered Amendments:** None.

From: [Elaine Lyons](#)
To: [baker4 - Haley](#)
Subject: Gubernatorial Nominee, JEAN PAMMER
Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2016 8:50:26 AM

Dear Senator Baker,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation for Jean Pammer.

I have known Jean for several years and I am very aware of her skills and desire to see change to the betterment of the mental health and substance abuse care provided for our Big Island residents. Through her keen desire to participate in the activities of the Hawaii Service Area Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Jean will contribute her time, energy and expertise gained from her nursing background, to enhance our Board's ability to recognize the arenas in which the Board can facilitate the changes needed in Hawaii's current healthcare needs of those suffering from mental health and substance abuse issues.

Thank you for considering the confirmation of Jean Pammer to the Hawaii Service Area Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Frances Elaine Lyons

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Letter in Support of Nominee Jean Pammer
Hawaii County Service Area Board

Dear Senator Baker,

It is with great pleasure that I offer full support for Jane Pammer's nomination to the Service Area Board!

Jean has a professional background as a Registered Nurse who has served in a variety of settings. She is committed to community service within the scope of the S.A.B. She has attended some of our meetings and is therefore familiar with our goals, objectives, format and process. She is clear thinking, compassionate for those in need, inquisitive and readily grasps the discussions before us.

She would, and will, bring much to the Board!

Respectfully,
Larry Walter
Chair, Hawaii County Service Area Board, Council on Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

Jean Pammer

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

I've been living on the Big Island for almost 5 years and I've been looking for an area where I can focus my energies and get involved with the community in my new home. As a retired nurse and mother this Board speaks to both my professional and personal experience.

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

- Assess the needs of the community
- Review the effectiveness of services in place
- Explore and adopt changes as needed

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

Maintain an open book policy and assure the public has the opportunity to be heard regarding all agenda items.

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 nurse I continually integrated the Care Plan system into my practice. To expand on my answer to question #2: This entails assessment of needs, formulation of goals that meet those needs, implementing a plan of action, evaluating measurable outcomes to determine if the goals have been reached.

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

To address the needs of the members of our community who are dealing with mental illness and substance abuse. They have a difficult road and I hope to make their lives a little easier.

6. Name 3 qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

As a retired healthcare worker I will bring a new perspective. I keep up to date on the issues and I approach problem solving on an all-inclusive basis.

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

I have personal experience dealing with mental health issues with my son. I have been reliant on community services in Denver in regard to him. I can personally speak to how necessary these services are.

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?

I have attended meetings of the Board and met the other Board members. I find it to be a very cohesive group and don't foresee any issues. If conflicts do arise I will use my problem solving skills in making sure everyone is heard and included in the resolution.