

GM681

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mental Health And Substance Abuse, O'ahu Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL STEWART, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

Report Title: Mental Health And Substance Abuse, O'ahu Service Area Board

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Testimony SUPPORTING GM681
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Oahu Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL STEWART, for a term to
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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 Michael Stewart to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board for his
4 first term and fulfills the community member segment of the Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter
5 334-11.

6 Mr. Stewart is a retired social worker having worked in the Department of Education, the
7 Developmental Disabilities Division, the Department of Human Services (Child Protective
8 Services) and the Department of Health for 21 years. He is proud of his past accomplishments
9 working for the state having received several awards at the Child and Adolescent Mental Health
10 Division and the 1985 State ACE Award for improving government services given to him by
11 Governor Waihee. Mr. Stewart also served on the Hawaii State Hospital Citizens Advisory
12 Board for two years and found the work very rewarding. With his vast experiences and a wealth
13 of knowledge, Mr. Stewart is well-suited to participate on the OSAB.

1 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming the appointment of
2 Mr. Michael Stewart to serve on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area
3 Board.

4 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Mr. Stewart's behalf.

5 **Offered Amendments:** None.

From: [Sen. Roz Baker](#)
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Subject: FW: Attn: Becky; RE: Michael W. Stewart
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Aloha Senator Baker,

My name is Patrick Londo and would like to recommend Michael W. Stewart to the board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Oahu Service Area. I have known Mr. Stewart for 23 years and I worked with him as a Social Worker for Dept. of Health for 8 years. He is well equipped and knowledgeable of the issues we face with the Mental Health and Substance abuse population. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy day to read my letter.

Sincerely, Patrick Londo, MSW

Michael Stewart

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

To add my experience, education and record of success in my assignments to the existing qualities of the board members in a combined effort to serve the public.

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

To address the central issues of the state of mental health and substance abuse service delivery through research, the hearing of testimony, and common sense analysis taking into account the consumer and the public's needs and abilities.

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

By insuring effective and respectful service delivery to consumers. By having adequate oversight and authority invested in the Department of Health's leadership.

- (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.

I have a BA in Sociology from Western Washington University. I am an Emeritus member of the American Sociological Association. I have over 20 years' service as a State of Hawaii Social Worker (retired). My assignments included Child Protective Services, Adult Developmental Disabilities, Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Honolulu District Special Education/Autism Team.

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

To integrate the public good and the targeted goals of the Department of Health by promoting 'right sized' service packages and making them available to meet the challenge of our community needs with enforceable policies.

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

I am respectful of others ideas and opinions.

I am able to understand and communicate complex ideas and systems.

I have experience working with multi-cultural and varied socio-economic groups.

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

I was co-chair of the Hawaii State Hospital's Citizens Advisory Board. I was nominated by Senator Russel Kokobun and appointed by the Director of Health.

- (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?

No, I do not foresee any conflicts of interest while serving on the Board. I am a retire State of Hawaii Social Worker and I have no financial or advisory involvement with companies or individuals holding State of Hawaii contracts of service.