

# GM 520

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mental Health And Substance Abuse, Kaua'i Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, KURT NAGATA, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

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Description:

Companion:

Package:

Current Referral: CPH

Introducer(s):



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**Testimony SUPPORTING GM0520**  
**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the State Council on Mental**  
**Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, KURT NAGATA**  
**for a term to expire 6-30-20.**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH  
Hearing Date: March 10, 2017, 9:30 a.m. Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and  
3 confirmation of Kurt Nagata to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kauai Service  
4 Area Board (KSAB) for his second term. Mr. Nagata is a service area resident and is  
5 nominated to fill the consumer of services role pursuant to Chapter 334-11 of the Hawaii  
6 Revised Statutes.

7 Mr. Nagata has been a member of Friendship House for almost 20 years, where  
8 he is actively engaged on the Friendship Club Board of Directors and serves on the  
9 Kauai Service Area Board as the chair. Mr. Nagata is also employed as a part-time  
10 employee of Kala Kreations. He is a certified speaker and completed facilitator training  
11 through the Mental Health Transformation Grant.

12 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming the  
13 appointment of Mr. Nagata.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Mr. Nagata's behalf.

15 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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**Kurt Nagata**

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

I feel that my years of recovery is an asset to the board.

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

I have knowledge and experience that the board could benefit from and I'm fully capable addressing key issues that impact people with mental illness and substance abuse.

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

I have a good understanding of what a consumer goes through and I have lived a full life with a mental illness so I'm better able to relate to other consumers.

**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'm a leader at the clubhouse with experience. I show others the way to go and the path to a better and healthier more fulling life. I'm a good listener as well as a good speaker.

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

Make others believe that mental health will get better over the years to come.

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

Open minded, hard working, willing to help others. These three qualities will do the job well.

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

At the clubhouse me and my friend had an argument about money. He got really mad and threatened my life. I feel I had a part in it, so I made amends to him. Now we are good buddies.

**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?**

Like in question 7, I would see if I was wrong in the conflict and do my part to make amends.