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Testimony in SUPPORT of G.M. 643
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on
Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, Gubernatorial Nominee, KENNETH TANO, for
a term to expire 06-30-2022

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

Hearing Date: April 11, 2018

Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health strongly supports the nomination and
3 confirmation of Kenneth Tano to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and
4 Controlled Substances (HACDACS) for a term to expire 6/30/2022.

5 HACDACS appointees represent a cross-section of the community, including, but not
6 limited to pharmacological, medical, community and business affairs, youth action, educational,
7 legal defense, enforcement and corrections segments of the community, pursuant to HRS §329-2.

8 Mr. Tano is a retired major of the Honolulu Police Department, Narcotics/Vice Division.
9 He is currently the Hawaii Law Enforcement Coordinator for the Western States Information
10 Network, which is one of six regional projects with federal funding to provide adaptive solutions
11 and services that facilitate information sharing, support criminal investigations, and promote
12 officer safety. Mr. Tano also serves as an Executive Board Member of the Hawaii High Intensity
13 Drug Trafficking Area. He regularly meets with and provides orientation and training to local
14 chiefs of police, sheriffs, district attorneys, task force commanders, and operative officers.
15 Mr. Tano's expertise in narcotics enforcement and experience working in law enforcement and
16 with law enforcement personnel will be valuable assets to the HACDACS. His appointment will
17 ensure continued representation of the enforcement segment in HACDACS deliberations.

1 We respectfully request your expeditious and favorable consideration for the nomination
2 of Kenneth Tano to serve on HACDACS.

3 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of a committed volunteer
4 whose appointment adds to the cross-section of community interests represented on HACDACS.

5 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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April 8, 2018

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee On Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Chair and Members
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 229
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

**Re: GM 643, Gubernatorial Nominee Kenneth Tano
Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances**

Dear Senator Baker and Members:

On behalf of myself and the Hawai`i Police Department I am writing this letter in **strong support** of the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee Mr. Kenneth Tano, to Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

I have had the distinct honor and privilege of professionally knowing Mr. Tano, for over 10+ years while serving in my various capacities within the Hawai`i Police Department and have always known him to be of the highest moral character. It has been my experience that Kenneth Tano has always been supportive of law enforcement's efforts in ensuring safer communities in the State of Hawai`i, whether through supporting efforts in combating the distribution of illicit drugs, establishing education programs in the community, or providing training opportunities for our personnel.

It is my firm belief that Mr. Tano with all of his vast years of experience as a former law enforcement officer and now as a member of the Western States Information Network (WSIN) possesses the skills and knowledge to make him a valuable asset to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

For the reasons above, I strongly urge this committee to approve the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee Kenneth Tano, to Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to voice my support for Mr. Kenneth Tano; and should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at (808)961-2243 or via email paul.ferreira@hawaiicounty.gov.

Sincerely,


PAUL K. FERREIRA
POLICE CHIEF

GM-643

Submitted on: 4/6/2018 11:26:55 AM

Testimony for CPH on 4/11/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Victor K. Ramos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: