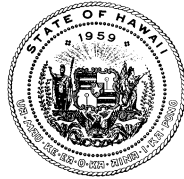


GM537

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0537
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health,
Gubernatorial Nominee, CANDICE KIRBY,
for a term to expire 6-30-22.**

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

Hearing Date and Time: Friday, March 29, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

Room: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation
3 of Candice Kirby to the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH). Ms. Kirby fills the mandated
4 SCMH membership position of families of children with serious emotional disturbance, pursuant
5 to Chapter 334-10 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes and Federal Law, Public Law 102-321,
6 Section 1914(c).

7 Ms. Kirby is currently a Parent Partner for Ohana Support Services, a program of Child
8 and Family Services organization, where she works with youth and families affiliated with the
9 Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division in Kailua-Kona. She has more than ten years of
10 experience working with youth and families in Oklahoma and Hawaii.

11 Ms. Kirby's representation on the SCMH will be vital to council deliberations as she will
12 be able to advocate for services for youth and children while focusing on the needs of the
13 parent/guardian.

14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Ms. Kirby's behalf. We respectfully request
15 your favorable consideration in confirming her appointment.

16 **Offered Amendments:** None.

March 27, 2019

To Whom It May
Concern:

I have had the pleasure of knowing Candice Kirby for 11 years. During our years of friendship, I have become very close with her and her family. Being great friends with Candice has allowed me to witness her impressive professionalism, creativity, and extreme compassion for those around her.

While I have not had the privilege of working with her in the professional capacity, the way she describes her career is with extreme passion, drive, and dedication. Candice is energetic and is willing to put in the extra hours to achieve her goals. Outside of her career, she still maintains these same characteristics. I have been fortunate to experience and witness the effort she puts into her personal and professional relationships the past 11 years. It is extremely rare to find someone that is willing to help when a person is in need, no matter how full her plate may be.

To this day, even though Candice has moved such a great distance from home, she maintains consistent communication with her family and friends. I believe this to be an exceedingly important quality in today's world and shows how she truly cherishes the people she values most while still moving forward on her own personal journey.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 918-606-1803 with any questions.

Cordially,

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