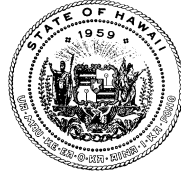


GM538

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, CHRISTOPHER KNIGHTSBRIDGE, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

Report Title: State Council on Mental Health

Current Referral: CPH



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0538
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health,
Gubernatorial Nominee, CHRISTOPHER KNIGHTSBRIDGE,
for a term to expire 6-30-21.**

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 Christopher Knightsbridge to the State Council on Mental Health (SCMH). Mr. Knightsbridge
4 fills the mandated SCMH membership position of an adult with the lived experience of serious
5 mental illness who is receiving, or has received, mental health services, pursuant to Chapter
6 334-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes and Federal Law, Public Law 102-321, Section 1914(c).

7 Mr. Knightsbridge is currently a doctoral student in Clinical Psychology, and he holds a
8 master's degree in International Relations and Clinical Psychology. He is very passionate about
9 helping to combat the negative stigma attributed to mental health disorders and takes it very
10 personal as he has family members who are homeless and struggling with mental illness.

11 Mr. Knightsbridge is also an advocate for helping individuals to access quality mental
12 health care. He brings an entrepreneurial spirit to the SCMH as he intends to use his
13 experiences in launching various advocacy campaigns through social media to meet the goals
14 of the SCMH.

15 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Mr. Knightsbridge's behalf. We respectfully
16 request your favorable consideration in confirming his appointment.

17 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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RE: Testimony in support of Christopher Knightsbridge's appointment to the Hawaii State Council on Mental Health GM538

Aloha Senator Baker and committee members:

I am writing in support of the appointment of Christopher Knightsbridge to the Hawaii State Council on Mental Health. I have known Mr. Knightsbridge for several years and can attest to his high intelligence and creativity. I have worked with Mr. Knightsbridge on issues pertaining to improving access to mental health care here in Hawai'i and his passion and interest are strong. As a student, a parent and a patient advocate I believe that he can bring important perspectives to the board.

Mr. Knightsbridge is compassionate and cares deeply about those who are homeless, suffer from mental health disorders and struggle with access to care. His hard work in this field make him a suitable candidate for the Council and I highly recommend Mr. Knightsbridge for the Council.

Mahalo,

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