

GM629

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, DANIELLE BERGAN, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Report Title: Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board

Current Referral: CPH

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To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair, Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair, Members, Senate Committee on Consumer Protection and Health

From: Trisha Kajimura, Executive Director

Re: Testimony in support of GM 629, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Danielle Bergan, for a term to expire 06-30-2023

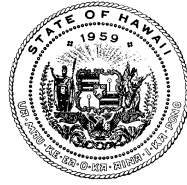
Hearing: April 5, 2019, 9:30 am, CR 229

Thank you for considering the nomination of Danielle Bergan to the Mental Health & Substance Abuse Maui Service Area Board (Maui SAB). The Maui SAB advocates for the mental health needs of Maui County and monitors the provision of mental health services, reporting to the State Council on Mental Health. The Maui SAB plays an important role bringing attention to systemic mental health concerns and we appreciate your attention to keeping this board staffed. We fully support the nomination of Danielle Bergan.

Danielle Bergan works as the Maui Community Coordinator for Mental Health America of Hawaii. Mental Health America of Hawaii is a 501(c)3 organization founded in Hawai'i 77 years ago, that serves the community by promoting mental health through advocacy, education and service. One of our signature services is a training for middle and high school age youth on Youth Suicide and Bullying Prevention that we developed here in Hawaii called "Ho'olohe Pono." We also offer Mental Health First Aid training, community outreach and education and policy advocacy on mental health issues. Additionally, we take calls from the public to connect people with appropriate community resources and participate in Maui Police Department crisis intervention team training.

Danielle coordinates and provides all of these services in Maui County, giving her unique access to the strengths and challenges of the community and insight to what is needed to improve outcomes. Her compassionate and person-centered approach combined with her training and experience makes her an excellent candidate for continued service on the Maui SAB.

Thank you for considering my **testimony in support of GM 629**. Please contact me at trisha.kajimura@mentalhealthhawaii.org or (808)521-1846 if you have any questions.



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

Hearing Date and Time: Friday, April 5, 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 Danielle Bergan to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board
4 (MSAB). Ms. Bergan fills the position of non-state employee service area resident, pursuant to
5 Chapter 334-11 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

6 Ms. Bergan has been involved with the MSAB since December 2017. She currently
7 works for Mental Health America in their Maui Branch as a community coordinator. Ms. Bergan
8 is very involved in the local community outreach efforts. She promotes mental wellness through
9 education, advocacy, and service and has been instrumental in providing youth suicide
10 prevention training in collaboration with schools on Maui.

11 We support the continued efforts of Ms. Bergan on the MSAB.

12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Ms. Bergan's behalf.

13 **Offered Amendments:** None.