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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOHN MOSES, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

Report Title: Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances

Current Referral: CPH



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Testimony in SUPPORT of (GM 0639)
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, Gubernational Nominee, JOHN MOSES, for a term to expire 06-30-2023

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

Hearing Date: April 12, 2019

Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health strongly supports the nomination and
3 confirmation of John Moses to the Hawaii Advisory Commission and Drug Abuse and
4 Controlled Substances (HACDACS) for a term to expire 06-30-2023.

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. Moses is is a Family Nurse Practitioner for Premier Medical Group in Kaneohe,
9 Hawaii. He serves on the Hawai'i Program for Health Professionals Board, the Hawai'i Pacific
10 University Nursing Board, and the Hawai'i Association for Professional Nurses (Treasurer). He
11 has substantial daily contact with patients through his primary care practice and his involvement
12 with the new Hawaii Homeless Healthcare Hui (H4) initiative, which Lieutenant Governor Green
13 is spearheading. His extensive nursing experience affords him the ability to operationalize key
14 nursing programs, expand the role of nurses in access of care, and safely educate and train nurses
15 and others in addressing substance abuse in Hawaii. He also has three decades of progressive
16 medical experience from Operation Desert Storm as a member of an airmobile trauma team to
17 running his own family practice as a family nurse practitioner, which ensures he will be a
18 valuable asset to HACDACS. His appointment will ensure continued representation of the
19 medical community in HACDACS deliberations.

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

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

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Kristopher Bjornson | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

April , 2019

To: The Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health

From: Kristopher Bjornson, M.D.

Subject: Governor's Message 639, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, JOHN PAUL MOSES, for a term to expire 06-30-2023

Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kristopher Bjornson, M.D. and I strongly support the nomination of John Paul Moses to serve as a member of the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

I have known Mr. Moses since 2016, as a volunteer board member of Pu'ulu Lapaa'u. I serve as the medical director of this organization. In my opinion, Mr. Moses is very knowledgeable on issues related to all aspect of substance abuse, from assessment and treatment to pharmacology. He is passionate about the well-being of health care professionals, and is willing to serve as their advocate so long as they demonstrate that they can practice safely. He also has a keen awareness of the needs of our communities regarding health care and substance abuse services. Among other things, he is an active volunteer with programs for the homeless.

Although he is already an accomplished professional, Mr. Moses is an eager learner who makes efforts to remain abreast with issues current in health care locally and nationally. He regularly attends our meetings and during the meetings, he does not hesitate to ask sharp, insightful questions. He also maintains close communication with several national professional organizations that are concerned with the well-being of nurses, and attends national conferences and meetings to assure that his learning is current.

Section 329-2 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes requires that Commission members are "selected on the basis of their ability to contribute to the solution of problems arising from the abuse of controlled substances, and to the extent possible, shall represent the pharmacological, medical, community and business affairs, youth action, educational, legal defense, enforcement, and corrections segments of the community." I believe that Mr. Moses meets these requirements and will serve as an effective member of the Commission. I urge you to recommend that he be confirmed.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kristopher Bjornson, M.D.