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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM0559  
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the  
Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, MARGARET JACKSON,  
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: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. Room: 229

1 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation  
2 of Margaret Jackson to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board  
3 (OSAB). Ms. Jackson fills the community member or non-provider of mental health services  
4 segment of the board, pursuant to Chapter 334-11 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes.

5 Ms. Jackson is employed as a parent partner for Hawaii Families as Allies. Hawai`i  
6 Families as Allies is a nonprofit organization, whose mission is to support families of children with  
7 emotional and/or behavioral challenges. Employees of Hawai`i Families as Allies are parents,  
8 grandparents, foster parents, or hanai parents of children with emotional and/or behavioral  
9 challenges.

10 On May 28, 2019, Governor Ige appointed Ms. Jackson to the OSAB, and currently, she  
11 is the co-chair of the Board. Ms. Jackson is excited about the accomplishments of the OSAB to  
12 date, and she plans to continue working with the other members of the OSAB to make a significant  
13 difference in the lives of youth and families in Hawaii.

14 We respectfully request your favorable consideration in confirming Ms. Jackson to the  
15 Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board.

16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on her behalf.

Aloha to Whom it May Concern,

It is my great pleasure to recommend Margaret (Jackie) Jackson for a position on the O'ahu Area Service Board to which she is applying for. I have known Jackie for over six (6) years, though her employment with Hawai'i Families As Allies (HFAA), a non-profit organization. As Jackie's Supervisor, I have watched her grown not only as a Certified Parent Support provider, but also as a collaborative community member to help families help themselves and agencies that serve them.

Jackie carries great knowledge through her experiences of helping and supporting families in Hawai'i's systems of care. Jackie partners with a multitude of community and state agencies whom are all working to help and support families. Jackie volunteers her time to support at risk youth and with her community church.

Jackie is a delight to work with. She has a wealth of knowledge and takes a thoughtful approach when working with other. Jackie has the most generous heart, that touches everyone she meets.

I highly recommend Jackie Jackson to server on the O'ahu Area Service Board as she would be a great asset to this committee. Please feel free to contact me at 808-375-7280 for any further information.

Sincerely,  
Malia Daraban  
Programs Administrator  
Hawai'i Families As Allies

Aloha,

I fully support Jackie Morris Jackson to the Oahu Service Board. She is a compassionate person who does everything with the community at the top of her mind and within her heart. She's a very caring individual who has lots of experience coordinating various tasks, is a responsible worker and always gets the job done. The Board would be lucky to have her on their team!

Mahalo,  
Shanelle Lum

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