

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 4009

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 20 2022

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 641

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 641, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE, MAUI SERVICE AREA BOARD

G.M. No. 641 MEGAN KOSAKA,
for a term to expire 06-30-2026,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Megan Kosaka for service on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Megan Kosaka from the Department of Health.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Kosaka's experience as a behavioral health specialist, commitment to public service, and dedication to helping others improve their mental health, qualify her for reappointment to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board. Ms. Kosaka is a licensed marriage and family therapist currently working as a District Educational Specialist with the Department of Education. She was previously a Behavioral Health Specialist Supervisor with the Hawaii Department of Education. Ms. Kosaka earned her Master's Degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Argosy University. Ms. Kosaka notes in her personal statement that her goal for serving on the Mental Health and Substance



Abuse, Maui Service Area Board is to better serve keiki and Ohana in the State through multi-faceted healthy, professional, and compassionate therapeutic support. Your Committee further finds that Ms. Kosaka's service on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board fulfills the requirement of section 334-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that a member be a mental health stakeholder and community member. Your Committee therefore recommends that Megan Kosaka be reappointed to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board, based on her experience as a behavioral health specialist and commitment to helping others improve their mental health.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Health,

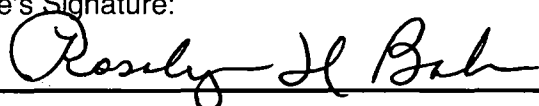


JARRETT KEOHOKALO, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-First Legislature
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes
Committee on Health
HTH
Advise and Consent**

Governor's Message No.:* 641	Committee Referral: HTH	Date: 4-8-2022		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett (C)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (VC)	✓			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4	-	-	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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