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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM536**  
**Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the**  
**Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kauai Service Area Board**  
**Gubernatorial Nominee, MAILE MURRAY,**  
**for a term to expire 06-30-2023**

SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALOPE, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: 2/18/2022

Hearing Time: 1:00 p.m.

1 **Department Position:** The Department of Health (“Department”) **SUPPORTS** the nomination  
2 and confirmation of Maile Murray to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kauai Service  
3 Area Board.

4 **Department Testimony:** The role of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kauai Service  
5 Area Board is to advise, monitor, review and evaluate the provision of mental health services in  
6 Kauai County. Its membership is comprised of nine dedicated volunteers representing  
7 consumers, family members, community members and providers who give their time, energy,  
8 expertise and experience to improve and advocate for a system of care that provides quality  
9 mental health service to the people of Hawaii. The Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kauai  
10 Service Area Board reports County updates to the State Council on Mental Health which is  
11 administratively attached to the Department.

12 Ms. Maile Murray fills the provider role on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse,  
13 Kauai Service Area Board pursuant to Chapter 34-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes. She was born  
14 and raised on Kauai and has worked as a healthcare professional in the field of substance abuse  
15 for over 20 years. In her current role as a full-time Substance Abuse Counselor with the Kauai

1 Drug Court, she conducts assessments, facilitates groups, and coordinates treatment for  
2 individuals participating in the Drug Court program.

3 Ms. Murray acknowledges that resources are not readily accessible or available on  
4 Kauai, making it extremely difficult for some individuals to obtain necessary services. She has  
5 an understanding of and passion for helping people who face serious adversities including  
6 individuals who face mental health and substance abuse challenges, and other serious  
7 adversities.

8 The Department strongly supports the appointment of Ms. Murray to the Mental Health  
9 and Substance Abuse, Kauai Service Area Board.

10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**GM-536**

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Comments:

Please accept my testimony in whole-hearted support of Maile Murray in her nomination to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Kaua`i Service Area Board. As an active, committed member of our Kaua`i community in service to those experiencing the challenges of mental illness and substance use, Maile Murray will be able to play a key role in the development of treatment services for the vulnerable people here.

Please consider her nomination favorably and feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

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