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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM643
Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the
Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board
Gubernatorial Nominee, RANDOLPH HACK,
for terms to expire 06-30-26.

SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: 4/8/2022

Hearing Time: 1:00 p.m.

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

4 **Department Testimony:** The role of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu 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, Oahu
10 Service Area Board reports County updates to the State Council on Mental Health which is
11 administratively attached to the Department.

12 Mr. Randolph “Randy” Hack fills the consumer of mental health services role on the
13 Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board pursuant to Chapter 34-11,
14 Hawaii Revised Statutes. Prior to his retirement from the Department in 2017, Mr. Hack was
15 the Consumer Advisor in the Adult Mental Health Division for 18 years. Mr. Hack has been a
16 strong advocate for persons with mental illness for over 35 years, and he has received

1 numerous recognitions and awards for his outstanding community service and for his passion
2 to help adult living with mental illness to achieve respect and dignity, and to develop their full
3 potential.

4 Mr. Hack has been an active member of the Oahu Service Area Board since 2017 in
5 various membership roles. We are pleased that he is willing to continue as a volunteer member
6 of the Oahu Service Area Board and his prior work experience, prior and recent community
7 service, and special skills/certifications will continue to be an asset to the Board and its
8 activities.

9 The Department strongly supports the appointment of Mr. Hack to the Mental Health
10 and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Submitted on: 4/5/2022 11:56:26 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kumi Macdonald	Testifying for National Alliance on Mental Illness Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha.

As a representative of NAMI Hawaii, I fully support Randolph Hack for Oahu Service Area Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse. He is an exemplary leader for the peer/consumer community. He has served as a board member and leader for our organization from the beginning.

Mahalo.

Kumi Macdonald

Executive Director

NAMI Hawaii

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Submitted on: 4/5/2022 10:26:27 AM

Testimony for HTH on 4/8/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joseph A Itamura	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I am submitting this testimony in favor of GM643 and Randolph Hack's selection to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Oahu Service Area Board.

I have known Randy for nearly 34 years, and consider him to be a very good friend. I have gotten to know him very well over that time as we share similar interests and have mutual friendships.

I have a great deal of respect for Randy. I have always found him to be highly intelligent and very knowledgeable. In my experience, he has always conducted himself in a very professional and respectful manner in his relationships with others. The thing that really stands out about him though, in my opinion, is that he cares a great deal about people. I see that in the way that he treats others and in his involvement with causes that benefit those who are the most in need.

For the reasons stated above, I strongly recommend Randolph Hack to serve on the Oahu Service Area Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse. I believe that he will be a valued member and will have much to contribute toward its success.



April 6, 2022

To whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure and admiration that I strongly endorse Mr. Randolph (Randy) Hack. My brother is one of the smartest and most dedicated individuals that I know. His caring attitude is one of his strongest traits. I do not believe you will find a better candidate to serve as a member of the Oahu Service Area Board on Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

I fully recommend Randy for Board membership. He is technically qualified, professional and committed to service to his community and his state.

Very respectfully,

Richard A. Hack

*Lieutenant General,
United States Army (Retired)*

April 6, 2022

To: Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Health

From: Amy E. Morton-Sogi

Re: Testimony in Support of GM 643 – Confirmation to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, RANDOLPH HACK

Chair Keohokalole, Vice Chair Baker, and Members of the Committee,

I submit this testimony in strong support for the nomination of Randolph Hack for confirmation to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board.

I have known Mr. Hack for many years; we currently serve together on the Board of Directors for the Hawaii Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Hawaii). As a NAMI Hawaii Board member, Mr. Hack has always proven to be intelligent, honest, and thoughtful. Perhaps most importantly, Mr. Hack displays an unparalleled compassion and commitment to serving individuals living with mental health and/or substance use conditions. Mr. Hack is a tireless advocate for this community, and he displays a strong desire to help individuals affected by mental illness and/or substance abuse.

I am confident that Mr. Hack will serve with integrity, honesty, and empathy. I believe Mr. Hack's participation on the Oahu Service Area Board will truly benefit our local community. For these reasons, I strongly support Randolph Hack's confirmation to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board.

Sincerely,

/s/ Amy E. Morton-Sogi