

**Dennis Lee, M.D.**  
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October 25, 2007

The Honorable Senator David Y. Ige  
Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
415 South Beretania Street, Room 215  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator David Ige:

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Hawaii Health Systems Corporation East Hawaii Regional Board of Directors. As the Psychiatric Medical Director at the Hilo Medical Center and a private practice physician, I believe I am well-qualified to serve on this board. With years of first-hand experience in caring for the psychiatric needs of the community, I see myself as a major contributor to improving healthcare in my community.

Healthcare including psychiatric care in East Hawaii is nearing a breaking point. I would like to use my expertise and experiences to help avert a healthcare disaster. East Hawaii deserves adequate healthcare at the very least. I would like to be a part of making it a success and perhaps raising it to a level of exceptional care.

I would greatly appreciate an opportunity of meet with you and members of the Senate Committee on Health. Enclosed is my resume for your review. Please feel free to call me at 935-4444.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Dennis Lee, M.D.

Enclosure

**DENNIS D. LEE, M.D., M.P.H.**

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**CURRICULUM VITAE****IDENTIFYING DATA:**

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

01/02/2001 to Present      Psychiatric Medical Director  
Hilo Medical Center  
Hale Ho'ola  
1190 Waianuenue Avenue  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
(808) 974-6743

1988 to Present            Private Practice of Psychiatry  
Dennis D. Lee, M.D., M.P.H.  
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Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
(808) 935-4444

10/01/1995 to Present    President  
Behavioral and Psychiatric Services of Hawaii, Inc.  
Physician Services Agreement with  
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.  
Kaiser Permanente Hilo Clinic  
80 Mahalani Street  
Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii 96793  
(808) 243-6000

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED):**

1/1/2001 to Present	DOH (AMHD)/HHSC/HMC (ASO Log No. 01-124) Psychiatric Emergency Services on the Island of Hawaii
07/01/1996 to 12/31/2000	Fee for Service Agreement – Psychiatric Inpatient Services
10/1994 to 06/30/1995	Fee for Service Agreement – Psychiatric Inpatient Services
04/01/1988 to 06/30/1988	Fee for Service Agreement – Psychiatric Services (20 hours per week)
07/15/1985 to 03/31/1988	Clinical Director & Staff Psychiatrist II State of Hawaii Department of Health Hawaii County Community Mental Health Center 37 Kekaulike Street Hilo, Hawaii 96720 (808) 933-4708
01/06/1995 to Present	Staff Psychiatrist Agreement Big Island Substance Abuse Council (BISAC) 1420 Kilauea Avenue Hilo, Hawaii 96720 (808) 935-4927
05/1985 to 02/1988	Psychiatric Consultant/Provider Crawford Health & Rehabilitation 614 Kilauea Avenue Hilo, Hawaii 96720 (808) 935-2801

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**TRAINING EXPERIENCE:**

1982 to 06/30/1985	Residency Training in Psychiatry The Medical College of Pennsylvania Eastern Pennsylvania Psychiatric Institute Department of Psychiatry 3200 Henry Avenue Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19129
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**TRAINING EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED):**

1981 to 1982                      PGY-I General Surgery Internship  
Flushing Hospital & Medical Center  
Parsons Boulevard & 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Flushing, New York 11355

06/15/1981                      Fifth Pathway Certificate  
State University of New York at Stony Brook  
School of Medicine  
Health Sciences Center  
Mercy Hospital  
1000 N. Village Avenue  
Rockville Centre, New York 11570

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**EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

1976 to 12/15/1977              M.P.H. Degree  
Loma Linda University  
School of Health  
Loma Linda, California 92354

1972 to 06/11/1976              M.D. Degree  
Autonomous University of Guadalajara  
School of Medicine  
Paseo de las Aguilas No. 7000  
Lomas del Valle 3ra. Saccion  
Guadalajara, Mexico

1969 to 05/12/1971              B.A. Degree Biology/Pre-Medicine  
Loma Linda University  
La Sierra Campus  
Riverside, California 92505

1967 to 1968                      Biology Major  
Cypress College  
9200 Valley View Street  
Cypress, California

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Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair  
Monday, October 29, 2007 at 1:15 pm  
Conference Room 016

**TESTIMONY SUPPORTING  
THE CONFIRMATION OF DENNIS LEE, M.D.  
AS MEMBER OF THE HHSC EAST HAWAII REGIONAL BOARD**

Individual Testimony of  
RONALD J. SCHURRA  
Chief Executive Officer  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation  
East Hawaii Region

I am Ronald Schurra, HHSC East Hawaii region chief executive officer. Thank you for the opportunity to encourage the confirmation of Dennis Lee, M.D. to the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board.

Dr. Lee would be an outstanding choice for the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board. As the Psychiatric Medical Director at Hilo Medical Center since 2001, he has seen the needs of our island first-hand and would be a strong advocate for improved healthcare in our region.

Dr. Lee, like the rest of us, knows we are at a critical juncture in the history of HHSC. With his expertise, I know he will help us achieve the healthcare goals in East Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to endorse Dr. Lee. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 974-4729.

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Individual Testimony of  
**MONEY ATWAL**

Regional Chief Financial Officer / Regional Chief Information Officer  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation  
East Hawaii Region

I am Money Atwal, HHSC East Hawaii region Regional Chief Financial Officer and Regional Chief Information Officer. I thank you for the opportunity to provide my endorsement for the confirmation of Dennis Lee, M.D. to the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board.

For many years Dr. Lee has provided Psychiatric care in our region. As the Psychiatric Medical Director at Hilo Medical Center since 2001, he has seen the healthcare challenges first-hand and would be an outstanding voice on the region's healthcare matters.

Dr. Lee's expertise makes him a good choice to serve on the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board. We have many healthcare challenges in our region and I know Dr. Lee will guide us in the right direction.

Thank you for this opportunity to endorse Dr. Lee. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 974-6956.

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Individual Testimony of  
**JULIE-BETH AKO**  
Health Systems Services Director  
Hawaii Health Systems Corporation  
East Hawaii Region

I am Julie-Beth Ako, HHSC East Hawaii region Hospital Systems Services Director. I appreciate the opportunity to provide my support for the confirmation of Dennis Lee, M.D. to the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board.

Dr. Lee has been the Psychiatric Medical Director at Hilo Medical Center since 2001. He would be an excellent member of the HHSC East Hawaii Regional Board because he has seen the needs of our island first-hand, everyday for a number of years.

Dr. Lee is deeply committed to improving health care in East Hawaii. I am confident that he will serve our community well in this capacity. With his expertise, we will achieve the healthcare goals in East Hawaii.

Thank you for this opportunity to endorse Dr. Lee. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 974-4734.

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AS MEMBER OF THE HHSC EAST HAWAII REGIONAL BOARD**

Individual Testimony of  
**CAROLINE CAMPBELL RN,C**  
Hilo Medical Center  
Nurse Manager

I am Caroline Campbell a Hilo Medical Center Nurse Manager for the past 15 years. I appreciate this opportunity to testify in strong heart felt support for Dennis Lee MD.

Dr. Lee has in addition to his medical background, a Masters Degree in Public Health. This background will benefit the region in having a systems perspective of the healthcare needs in the East Hawaii Region.

Dr. Lee has been practicing Psychiatry here in Hilo since 1985 in affiliation with Hilo Medical Center. This longevity demonstrates his commitment to our community of East Hawaii and to Hilo Medical Center.

Dr Lee has demonstrated over these years of service the ability to persevere and perform under challenging circumstances while maintaining his professional composure. These skills he will bring to the Regional board level will be of great benefit to the consistency and stability of the process.

I am proud to be able to recommend Dr Lee for your committee review process and hope you will fully endorse him for this position on the East Hawaii Regional Board.

I feel confident he will serve East Hawaii to his highest capacity and demonstrate integrity and competence in this new and challenging role. Feel free to contact me at 808-974-6743 for any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,



Caroline Campbell RN,C  
Hilo Medical Center  
Hale Ho'ola Nurse Manager

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Lailani Dupre  
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CME Coordinator

Kuulei Kumai  
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Assistant

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Research Statistician  
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AS MEMBER OF THE HHSC EAST HAWAII REGION SYSTEMS BOARD**

Individual Testimony of  
Lynda M. Dolan, MD  
Chief of Staff  
Hilo Medical Center Medical Staff

I am Lynda Dolan, MD, Chief of Staff of the Medical Staff of Hilo Medical Center, East Hawaii Region. I appreciate the opportunity to testify in strong support of the confirmation of Dennis D. Lee, MD, MPH.

Dr. Lee has been a physician on staff at Hilo Medical Center since 1985. He has provided services to the community through private practice, clinical director of Hawaii County Community Mental Health Center under the DOH (1985-1988), and he currently is the Psychiatric Medical Director at Hilo Medical Center. He continues to be a physician leader of the medical staff, participating in various committees, including the Medical Executive Committee. He also participates in medical student training and is a clinical associate professor at Creighton University. Other community activities include school fundraising.

I find Dr. Lee to be morally and ethically upstanding with a keen interest in the greater good of our community. He is skilled in working with various individuals on projects and his opinion is well respected. Dr. Lee, with his fund of knowledge, expertise and community involvement, will be an excellent addition to the East Hawaii Region Systems Board.

Thank you for this opportunity to strongly recommend Dr. Dennis Lee. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at 808-933-9187.

Signed 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2007:



Lynda M. Dolan, MD  
Chief of Staff  
Hilo Medical Center

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