

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 548,  
549, 550

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 548, 549, and 550, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE, HAWAII'I SERVICE AREA BOARD

G.M. No. 548      CARMEN BOWMAN,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2020;

G.M. No. 549      CAROL MATAYOSHI,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2018; and

G.M. No. 550      CAROL MATAYOSHI,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2022,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Carmen Bowman and Carol Matayoshi for service on the Mental Health & Substance Abuse, Hawaii Service Area Board.

CARMEN BOWMAN

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Carmen Bowman from the Department of Health and two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Bowman's knowledge, background, and experience qualify her to



be nominated for appointment to the Board as a service area resident and provider who is a non-state employee. Your Committee finds that Ms. Bowman is currently employed at Child and Family Services, Ohana Support Services Program of East Hawaii, as a parent partner for parents of children with developmental, emotional, and behavioral challenges, and has served in this role for nearly twenty years. Ms. Bowman is also the parent of an adult child with a developmental delay. In her capacity as a parent partner, Ms. Bowman has empowered and supported parents and families struggling with developmental disabilities, providing information and referral services. Ms. Bowman has also demonstrated her commitment to community involvement through her participation in the East Hawaii Community Children's Council. Your Committee finds that Ms. Bowman has great experience in and comprehension of the affected community, and understands the role and responsibilities of membership in the Board.

CAROL MATAYOSHI

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nominations for the appointment and reappointment of Carol Matayoshi from the Department of Health, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party, and five individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Matayoshi's knowledge, background, and experience qualify her to be nominated for appointment and reappointment to the Board as a service area resident and service provider who is a non-state employee. Ms. Matayoshi is a self-employed consultant providing research, development, and grant-writing services for Going Home Hawaii, a nonprofit organization that assists people who are released from prison return to community life through appropriate employment, training, and support services. Your Committee notes that over the past twenty years, she has previously worked as a case manager, program director, and grant administrator for a plethora of programs providing a wide range of services for the homeless, victims of drug and alcohol abuse, and the mentally ill. Your Committee notes that Ms. Matayoshi has valuable experiences working directly with those in need, as well as creating, funding, and managing programs for culturally diverse populations, such as the "Nine Months: Window of Hope" program, which encouraged women to abstain from drug use during pregnancy. Ms. Matayoshi is also familiar with existing mental health services and resources and is



skilled at helping those in need access these services and resources.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Health,

  
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ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



