

# GM521

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRYAN WATKINS, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

**Report Title:** Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance

**Current Referral:** CPH

**(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?**

Community has always been very important to me. I am currently a board member with the Rotary Club of Honolulu assisting in overseeing the direction of a Club that caters to 160 active members along with multiple monetary resources along with fund management that includes several committees responsible for improving the well-being of those living in Hawaii and Overseas. Joining this committee would be an extension of this passion for taking responsibility for provoking key changes in a community I love and live in, while helping to support key initiatives in a social area that needs much attention.

**(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?**

My role would be to act as an additional advisor within this board by bringing my professional skills and expertise to assist in various areas outlined in the board's commission duties. I believe with my extensive background and experience within the fitness industry and collaboration with youth initiatives set forth by non-profit organizations I will be able to make my biggest impact within the area youth action, however, my perspective will not be limited to this area.

**(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?**

I will do my part as a Board member to do the appropriate due diligence and research to ensure consumers have the best information available and know all resources available to them to limit them from risk of harm to their health and wellbeing.

**(4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.**

The qualities I have developed have helped me grow into a strong leader with a tremendous ability to listen, learn and develop ideas for long and short-term objectives. I work well alone or with a team. I am well equipped to effect change within a group or system should change be needed. I am also very comfortable speaking in large or small groups.

**(5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?**

I hope to assist in the development of initiatives that allow for more available resources to help educate the youth population regarding healthy options related to the prevention and recovery of substance abuse with an emphasis on the current growing issues surrounding opioid addiction.

**(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.**

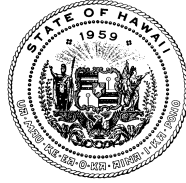
I am a Rational thinker, team player with much empathy for others and situations: Being able to take a rational broad view of how to best serve a large population that is at risk and with empathy help to find solutions to problems in our community in a team that allows for different perspectives to find the best solution has made me an effective leader and problem solver.

**(7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.**

Sitting on the Board for the Rotary Club of Honolulu for the past three years has exposed me to multiple community project ranging from youth initiatives at the Bobbi Benson center that caters to a youth population suffering from addiction and at-risk programs at the Susannah Wesley Center where I personally assisted in at work placement program that taught individuals professional skills and placed them in regular positions of employment.

**(8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?**

As of now I do not foresee any potential conflicts of interest within the board and my profession, however, being that my business profits from providing health and wellness services it is possible to encounter this issue at some point especially being that my goal is to assist in initiatives that help provide healthy resources to at-risk youth. Exercise and nutrition will be a key component to this. In the event, it becomes a conflict of interest I will appropriately follow any policies and procedure set forth to protect all parties concerned and use group collaboration to ensure neither myself or my company profits from any state-run programs or initiatives.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM521**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on**  
**Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRYAN WATKINS, for**  
**a term to expire 06-30-2018**

SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH  
Hearing Date: March 7, 2018 Room Number: 229

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the nomination and confirmation  
3 of Bryan Watkins to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled  
4 Substances (HACDACS) for a term to expire 6/30/2018.

5 HACDACS appointees represent a cross-section of the community, including, but not  
6 limited to pharmacological, medical, community and business affairs, youth action, educational,  
7 legal defense, enforcement and corrections segments of the community, pursuant to HRS §329-2.

8 Mr. Watkins is the Co-Owner of the Clark Hatch Fitness Center Honolulu and a director  
9 for the Rotary Club of Honolulu. As the Co-Owner of the Clark Hatch Fitness Center Honolulu,  
10 he advocates for the prevention of drug abuse in adolescents and young adults. As a director for  
11 the Rotary Club of Honolulu, he also is actively involved in philanthropic work and community  
12 service projects for a variety of community organizations with an emphasis on outreach to at-risk  
13 youth, and the education and development of young leaders. The appointment of Bryan Watkins  
14 will ensure solid representation of the youth action segment in HACDACS deliberations.

15 We respectfully request your expeditious and favorable consideration for the nomination  
16 of Bryan Watkins to serve on HACDACS.

- 1 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of a committed volunteer
- 2 whose appointment adds to the cross-section of community interests represented on HACDACS.
- 3 **Offered Amendments:** None.

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Submitted on: 3/6/2018 9:51:08 AM

Testimony for CPH on 3/7/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	Testifying on behalf of OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Carl Bergquist	Testifying for Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Please see our testimony on GM522 for more information.

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Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health  
Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018  
10:00 a.m.  
Conference Room 229

Dear Senator Baker and Vice Chair Jill Tokuda,

[Recommendation for continued service of Bryan Watkins on our Hawaii Advisory Commission On Drug abuse](#)

I am writing in support of Mr. Bryan Watkins for his continuing service on the Hawaii Advisory Commission On Drug abuse. I first met Bryan when he joined the Rotary Club of Honolulu in 2013. Since joining Bryan has been an active member and very involved in our club's efforts to promote good health. As the new owner of downtown's Clark Hatch Fitness Center, he has shown his passion and commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles. Personally, he "gently" encouraged me to exercise more and I'm now working out regularly and know the benefits of exercise and eating better. As the president nominee for our Rotary Club's 2019-2020 year I continue to work closely with Bryan on our service projects and in his role as a member of our club's executive committee.

One of his recent accomplishments was organizing our club's participation in Rotary International's "Ride so they can Walk" campaign to end Polio. The campaign involved participants collecting pledges for every mile they biked. In addition to traditional cyclists, Bryan offered stationary bikes at Clark Hatch so members with less cycling experience could participate.

Based on my working experience with Bryan I am confident that he will contribute his creative and innovative ideas and continue to be a valuable member of the commission.

I hope to hear about his successful appointment.

Regards,

**Paul M. Saito | Partner | Cades Schutte LLP**

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Testimony for CPH on 3/7/2018 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Karin Holma	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health,

I am writing in strong support of Bryan Watkins to serve on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substance. I have known Bryan for several years as a member of the Rotary Club of Honolulu. Bryan is a person of integrity and dedication to all issues to which he devotes his attention. As a member of the Rotary Club of Honolulu, he has served participated and led many projects to benefit adolescent and at risk children. He would be a very good member of the Advisory Commission on Drug and Abuse and Controlled Substance.

Regards,

Karin L. Holma, Attorney and Managing Partner of Bays Lung Rose & Holma

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Hon. Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Hawaii State Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

RE: GM 521 and GM 522 Hearing set for Wednesday, March 7, 10 am, Conference Room 229

Dear Chair Baker and Vice Chair Tokuda and members of the Committee:

I am writing in strong support of Bryan Watkins' continued service on the Hawaii Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS). I have know Bryan for at least five years, as we have both participated in leadership roles and community service activities at the Rotary Club of Honolulu, which I currently serve as President.

Bryan demonstrates integrity, enthusiasm, and a passion for youth action to address opiod abuse. He has been a leader and co-founder in several fitness and personal health and training businesses, most notably as co-owner of Clark Hatch Fitness Center in downtown Honolulu. Bryan is always upbeat and positive, and he seeks to find common purpose among teams of leaders.

I believe that Bryan Watkins would continue to be an asset to HACDACS as our state continues to deploy scarce state, federal, and other resources to reduce the scourge of substance abuse in Hawaii.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation, which I write in my personal capacity.

Sincerely,  
Terrence R. George  
President, Rotary Club of Honolulu, 2017-18