STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1497

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 576

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi President of the Senate Thirty-Third State Legislature Regular Session of 2025 State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 576, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE, HAWAI'I SERVICE AREA BOARD

G.M. No. 576 JESSICA STEVENS, for a term to expire 06-30-2028,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Jessica Stevens for service on the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Hawai'i Service Area Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Jessica Stevens from the Department of Health.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Stevens' background and dedication to serving the public qualify her to be appointed to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Hawai'i Service Area Board as a service area provider member. Your Committee notes that Ms. Stevens has been a nurse since 2005, specializing in providing mental and behavioral health care services for over a decade. Ms. Stevens is currently the Nurse Manager of the Hilo Benioff Medical Center's Hale Ho'ola Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit, managing and supervising the care provided in the twelve-bed unit. Previously, Ms. Stevens was a Quality Management Coordinator with the Department of Health, improving the quality of services provided by Hawaii island's



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Community Mental Health Centers and developing policies that align with the mission of the Adult Mental Health Division. Your Committee finds that Ms. Stevens has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of board members and her extensive experience as a nurse will enhance the effectiveness of the Board. Your Committee therefore recommends that Jessica Stevens be appointed to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Hawai'i Service Area Board based on her knowledge, background, and dedication to public service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Health and Human Services,

Chair



The Senate Thirty-Third Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Health and Human Services HHS Advise and Consent

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The Committee is reconsidering its decision					
The Recommendation is:					
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Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)					
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)					
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.					
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett					
FEVELLA, Kurt					
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