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Addiction and Psychiatric Medicine



March 18, 2025

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Hawaii State Capitol, Room 213
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances nomination
Measure Status Details for GM 546

I am honored to be nominated for a position on the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances.

As a member of the Commission for one term I have seen the positive impact proper planning and utilization of resources has on our community. We invite providers of help for addiction and other stakeholders to present their services to the committee. We also accept testimony from the general public. This allows us to consolidate sound and current data for the Governor and his decision makers in the form of an annual report. This report guides the future of Hawaii's utilization of resources in drug abuse and controlled substances.

I am a community health care provider focused on the subspecialty of practicing addiction medicine as a Nurse Practitioner. I work in my private practice in Aiea and for the non-profit Hawaii Health and Harm Reduction Center. My daily contact with people who have experienced health, legal, and other negative outcomes from the misuse of controlled substances provides me with a direct ability to assess and address these problems at a personal level. I stay familiar with current updates in policy and care at Federal, State, and local levels. Prescribing FDA approved medications and psychotherapy to those diagnosed with related illnesses renders me useful in providing the Governor and legislators with both objective data and the "lived experience" of those with Substance Abuse Disorders (SUD).

During my term of service, I hope to contribute to the development of integrated management of Substance Use Disorders at the state level. My 40 years of experience in the field provide an accurate and current data set and gestalt of the problems in service delivery to this challenging population. This term, my goals are to; unify triage and disposition of individuals calling for help on the Hawaii CARES line; to improve


response time to those seeking help; to use American Society of Addiction Medicine resources to identify friction points in our current care delivery system.

The three qualities I possess that are useful to the Commission are: dedication to the identified population, current knowledge and skills to disseminate among stakeholders, and contacts in the community that are essential to actually accomplishing goals. By leveraging my connections with most of the SUD care providers and administrators I will facilitate continued improvement of assessment models, population management, and resource utilization. Now more than ever, the state needs a clinician with business experience to execute financially responsible systems of care for those with SUD. We have been historically underfunded and overutilized. Our burn-out rate is sky high.

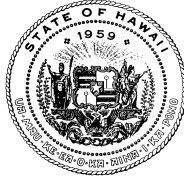
My hope is that participation on this Commission for a second term will further my impact on care delivery by connecting decision makers to “where the rubber meets the road.”

I do not perceive any conflict of interest regarding my participation on this Commission.

Very respectfully,

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Testimony in SUPPORT of (GM0546)
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on
Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOHN PAUL MOSES
III, for a term to expire 06-30-2028

SENATOR JOY SAN BUENAVENTURA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

March 24, 2025, 1:00PM, Room 225

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** None
- 2 **Department Position:** The Department of Health (Department) strongly supports this measure.
- 3 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health strongly supports the nomination and
- 4 confirmation of John Paul Moses III to the Hawaii Advisory Commission and Drug Abuse and
- 5 Controlled Substances (HACDACS) for a term to expire 06-30-2028. HACDACS appointees
- 6 represent a cross-section of the community, including, but not limited to pharmacological,
- 7 medical, community and business affairs, youth action, educational, legal defense, enforcement
- 8 and corrections segments of the community, pursuant to HRS §329-2.
- 9 Mr. Moses currently serves as an interim appointee for HACDACS within the pharmacological
- 10 category. Mr. Moses is a Family Nurse Practitioner and Managing Member of Psychiatric
- 11 Associates, and is a clinical instructor of Nursing at Hawaii Pacific University providing direct
- 12 “in clinic” instruction to APRN students. He also works with the Hawaii Health and Harm
- 13 Reduction Center providing direct primary care services in family and addiction medicine as
- 14 well as supporting the expansion of their behavioral health programs. In addition, Mr. Moses
- 15 serves as the Medical Director for Ho’omau Ke Ola’s residential treatment center. His extensive
- 16 nursing experience affords him the ability to operationalize and expand the role of nurses as well
- 17 as train nurses and others to address substance use in Hawaii. He also has three decades of

1 progressive medical experience, from Operation Desert Storm as a member of an air mobile
2 trauma team to running his own family practice as a family nurse practitioner. His re-
3 appointment to HACDACS will ensure continued representation of the medical community in
4 group discussions on improving the system of care. We respectfully request your expeditious and
5 favorable consideration for the nomination of John Paul Moses III to serve on HACDACS.

6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of a committed volunteer whose
7 appointment adds to the cross-section of community interests represented on HACDACS.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF THE NOMINATION OF JOHN PAUL MOSES III TO HACDACS

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

Hearing Date: March 24, 2025

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

Aloha Chair San Buenaventura, Vice Chair Aquino, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Lilinoe Kauahikaua, and I currently serve as **Co-Chair of the Hawai'i Advisory Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS)**. I am honored to submit this testimony in **strong support** of the nomination of **John Paul (JP) Moses III** to continue his service on HACDACS.

I have had the privilege of serving alongside JP on HACDACS for the past few years and have come to deeply value his insight, and expertise. His extensive experience as a Family Nurse Practitioner with addiction medicine has been incredibly helpful in shaping the commission's discussions and recommendations.

JP is a strong advocate for the individuals and families he serves, always ensuring that community needs are prioritized in our work. His dedication to harm reduction, and access to care makes him an essential voice on HACDACS.

I support JP Moses' nomination and request the committee to confirm his appointment. His continued service will be a tremendous asset to the commission and the people of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Mahalo,

Lilinoe Kauahikaua

Co-Chair, HACDACS

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