



GOV. MSG. NO 386

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

February 5, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board:**

Gordon Michael Durant

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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March 27, 2008

Office of Senator David Y. Ige
Hawai'i State Capital, Room 215
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: GM 386, Nomination to the Hawaii State Mental Health and Substance Abuse,
Oahu Service Area Board.

Dear Senator Ige,

I had planned on coming to the hearing on my nomination to this board. However, I have a conflict and will be unable to attend. If confirmed I will perform to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,



Gordon M. (Mike) Durant

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



CHIYOME LEINAALA FUKINO, M.D.
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Senate Committee on Health

**GM 386, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE TO THE MENTAL HEALTH AND
SUBSTANCE ABUSE, OAHU SERVICE AREA BOARD**

**Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D.
Director of Health**

March 31, 2008, 1:15 p.m.

- 1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health supports the nomination of Gordon Michael
2 Durant to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board for a second four-year
3 term.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 5 **Purpose and Justification:** Mr. Gordon Michael Durant's interest in the field of mental health was
6 prompted by his son being diagnosed with serious mental illness in 1996. Since that time, Mr. Durant
7 and his wife have been active in the mental health family self-help movement with the National Alliance
8 for the Mentally Ill (NAMI). For over five years, Mr. Durant and his wife have co-facilitated a
9 nationally recognized support group, the Journey of Hope, in Manoa. In 1997, he joined the board of
10 NAMI and has served as president of the organization. A lifelong resident of Hawaii, Mr. Durant
11 attended Punahou School after which he worked for Jorgensen Steel as General Manager. Mr. Durant is
12 currently on the board of the Hawaiian Historical Society. He also served for six years on the board of
13 Malama O Manoa, including holding the Office of Treasurer. Mr. Durant hopes to continue with his
14 contributions as a current member of the Oahu Service Area board on Mental Health and Substance
15 Abuse.

1 Thank you for your positive consideration of this request.

testimony

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Senate Committee on Health, Monday, March 31, 2008, 1:15 p.m. Room 016

CHAIR IGE AND MEMEBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH:

My name is Marion Poirier. I am representing NAMI Hawai'i in my capacity as Executive Director. We are in **Strong Support** of the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee GORDAN MICHAEL DURANT to the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Oahu Service Area Board.

Mr. Durant is currently President of our Board of Directors. Mr. Durant's talents and skills benefit us on a daily basis. His accomplishments will translate to the State Mental Health and Substance Abuse Oahu Service Area Board in an exemplary manner. He is well respected in our organization and has proved an able leader. We believe that he is especially suited for such an appointment.

GORDON MICHAEL DURANT is a hard worker who will bring many important perspectives "to the table". He is a great organizer, and is action oriented.

Thank you for your consideration of GORDON MICHAEL DURANT, and know that this appointment has the full support of NAMI Hawai'i, the local affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. If you have further questions, please call upon us.

NAMI Hawai'i is dedicated to the eradication of serious mental illnesses (neurobiological brain disorders) such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, and major depression. We have 1,500 members, and also serve the general population of the State of Hawai'i with programs of support, education, and advocacy.

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