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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 713
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawaii Advisory Commission on
Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances, Gubernatorial Nominee,
KU'ULEIALOHAONĀLANI SALZER-VITALE, for a term to expire 06-30-2026

SENATOR JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: 4/8/2022

Room Number: Videoconference

1 **Fiscal Implications:** None

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health strongly supports the nomination and
3 confirmation of Ms. KU'ULEIALOHAONĀLANI SALZER-VITALE, to the Hawaii Advisory
4 Commission on Drug Abuse and Controlled Substances (HACDACS) for a term to expire
5 6/30/2026.

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

9 Ms. Salzer-Vitale is the Alcohol and Other Drug Education Program (ADEP) Coordinator for the
10 Office of Student Affairs at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. ADEP's goals are to reduce the
11 incidence and consequences of alcohol/other drug misuse and abuse among University of Hawaii
12 Mānoa students by helping to prevent illegal and/or harmful use, conducting social marketing
13 campaigns to correct student perceptions of their peers and by providing intervention for those
14 who are at high risk. Her expertise is consinterated in the assistance of young adults from a
15 multitude of different backgrounds, to include both native Hawaiians and service members with
16 dependency issues.

1 Ms. Salzer-Vitale has a Master of Public Administration (2018) and a Master of Social Work
2 (2016). She has been a certified Prime for Life Trainer since 2018 and a certified Safe Talk
3 Trainer for Suicide Prevention since 2016.

4 We respectfully request your expeditious and favorable consideration for the nomination of Ms.
5 Salzer-Vitale, to serve on HACDACS as the youth action representative.

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.

8 **Offered Amendments:** None.