

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3893

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 19 2024

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 548

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 548, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL, HAWAI'I COUNTY SUBAREA

G.M. No. 548      HANNAH PRESTON-PITA,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2027,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Hannah Preston-Pita for service on the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Hannah Preston-Pita from the State Health Planning and Development Agency; Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i; Health Planning Council, Hawai'i County Subarea; one member of the Hawai'i County Council; Ka Hale Pomaika'i; HinaMauka; and one individual.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Dr. Preston-Pita's background and dedication to serving the public qualify her to be appointed to the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea. Dr. Preston-Pita received a doctorate and master's degree in Clinical Psychology from Argosy University and a doctorate in Education from Concordia University. Dr. Preston-Pita became a licensed clinical psychologist in 2008, and provided integrated behavioral health services and program



development in rural areas of Oahu, including at Waimanalo Community Health Center and Kahuku Hospital. In 2011, Dr. Preston-Pita became a licensed clinical psychologist at the Big Island Substance Abuse Council, and was promoted to her current position of Chief Executive Officer in 2012. Your Committee finds that Dr. Preston-Pita has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of board members and her extensive knowledge in clinical psychology and expertise in providing health care and support services in rural settings will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Hawaii County Subarea Health Planning Council. Your Committee therefore recommends that Dr. Hannah Preston-Pita be appointed to the Health Planning Council, Hawaii County Subarea 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,

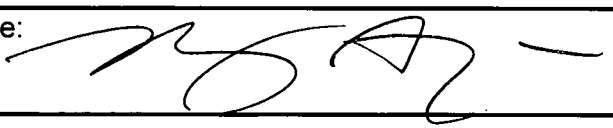


JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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

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GM 548	HHS	03/06/24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
AQUINO, Henry J.C. (VC)	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett				✓
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	3			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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