

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3960

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 29 2026

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 555

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 555, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

STATE COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

G.M. No. 555 MARGARET JACKSON
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 Margaret Jackson for service on the State Council on Mental Health.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Margaret Jackson from the Department of Health.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Jackson's background and dedication to serving the public qualify her to be reappointed to the State Council on Mental Health as a member representing the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board and families of adults with serious mental illness who are receiving, or have received, mental health services. Your Committee notes that Ms. Jackson has been a Parent Support Provider for Hawaii Families As Allies since 2014, where she helps to expand knowledge of various community resources and maintains community partner relationships. Your Committee also notes that Ms. Jackson has many family members who have and continue to struggle with diagnosed and undiagnosed mental health

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challenges. Your Committee also finds that Ms. Jackson is an active member in her community, having volunteered at her local church for over twenty-five years and with a homeless outreach program in downtown Honolulu on a weekly basis. Your Committee further notes that Ms. Jackson previously served on the State Council on Mental Health from 2022 to 2024 and the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Oahu Service Area Board from 2019 to 2026. Your Committee finds that Ms. Jackson's experience and knowledge will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Council. Your Committee therefore recommends that Margaret Jackson be reappointed to the State Council on Mental Health based on her experience, knowledge, and commitment 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-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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

Governor's Message No.:* 555	Committee Referral: HHS	Date: 3/18/2026		
<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)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one Governor's Message per Record of Votes