



## *The Judiciary, State of Hawaii*

### **Testimony to the Senate Committee on Health**

Senator Josh Green, Chair  
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

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State Capitol, Conference Room 229

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**GM 556:** Consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Mental Health, Gubernatorial Nominee, Louise Crum, for a term to expire 6/30/2016.

Dear Senator Green and Members of the Senate Health Committee:

I am writing in support of the appointment of Ms. Crum to the State Council on Mental Health.

As the administrator of the Adult Client Services Branch of the First Judicial Circuit, I have direct supervision over Louise Crum in her capacity as the Mental Health Court Coordinator. Ms. Crum has twelve years of professional experience working with the mental health population and I have been acquainted with Ms. Crum for ten of those years.

In her capacity as the Mental Health Coordinator, she oversees all daily operations of the Mental Health Court which includes the responsibility for the program admissions; for the administrative, financial and contractual aspects of the program; and for public relations and collaboration with other criminal justice and community agencies. Ms. Crum has been in this position since the court took its first participant in 2005 and has been instrumental in its success in reducing recidivism and incarceration rates for the mentally ill.

Ms. Crum has her Bachelors of Arts in Social Sciences with a Specialization in Psychology and a Certificate in Substance Abuse and Addiction Studies from the University of



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Hawaii at West Oahu. She also has a Master of Education in Counseling and Guidance from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Work outside the Judiciary includes five years at Kahi Mohala's Psychiatric Hospital providing direct supervision, counseling and educational services to seriously mentally ill patients. She also assisted civilly committed and court ordered patients with discharge planning and satisfying legal mandates.

Because of Ms. Crum's range of experience as well as her personal commitment to this field, it is my pleasure to recommend her for appointment to the State Council on Mental Health. Please do not hesitate to contact me at 539-4567 if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony and for your consideration of my recommendation.