

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3570**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 15 2008

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 537,  
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Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 537 and 582, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

G.M. No. 537 GWEN L. KELIIHOOMALU,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2010, and

G.M. No. 582 CHRISTIAN E. YATES,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2011,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee received written testimony in support of both nominees from the Department of Human Services and the State Rehabilitation Council.

Nominee Keliioomalua is a nationally-recognized Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, state-registered Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist, and Licensed Mental Health Counselor. She has thirty-two years of experience working in the private rehabilitation sector with individuals with disabilities. She has gained extensive experience working with individuals and evaluating cases in the college setting, and in cases involving the Social Security Administration, where she has been considered an "expert witness" for twenty-one years, state and federal worker's compensation, the Veterans Administration, and personal injury. She would bring representation to the Council from the County of Hawaii and the private rehabilitation counseling sector.

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Nominee Yates currently serves as a member of the Advisory Board of Ho'opono Hawaii State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, and as the President of SHAER, the State of Hawaii Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired. He has a Master's degree in Special Education and is currently the Education Specialist for the Hearing/Visual Impaired at the state level for the Department of Education. Prior to his current position, he worked for thirteen years as a Department of Education Special Education teacher at various schools on Kauai and Oahu. Mr. Yates would provide representation to the Council from the Special Education sector.

Upon review of the testimony, personal history, and statements submitted by the nominees, your Committee finds that the nominees have the necessary qualifications to serve on the State Rehabilitation Council.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services and Public Housing that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Human Services and  
Public Housing,

*Suzanne Chun Oakland*

SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, Chair





The Senate  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Human Services and Public Housing**  
**HSP**  
**Advise and Consent**

Governor's Message No.:* <i>GMM 582</i>	Committee Referral: <b>HSP</b>	Date: <i>4/10/08</i>		
<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
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne (C)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les (VC)				✓
HOOSER, Gary L.				✓
SAKAMOTO, Norman	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>3</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>N Sakamoto</i>				
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