



GOV. MSG. NO. 357

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

February 5, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **State Council on Developmental Disabilities**:

Patricia L. Heu MD

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

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CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Senate Committee on Health
GM 357
March 31, 2008 - 1:15 pm
Testimony of Patricia Heu, M.D.

Senator Ige and Members of the Senate Committee on Health:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide information about myself as you consider my confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I have been a member of this Council since July 2001. I am very interested in continuing to serve on this Council and contribute to the Council's efforts toward a system of services that fully supports self-determination and community integration for people with developmental disabilities. The Council's work is very important for advocacy, promoting interagency collaboration, and planning/coordination.

A key area of interest for me is health care for children/adults with special needs and disabilities. I would like to continue on the Health and Early Childhood Committee of the Council, which has goals that people with developmental disabilities have access to needed medical and dental care, and that family-centered, community-based, culturally-appropriate services and supports will be available to all children with special needs.

I would also like to continue to represent the Family Health Services Division (FHSD) of the Hawaii State Department of Health on this Council. FHSD is responsible for the Maternal and Child Health Block Grant (Title V of the Social Security Act), which is devoted to improving the health of all women, children including those with special needs, and families; and for early intervention services for children age 0-3 years with or at risk for developmental delays, under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Other programs include newborn hearing and metabolic screening, preschool developmental screening, respite services, children with special health needs, and genetics. I have been Chief of the Children with Special Health Needs Branch for the past 11 years, and previously provided pediatric health care for children and youth including those special health care needs in a rural clinic.

Thank you for your support and consideration of my nomination to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.



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March 31, 2008

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: GM 357 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Governatorial Nominee Patricia L. Heu, M.D.**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 357** to confirm the nomination of **Patricia L. Heu, M.D.**, for a term to expire on June 30, 2012.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. The law specifically requires that 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, their parents, or family members. Additionally, the following agencies are required to be on the Council: Department of Health (DOH); the agencies that administer funds provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Older Americans Act of 1965; Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act; the Protection and Advocacy Agency; the Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; agencies and private non-profit organizations concerned with services to individuals with DD. The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

Dr. Heu is Chief of DOH's Children with Special Health Needs Branch. She was first appointed to the Council in 2001 as a representative of Title V of the Social Security Act (Maternal and Child Health). She is a member of the Council's Health and Early Childhood Committee which focuses on: 1) access to medical and dental care services; and 2) family-centered, community-based, culturally-appropriate services and supports for children with special needs.

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Her experiences with and responsibilities for children with special health care needs will assist the Council in its activities to improve and increase access to medical and dental care services. Her participation on the Council will continue to provide ongoing collaborative activities in the area of transition of early intervention and preschool, and preschool and kindergarten for children with special needs.

The Council is pleased with the nomination of Dr. Heu for another term. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 357** confirming Dr. Patricia L. Heu, M.D., to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral
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March 24, 2008

Senator David Ige
Chair, Senate Committee on Health
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Dear Senator Ige:

I highly recommend Patricia Heu, MD for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (GM 357).

As Director of the Community Pediatrics Institute of the Department of Pediatrics, John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawaii, Chief of Pediatrics Education, Shriners Hospital for Children, Honolulu Unit, and Principal Investigator of the Maternal Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities program, I have known Dr. Heu for over 25 years. During the past ten years, I have worked with her in her capacity as Chief of the Children with Special Health Needs Branch in the Hawaii State Department of Health and on various projects and committees related to children with special health care needs (CSHCN). These include the Hawaii State Team to national Tri-Regional meetings related to achieving the six core goals for CSHCN (family participation, medical home, health insurance, screening, system of services, transition to adult life); a Champions for Progress project on transition to adult life; Screening Task Force to improve screening and follow-up for children age 0-8 years; committee to develop materials for families on emergency preparedness for CSHCN; and the Hilopa'a Project – state implementation grant on integrated community systems of care and services for CSHCN.

With her knowledge and experience related to children, youth and young adults with special needs and their families, she will contribute to the Council's efforts in working toward a system of services for people with developmental disabilities that supports them in self-determination and integration into the community.

Sincerely,

Louise Iwaishi, MD



HILOPA'A

Family to Family Health Information Center

Date: March 25, 2008

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
Senator David Ige, Chair
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Fr: Leolinda Parlin, State Coordinator for Family Voices of Hawai'i

Re: GM 357 – Support for confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities,
Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA L. HEU MD

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I support GM 357.

As an organization, Family Voices is a national grass roots organization of family of friends of child with special health care needs. In Hawai'i, we operate the federally funded Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center.

Over the last several years Dr. Heu and I have been Co-Principal Investigators on two federally funded "systems change" grants. We have also worked together in true family professional partnership "style" in conducting our statewide needs assessment for children and youth with special health care needs. We've sat of committees, Task Forces, councils and other projects together. I am witness to her impeccable character, compassion, and brilliance. Dr. Heu embodies family professional partnership to the Nth degree. My counterparts from other states are always remarking how fortunate we are in Hawai'i to have Dr. Heu as our professional partner and leader. She has also received recognition from federal reviewers.

As a locally trained pediatrician, Dr. Heu chose to begin her career serving the underserved at the Waimanalo Health Center. Her experiences there helped to shape her future career in public health. For this we are grateful.

It is through Dr. Heu's vision, passion, and commitment to Hawai'i's children, youth and families, that we are able to translate goals for children and youth with special health care needs into action. For example, screening has always been a passion and focus for Dr. Heu. Through her steady, subtle persistence and support, screening has been elevated to an unforeseen height in our state.

Dr. Heu is the best partner one could have. She believes in families and the power of self determination. She works tirelessly and gives 110% to all that she does. I know she will likewise give 110% to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Thank you for time and consideration in supporting GM 357.