



GOV. MSG. NO. 358

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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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**:

Evan A.R. Murakami

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

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CLERK OF THE HOUSE

March 31, 2008

The Honorable David Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Health Committee:

My name is Evan Murakami and I am pleased to be nominated by Governor Lingle to serve a second term on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

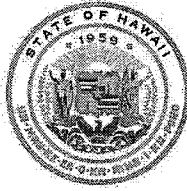
I am 30 years old and am developmentally disabled. I am currently serving as vice chair during my first term on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I am also a member of the Public Awareness and Self-Determination Committee.

Since December 2002, I have been employed as an Individual Mentor by the State Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Division. The focus of my job is to promote self-advocacy, self-determination and independence for people with developmental disabilities. I receive training to go out into the community to make presentations to provider agencies, family meetings, schools and other groups. As part of my job, I serve on the Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAC) where members (who have disabilities) meet monthly to discuss concerns and seek solutions.

As an Individual Mentor and as a self-advocate (a person with a disability who advocates for himself/herself), I share in the DD Council's mission which is "to support people with developmental disabilities to control their own destiny and determine the quality of life they desire." While remaining informed of its advocacy efforts through council meetings, I have the opportunity to share the concerns of, and provide input from persons with disabilities within the community.

I would appreciate the opportunity to serve a second term as a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities and request your support of my nomination. Thank you very much.

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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 358 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Governatorial Nominee Evan A.R. Murakami**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 358** to confirm the nomination of **Evan A.R. Murakami** 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.

Mr. Murakami is a self-advocate who is working at DOH's Case Management and Information Services Branch as an Individual Mentor. He is the current Vice-Chair of the DD Council and a member of the Executive and Public Awareness, Self-Determination and Training (PASDT) Committees. His participation on the PASDT Committee provides valuable insight on how to support individuals with DD to become leaders in the community and to establish a statewide self-advocacy network.

The Honorable David Y. Ige
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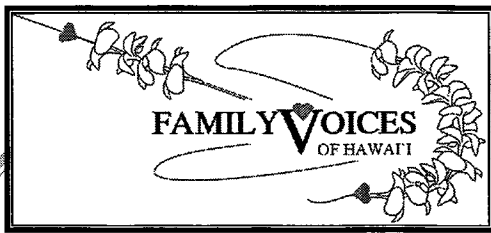
Mr. Murakami continues to assist the Council in its activities to promote the principles of self-determination, empower individuals with DD to become self-advocates, and increase employment opportunities in the community.

The Council is pleased with Mr. Murakami's nomination to serve on the Council and looks forward to his contributions to improve the quality of life for individuals with DD. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 358** confirming Evan A.R. Murakami to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator



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 358 – Support for confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities,
Gubernatorial Nominee, EVAN A. R. MURAKAMI

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I support GM 358.

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.

I have come to know Mr. Murakami over the last 6 years as a champion for individuals with disabilities. We have served together on several projects representing the needs of children, youth and adults with developmental disabilities.

I have seen firsthand Mr. Murakami blossom into the great advocate and leader you see today. He has a knack for being able to identify the most expedient and common sense solution to a situation. He is the first to volunteer to assist and to participate. He is a role model to many.

A die hard UH Warrior fan; Mr. Murakami has the same passion and energy for the Warriors as he does for self-determination. His kind, respectful manner and disarming smile welcomes those who work around him.

It's an honor and a pleasure to work with Mr. Murakami. He is driven, goal oriented, and collaborative. He will serve the State Council on Developmental Disabilities well. I ask for support in confirming Evan Murakami.

Thank you for time and consideration in supporting GM 358.