



GOV. MSG. NO. 361

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**:

Michael D. Tada

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

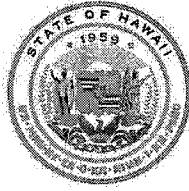
Sincerely,

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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 361 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Governatorial Nominee Michael D. Tada**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 361** to confirm the nomination of **Michael D. Tada** 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; 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. Tada is regarded as one of the most compassionate self-advocates in the community. He is persistent in his advocacy for self-determination and full inclusion of all persons with DD. He is a graduate of the Council-sponsored Partners in Policymaking Leadership Academy (II) that provides education and training in current disability issues and best practices, and legislative and systems advocacy.

As a member of the Council's Public Awareness, Self-Determination and Training Committee, he continues to speak up about involving people with DD to sit at the table with other stakeholders to discuss concerns and issues, and be part of the solution. His

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attendance and participation has been a great support for the Committee. He serves as the conscience and consistently gives friendly reminders to professionals, "nothing about us, without us."

Mr. Tada's work experience for various companies and current employment with the Hawaii Centers for Independent Living will assist the Council in its activities to increase employment options for people with DD.

The Council is pleased with Mr. Tada's nomination to the Council and looks forward to working with him to achieve our goals in the area of self-determination and full inclusion.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support for **GM 361** Michael D. Tada to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Wayhette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator



HILOPA'A

Family to Family Health Information Center

Date: March 30, 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 361 - Support for confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHAEL D. TADA

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I support GM 361.

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.

Michael is living proof of how the programs and services that we currently advocate for, can make a difference. Michael was one of the first participants in our Hawai'i Early Intervention Program over 30 years ago. Back then, it wasn't called "EI" but the model was the same and primarily has not changed. Michael is a walking, talking, legacy to Dr. Setsu Furuno who was our pioneer both locally and internationally in defining services for children with special health care needs.

Michael has a passion for self-advocacy and currently serves on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DDC). He has focused these last several years on refining his advocacy skills. He has served on the steering committee for CPASS - a federal grant awarded to the state looking at supporting models of consumer directed services in our communities and currently works for the Hawai'i Center on Independent Living. He is a long time volunteer for Easter Seals Hawai'i and worked tirelessly at the Taste of Honolulu.

He is the type of young self advocate the DDC needs. He continually self-monitors and asks for feedback on "how he's doing". Michael is driven to support other self advocates and is highly self motivated. This is the right combination for the DDC.

Thank you for time and consideration in supporting GM 361.