



GOV. MSG. NO. 477

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

March 3, 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**:

Mark F. Romoser

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice-chair  
Committee on Health

Monday, March 31, 2008, 1:15 PM

**Supporting GM477**, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, Mark F. Romoser.

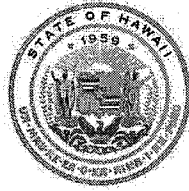
My name is Mark F. Romoser. I have served on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities since July of 2001. I served as Council chair from July 2004 through June 2006. Presently, I serve on the Council's Public Awareness, Self-Determination and Training Committee. I served as that committee's chair prior to becoming Council chair.

I am seeking reappointment so as to continue my work with the Council. The Council I doing important work in areas such as: transition from institutional to community-based care ("Money Follows the Person", "Going Home Plus"); disability awareness (the Storytellers DVD project); and capacity building (Day at the Capitol and partners in Policymaking).

I urge the committee to approve GM477. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Sincerely yours,

Mark F. Romoser



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The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
State of Hawaii  
State Capitol  
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Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: GM 477 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Governatorial Nominee Mark F. Romoser**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 477** to confirm the nomination of **Mark F. Romoser** 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.

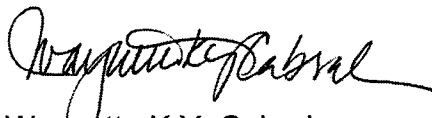
Mr. Romoser is the past Chair of the DD Council and is a current member of the Council's Executive and Public Awareness, Self-Determination and Training (PASDT) Committees. His active participation on the PASDT Committee contributes to the activities that support inclusion, self-determination, and self-advocacy for persons with DD. Through his involvement on the Self-Advocacy Council, he has been instrumental in providing training to individuals with DD to become their own advocates and take control of their lives.

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Mr. Romoser brings to the Council his numerous work experiences in the areas of research and technology, independent living, and his skills in presenting information on disability issues in the community.

The Council endorses his nomination to the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support for **GM 477** Mark F. Romoser to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Waynette K.Y. Cabral". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Waynette 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 477 - Support for confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARK F. ROMOSER

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I support GM 477.

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 Mark over the last 5 years serving on the Po'ohala Council which provided family support and training for individuals with developmental disabilities. Since then, we have served together on committees and workgroups. We have also invited Mark to participate in panel discussions at conferences as well as in graduate school training programs to give our students insight into disabilities. He is dutiful and diligent.

Mark has previously served as the Chair of the DDC and was an active Chair in the planning of Council activities, and during his tenure, he represented the Council well.

Thank you for time and consideration in supporting GM 477.