



GOV. MSG. NO. 514

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

March 17, 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**:

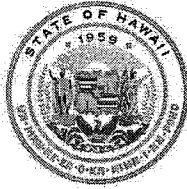
Sheryl A. Nelson

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE



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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 514 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Governatorial Nominee Sheryl Nelson**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 514** to confirm the nomination of **Sheryl Nelson** 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.

Ms. Nelson is a self-advocate and an educator on disability issues in increasing awareness and access for individuals with disabilities. She lived in an institution as a child. Through her determination and will, she ventured on her own, received a Bachelor of Science Degree, worked various jobs and has become successful in her life and work. Her experiences and background continue to assist the Council with achieving its goal to increase employment opportunities and improve the transition process for students with developmental disabilities transitioning from school to post secondary education or employment.

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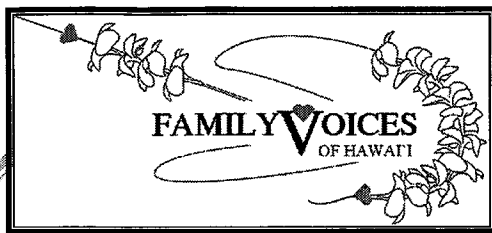
As the Executive Director of the Statewide Independent Living Council, she provides the Council with first hand issues of supporting people with disabilities to live independently in the community and achieve their goals in life.

The Council fully endorses Ms. Nelson's nomination to the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support for **GM 514** confirming **Sheryl Nelson** 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 514 - Support for confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities,
Gubernatorial Nominee, SHERYL A. NELSON

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I support GM 514.

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.

There are very few people in Hawaii that are able to bring not only the insight and knowledge of being a person with a disability who spent her formative years away from home living in an institution but are also able to express that insight as eloquently as Sheryl Nelson. Sheryl is a tireless self advocate and is not afraid to face the tough issues. She is collaborative and good natured, and walks to talk.

I met Sheryl for the first time serving on the Olmstead Task Force. That first meeting has left a lasting impression. She's the kind of leader we are most fortunate to have, working on the kind of systems change we need for our community.

Thank you for time and consideration in supporting GM 514.