



GOV. MSG. NO. 515

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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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 **Disability and Communication Access Board:**

Ed Chevy

Term to Expire: 6/30/2011

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

testimony

From: Ed Chevy [chevy59@tmail.com]
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MARCH 30, 2008

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE ON HEALTH

Presentation before the Senate Committee on Health. Governor's Message
515 - Ed Chevy to the Disability and Communication Access Board
(DCAB)

To the Senate Committee on Health, thank you for this opportunity to present background about myself in your consideration of my testimony to DCAB.

As a citizen, growing up Deaf in America, I was raised in a household of deaf family where I acquired American Sign Language (ASL) from birth on. I grew up knowing firsthand the power of my native language and Deaf Culture. My oldest daughter, now a student at Gallaudet University, and my youngest boy are deaf. They are the third generation in the pride of a deaf family.

I have made most of my life, using diverse skills and talents to prove that deaf can do anything but hear. I'm very active in the Hawaii Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities, educating and entertaining young deaf and hard of hearing children, and an instructor at Kapiolani Community College, as well as serving on numerous boards on deafness and hard of hearing for many years on Kauai and Oahu.

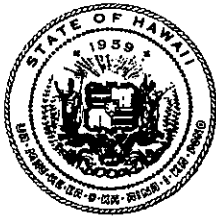
Some people would consider being deaf a disability and would let deafness prevent them from fully pursuing their dreams. I choose to use my deafness to my advantage, achieving things that most people, with or without the ability to hear, only aspire to.

I would like to share with you that I received the highest acknowledge and honor from former State House of Representatives, Tulsi Gabbard Tamayo (42nd District) in March, 2003. A Certificate of Recognition and House Resolution (H.R. NO. 184) were presented for leadership and community spirit.

I am here, expressing interest in serving on DCAB because I use sign language interpreters; I believe in deaf and hard of hearing communities and I am interested in DCAB's role in credentialing interpreters, advocacy and legislation. I am motivated more than ever to get out in the community so others can see that they can also achieve their missions. I feel I have responsibilities to give back to my community.

ED CHEVY

"Lifting ASL to a living art"



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March 31, 2008

TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 515 - Appointment of Ed Chevy to the Disability and Communication Access Board

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Mr. Ed Chevy to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board. The Board is a seventeen (17) member board, of which a majority are people with disabilities, their families, or caregivers.

Mr. Chevy is being appointed in the capacity of a consumer, a person with a hearing loss. He has been a very active member of the deaf community for years as a part of the Hawaii Services on Deafness, the Aloha State Association of the Deaf, and a deaf musical troupe. Mr. Chevy is a user of American Sign Language and will be able to contribute to our Board's responsibility to credential and test sign language interpreters under state law.

We believe that Mr. Chevy will be an asset to the Board and recommend your confirmation of his nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director