



GOV. MSG. NO. 516

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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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**:

Peter L. Fritz

Term to Expire: 6/30/2009

Sincerely,

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

LINDA LINGLE

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THE SENATE  
THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR SESSION OF 2008

COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing March 31, 2008  
Testimony on GM 516

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Fukunaga and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to present information about myself for your consideration of my appointment to the Disability and Communication Access Board. ("DCAB")

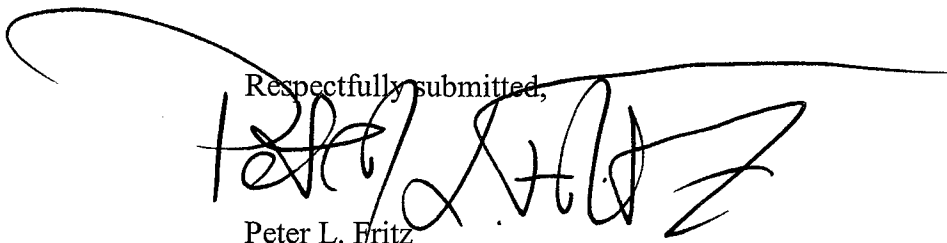
I am an attorney specializing in State and Federal tax law. My practice has also included Title I (Employment) and Title III (Public Accommodations) of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA").

Because of my hearing impairment, I have a personal familiarity and understanding of the relationship of laws and disabilities. As someone who has a sibling with cerebral palsy, I have an understanding of the needs of individuals with disabilities and their families. I have been an advocate of barrier free design and access to education long before the ADA and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA").

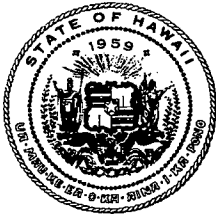
I was previously appointed to the State Rehabilitation Advisory Council and served for eight years. I have also been a director of Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii ("ATRC"). ATRC is a nonprofit organization that provides information and advocacy for assistive technology devices for individuals.

My experience will enable me to make a contribution to the DCAB.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter L. Fritz



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March 31, 2008

### TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

#### Governor's Message 516 - Appointment of Peter L. Fritz to the Disability and Communication Access Board

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Mr. Peter L. Fritz 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. Fritz is being appointed in the capacity of a consumer, a person with a hearing loss. He also brings to the Board the unique perspective of also being a family member of a person with a life-long disability. He has been very active in the disability community, as a past member of the Rehabilitation Advisory Council and as past president of the Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii. As an attorney licensed in the State of Hawaii, he has a broad understanding of laws affecting people with disabilities and has taken an active role analyzing laws and providing testimony to the Legislature.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director

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**COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Fukunaga, Members of the Committee

**Hearing March 31, 2008, 1:15 pm  
Testimony on GM 516  
(Relating to Confirmation of Peter L. Fritz)**

I strongly support the nomination of Peter L. Fritz to the Disability and Communication Access Board, and urge his confirmation.

I have known and worked with Peter in different capacities for over 10 years. Peter is a caring and concerned individual who takes seriously community affairs and their impact on citizens, especially those with disabilities. Peter has first hand knowledge of disabilities, including his sister's situation and his own hearing loss.

Peter performed eight years of service on the State Rehabilitation Council, which is comprised of consumers, service providers and nonprofit organizations. The Council reviewed programs of the Department of Rehabilitation Services to determine how well it provided services and how to improve those services. The Council also evaluated and made recommendations for requests for proposals submitted to the Council.

Peter also practiced ADA law for employment and public accommodations, and knows the laws that concern the disabled.

Very truly yours,

CHUN, KERR, DODD, BEAMAN & WONG,  
a Limited Liability Law Partnership

  
Ray Kamikawa

**testimony**

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**From:** Lyle Y. Harada [lharada@klhlp.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 27, 2008 11:23 AM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Committee on Health, March 31, 2008, 1:15 pm. Re: Peter L. Fritz,

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair, Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee on Health:

This is written in support of Peter L. Fritz's nomination to the Disability and Communication Access Board. I have known Peter for nearly 20 years, and for a portion of that time, we worked together at the same law firm, where Peter dealt with the concerns of the disabled and the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, among other things. Peter has also served on the State Rehabilitation Council for many years. He is an outstanding choice. He is smart and compassionate, and has both the experience and background to ably serve our community as a member of the Disability and Communication Access Board. I wholeheartedly recommend him.

Unfortunately, because of a school conference, I will not be able to testify in person. However, should you or your staff have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct line is 275-0326. Thank you for your consideration of this.

Lyle Y. Harada  
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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, MONDAY MARCH 31, 2001 @ 1:15P.M.  
TESTIMONY FOR GM516:**

March 29, 2008

Hon. David Y. Ige  
Chair, Senate Committee on Health  
16<sup>th</sup> District  
State Capital, Room 215  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Hon. Carol Fukunaga  
Vice-Chair, Senate Committee on Health  
11<sup>th</sup> District  
State Capital, Room 216  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige, Senator Fukunaga, and Committee Members:

Re: GM516, Disability and Communication Access Board  
Gubernatorial Nominee PETER L. FRITZ

I am writing to support the nomination of Peter L. Fritz to the Disability and Communication Access Board for the term to expire June 30, 2009. I have had the pleasure and privilege of working with Peter at the Rules Office of the Department of Taxation during the period 2000-2002. During this time I got to know Peter as a hardworking and conscientious public servant. In addition to having the ability to research and understand technical tax statutes, Peter is an excellent coworker and was always willing to stay late and pitch in to help others with difficult assignments. Although I left the Department of Taxation in 2002 to join the Attorney General's office we still remain in touch on a personal level and occasionally discuss tax issues.

In closing, I urge you to confirm Peter L. Fritz for this position as I am sure he will continue to serve the public well.

Sincerely,

  
Nathan S.C. Chee

Cathleen Tokishi  
Cathy.Tokishi@gmail.com

March 31, 2008

Senator David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
State Capitol, Room 215  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: G.M. 516  
Nomination of Peter L. Fritz to the Disability and Communication Access Board  
Hearing: Monday, March 31, 2008; 1:15 PM; Conference Room 016

Thank you for this opportunity to submit this testify in support of the nomination of Peter L. Fritz to the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB).

I am sure that his resume speaks for itself regarding the professional qualification of Mr. Fritz to serve on the DCAB. As an attorney, his practice has included both Title I and Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act. He also served on the State Rehabilitation Advisory Council for eight years, and was a director of the Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii. In addition, Mr. Fritz is intimately familiar with many of the issues the DCAB deals with on a personal level, as he has an impairment himself as well as a sister with a disability.

What I would like to add is my certainty that Mr. Fritz will also bring to the DCAB a level of dedication and passion that will surely benefit the community it serves. As a colleague at the State Department of Taxation, I came to know Mr. Fritz as a tenacious researcher, as someone who pays attention to the details, and as a forward-thinking individual who carefully considers the ramifications of any decision or action. These are qualities that I am sure you can appreciate and recognize as being important to any organization.

Mr. Fritz will be a tremendous asset to the DCAB, and I respectfully ask that you consent to his appointment to serve the people of Hawaii in this volunteer position.

Very truly yours,



CATHLEEN N. TOKISHI

**testimony**

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**From:** Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong [barbinhawaii@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 30, 2008 9:23 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** Senate Hearing Health 3/30/08 1:15PM

Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong  
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Honolulu, HI 96816

I am in support of the appointment of Peter L. Fritz to the Disability and Communication Access Board. Mr. Fritz is a positive and intelligent supporter of those of us with disabilities and at the same time has a perspective that is inclusive of our entire community. He has served on several boards in both the public and private non profit sector and as an excellent understanding of fiduciary as well as legal issues as they relate to board's and commissions. As a lawyer and as a person with a disability he brings his own unique expertise and perspective. He presents well and is a leader who is respected by all who have worked with him in this field.

I know Mr. Fritz as a lawyer, personal friend, first president of the Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii and as a collaborator on numerous projects in the disability community and beyond.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Fischlowitz-Leong  
Founding Executive Director Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii (retired)

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TESTIMONY OF ROBERT SHLESER ON BEHALF OF CLEAR FUELS TECHNOLOGY INC  
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

March 31, 2008 at 1:15 PM February 25, 2008

RE GM516

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Fukunaga, members of the Committee,

My name is Robert Shleser. I am the Chief Technical Officer of ClearFuels Technology Inc. I am testifying in support of the nomination of Peter L Fritz to the Disability and Communication Access Board ("DCAB"). I have known Mr. Fritz for more than six years. I have worked with him professionally and have personal knowledge of his competence and abilities.

Having served on the State Rehabilitation Council as well as nonprofit agencies that assist the disabled, Mr. Fritz will bring this knowledge to the DCAB. In addition I believe that Mr. Fritz will also bring his skills as an attorney and his can do approach to the DCAB.

I urge you to approve the appointment of Mr. Fritz the DCAB

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Shleser", written in a cursive style.

Robert Shleser. CTO

Testimony of

Isaac W. Choy

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Monday, March 31, 2008

1:15 pm

Conference room 016

Re: GM 516

Relating to the confirmation of Mr. Peter L. Fritz

Chair Ige, Vice Chair Fukunaga and Members of the Committee

**It is with great pleasure to write in Support of confirming Mr. Peter L. Fritz to the Disability and Communications Access Board**

I have had the opportunity to work with Mr. Fritz on tax legislation and found his expertise, demeanor and ability to explain complex issues invaluable. I especially enjoyed his ability to be objective and to present all sides of an issue. I believe he will bring these same qualities to the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Mr. Fritz has also served on the State Rehabilitation Council for eight years. His service on this Council, required by the Rehabilitation Act (RAC), consists of interacting with consumers, service providers and parents of disabled individuals. This council reviewed the effectiveness of programs by the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. As a member of RAC, he analyzed and recommended which candidates should receive contracts for the program. Additionally, he also served as a director of Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii which is a Tech Act agency. Its mission was to provide information about technical assistive devices for the disabled and to advocate for such devices.

These experiences will not only be invaluable to the Disability and Communications Access Board but also to the state of Hawaii as a whole and again it is my pleasure to add my name in support of Mr. Fritz's confirmation.

Very Truly Yours,

*Isaac W. Choy*

## testimony

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**From:** David Talisman [david@truedigital.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 26, 2008 12:44 PM  
**To:** testimony  
**Subject:** The Senate Committee on Health for the 1:15 pm hearing agenda for GM 516.

**Importance:** High

Dear Sirs:

I would like to recommend Peter Fritz and provide testimony in support of his nomination to serve on the Disabilities and Communication Access Board.

Peter Fritz has a lot of experience with the disability community in Hawaii and I think he would make an excellent candidate for this important role.

Mr. Peter Fritz has a hearing impairment and his sister is also an individual with a disability. He has been involved with the rights of the disabled long before the ADA.

Peter Fritz served for 8 years on the State Rehabilitation Council (<sup>3</sup>RAC<sup>2</sup>). The RAC was made up of consumers, service providers and nonprofit organizations. The RAC evaluates the services provided by the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (<sup>3</sup>DVR<sup>2</sup>). The RAC conducted customer satisfaction audits of the DVR programs. As a member of the RAC, Peter Fritz reviewed and made recommendations for RFPs submitted to the DVR.

Peter Fritz also served on the board of directors of the Assistive Technology Resource Centers of Hawaii (<sup>3</sup>ATRC<sup>2</sup>). ATRC is a <sup>3</sup>Tech Act<sup>2</sup> agency. It receives federal funds to provide educations and advocacy for technical devices for the disabled. Before he served on the board, he was a member of their advisory committee. The committee served as a focus group for ATRC.

While in private practice in Hawaii, Peter Fritz practiced labor law. His practice included ADA employment and public accommodations law.

I believe that his wide experience and good character qualifies him to serve on the Disabilities and Communication Access Board.

Sincerely, David Talisman, President/CEO

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