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Testimony of Rene' Berthiaume, Chairman of the Hawaii State Rehabilitation Council

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GWEN KELIHOOMALU NOMINATION TO THE HAWAII STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Gwen Kelihoomalua to the State Rehabilitation Council.

The Federal Rehabilitation Act calls for one seat on the State Rehabilitation Council to be a qualified private rehabilitation counselor. Gwen brings this perspective to the Council. In addition, the SRC By-Laws require representation from all four counties. Gwen will provide representation from Hawaii County to the SRC. I strongly support Gwen Kelihoomalua's confirmation to the SRC.

Thank you for your consideration. Feel free to contact me anytime for further information or input.