



GOV. MSG. NO. **585**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

March 28, 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**:

Theresa M. Octavio

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

Theresa Octavio
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April 8, 2008

Senator David Ige
Senate Health Committee
Twenty-Fourth Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

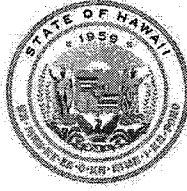
Re: Governor's Message #585

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Health Committee:

I am honored to be nominated by the Governor to serve on the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I am a woman with a developmental disability. I was able to move into an apartment of my own in 2006 after years of living in a foster care home. Now, my life is my own. I can come and go as I please. I even work at the local restaurant. I will gladly serve as a Council Member and hope to be able to help others with disabilities through my role as a Council Member. Please contact me at (808)338-2443 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Theresa Octavio



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April 9, 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 585 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Theresa M. Octavio**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 585** to confirm the nomination of **Theresa M. Octavio** 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. Octavio is a self-advocate who resides on Kauai. She is a graduate of the DD Council-sponsored Partners in Policymaking Leadership Academy Training. She has been a consistent participant in the Council's annual Day at the Capitol event and has met with Kauai legislators to express her support for increased dental services.

Ms. Octavio has been an active member of the Kauai DD Committee comprised of individuals with DD, family members, and private and public service providers. This Committee serves as an advisor to the DD Council in conveying issues and concerns for the Kauai community.

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We welcome Ms. Octavio's appointment to and participation on the Council. She will serve as a great liaison for the Council on Kauai. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for GM 585 confirming Theresa M. Octavio to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator