



GOV. MSG. NO. 586

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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**:

Pamela Louise Rice

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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LINDA LINGLE

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

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Health Committee,

Reference: G M #586

Thank you all for the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Pamela Rice and I am a happily married mother of two adult boys with disabilities. I live in Makaha and volunteer as a facilitator for Partners in Policymaking. Partners, is a leadership academy sponsored by the Developmental Disabilities Council for people with disabilities and their families. As a former graduate of Partners along with my husband, Bill, in 2000, I have been involved in Partners ever since.

I have also been involved in the Waianae Community Children's Council and a family advocate all over the state of Hawaii and also in New Hampshire, attending Individual Education Program meetings in the public school system too numerous to count.

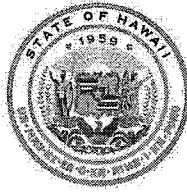
I served as a member of the Po'Ohala council from start to finish. We gave out grants to groups of people with disabilities that were responsible for numerous projects throughout Hawaii.

As the mother of a child with an autism spectrum disorder and with autism on the rise I hope to be able to help families navigate through the Developmental Disabilities system by serving on the council. I hope that you will consider me for the position and feel it would be an honor to serve. Again, thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Pamela L. Rice

Enclosed please find my experiences.



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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 586 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Pamela Louise Rice**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 586** to confirm the nomination of **Pamela Louise Rice** 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. Rice is a mother of two sons with DD. Her experience will give the Council a parent's voice and perspective of the importance of supporting families to enable their daughter/son to live with them. She is a graduate of the DD Council-sponsored Partners in Policymaking (PIP) Leadership Academy Training, currently serves as a facilitator for the training program and is on the advisory committee. Her contributions with the PIP program continues to be an asset in making it a successful leadership program that provides education and training in current disability issues and best practices, and legislative and systems advocacy.

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Ms. Rice has also been active with the Council's annual Day at the Capitol event and serves as a mentor for other parents to convey their interests and concerns to legislators. We are pleased with Ms. Rice's nomination to serve on the Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support for GM 586 confirming Pamela Louise Rice to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral  
Executive Administrator