

GM 297

JONATHAN J. CHUN
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February 24, 2009

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
State Senate
Hawaii State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: GM 297 Confirmation of Jonathan J. Chun
State Rehabilitation Council, for a term to expire 6/30/12

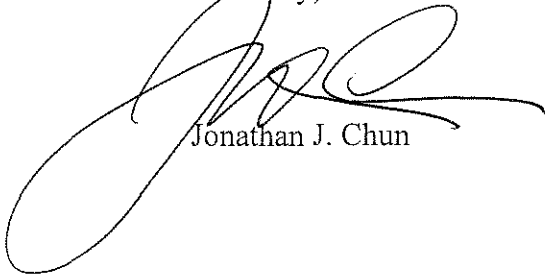
Dear Chair Chun Oakland and Members:

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of my confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2012.

Unfortunately I am not able to attend in person due to a court hearing that I must attend on Kauai. I currently serve on the State Workforce Development Council and I have been nominated to be that council's representative on the State Rehabilitation Council as required by HRS Section 348-8(10). I am actively involved in the work of the State Rehabilitation Council and currently serve as the Council's chair due to the former chair taking a position with the State. I am sensitive to the needs and desires of the population served by the Council and I am supportive of the goals of the Council. I firmly believe in upholding the dignity of all persons, including those with a disability. I am an active supporter of the Council's concerns before the State Workforce Development Council, and have worked closely with both councils to support legislation that encourages businesses to employ persons with disabilities. I urge you to favorably consider my nomination to the State Rehabilitation Council.

Thank you for your kind consideration and support of my confirmation.

Sincerely,


Jonathan J. Chun

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February 24, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: G.M. 297 - Gubernatorial Nomination of Jonathan J. Chun to the State
Rehabilitation Council
Hearing: Tuesday, February 24, 2009, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services strongly supports the nomination of Mr. Jonathan J. Chun to the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC). The SRC was established in the 1992 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The SRC acts in partnership with the Department's Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division on services that addresses the employment needs of individuals with disabilities.

Mr. Jonathan J. Chun currently serves as the Chair of the State Rehabilitation Council. Mr. Chun earned a B.A. from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and graduated cum laude with a J.D. from the Gonzaga School of Law. He is presently an attorney and partner with Belles Graham Proudfoot, Wilson, & Chun, LLP. Mr. Chun's prior professional experience includes serving as a State Senator for the Seventh Senatorial District, as First Deputy County Attorney with the

**TESTIMONY OF THE
COUNTY OF KAUA'I
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON HUMAN SERVICES

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
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TESTIMONY ON **GM 297**, RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JONATHAN J. CHUN.

TO THE HONORABLE SUZANNE CHUN OAKLAND, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., Mayor, providing testimony in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Jonathan J. Chun to the State Rehabilitation Council (Council).

Mr. Chun is being nominated to serve on the Council for a term expiring on June 30, 2012. The Council has the important duty of advising State and other agencies as they assist individuals with disabilities in achieving employment outcomes. As a practicing attorney and community volunteer on Kaua'i, Mr. Chun's legal knowledge and personal commitment to the Kaua'i community make him an excellent nominee.

We ask you to confirm his nomination, and thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.

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Dear Chair Chun Oakland and Members:

Please accept my support for the confirmation of Jonathan J. Chun as a member of the State Rehabilitation Council for a term to expire on June 30, 2012.

Mr. Chun currently also serves on the State Workforce Development Council and has been nominated to be that council's representative on the State Rehabilitation Council as required by HRS Section 348-8(10). Mr. Chun has been actively involved in the work of the State Rehabilitation Council and currently serves as the Council's chair. Mr. Chun is sensitive to the needs and desires of the population served by the Council and are supportive of the goals of the Council. Mr. Chun has been an active supporter of the Council and has worked to support legislation that encourages businesses to employ persons with disabilities, the efforts of the State Department of Human Services and other organizations that work with persons with disabilities. I urge you to favorably consider Mr. Chun's nomination to the State Rehabilitation Council.

Thank you for your kind consideration and support of Jonathan J. Chun's confirmation.

Sincerely,



Brenda Viado
Department of Human Services
Vocational Rehabilitation & Services
for the Blind Division

Kauai County Office of the County Attorney, and as Deputy Corporation Counsel with the Honolulu Department of the Corporation Counsel.

Mr. Chun provides the State Rehabilitation Council with the consultation and collaboration required with the State Workforce Development Council, and an invaluable perspective of disability needs and issues on Kauai.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this Committee.