

# GM 318

Ben S. Dalavidao II

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Development Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, BEN S. DALAUIDAO II, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

February 26, 2009

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David Y. Ige, Chair  
Hawaii State Capital, Rm 215  
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Sir,

My name is Ben S. Dalavidao and I was nominated to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities since July 2008. I have attended the meetings in Honolulu and Hilo for the DD council since July and would like to continue doing it until June 2012.

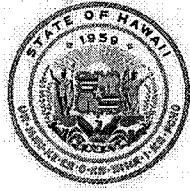
I am 33 years old and live with my parents. I received my high school certificate from Bret Harte High School in Angel's Camp, CA in June 1993. I am a graduate of the Partners and Policy Making Academy 13 in Honolulu from August 2006 to February 2007.

I am happy and proud to be a council member representing people with disabilities like me. If confirmed, I will work hard and do my best until the term expires. Please support my nomination.

Your recommendation for my confirmation will be very helpful and appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Ben S. Dalavidao*  
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March 4, 2009

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State of Hawaii  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: GM 318 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Ben S. Dalauidaao II**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 318** to confirm the nomination of Ben S. Dalauidaao II, for a term to expire 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 (DOH); 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.

Mr. Dalauidaao is an individual with a developmental disability who resides on the Big Island. He was first appointed to the Council in July 2008. He is an active member of the Council's Employment and Education Committee that is working to increase employment options and promote individualized school transitions to postsecondary options for individuals with DD. As a self-advocate, he represents individuals with DD from East Hawaii and is a very motivated member of the East Hawaii DD Committee. He aspires to become a leader in self-advocacy and mentor other individuals to become their own advocates.

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His participation on both Committees provides valuable insight on how to support individuals with DD to become leaders in the community and to establish a statewide self-advocacy network. Mr. Dalauidao's appointment will assist the Council in its activities to promote the principles of self-determination, empower individuals with DD to become self-advocates, and increase employment opportunities in the community.

The Council is pleased with Mr. Dalauidao's nomination to serve on the Council and looks forward to his contributions to improve the quality of life for individuals with DD. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 318** to confirm Ben S. Dalauidao II to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Waynette K.Y. Cabral", written over a light gray grid background.

Waynette K.Y. Cabral  
Executive Administrator

February 26, 2009

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health  
Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

Subject: GM318 – Gubernatorial Nominee, Ben S. Dalavidao II for appointment to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

We have known Ben Dalavidao Jr for 4 years. We can strongly recommend his nomination for appointment to a ~~FIRST~~ term of service to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

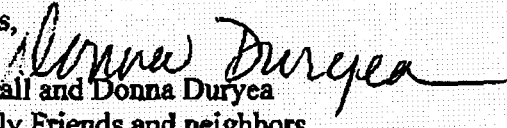
He has been an active and helpful member of the developmentally disabled community and his continued service would be of value to the State of Hawaii and to all residents who are developmentally disabled and to their families. He is enthusiastic, upbeat and creative.

If we can answer any questions regarding Ben, please don't hesitate to contact us at:  
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