

GM 324

Malcolm "Mark" M. Giblin

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, MALCOLM "MARK" M. GIBLIN, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

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Subject: Nomination to the Disability and Communication Access Board

Honorable Senator Ige:

Thank you for informing me of my nomination for Reappointment to the Disability Communication Access Board.

a.) I have been serving as a board member on the Disability Communications Access Board for the past three years, I have served on three standing committees, parking committee, legislative committee, and the Disaster Preparedness Committee, and it has been a great challenge for me. I have had the honor of working with persons with disability and disability organization as a member of DCAB.

b.) I perceive my role and responsibility as a board member, is to continue provide my expertise, strategy determinations, locations of resources, goal setting, the valuations of performance, making tough decisions, and being willing and available to assist in the areas of special expertise.

c.) I myself a person with disability, my wife Eveline became a casualty to MS and has been a chair user for 15 years. Not only did I learn to comprehend living with my own disability, I had to learn to be a caregiver as well, this alone put a broader perspective on life when addressing issues concerning disables.

I was medically retired from the US Army with severe disability, after it was determined that I was unfit for active duty, I found it very difficult to adapt to the civilian world. At the time of my separation the American with Disability Act was non-existent,

I developed a close relationship with fellow veterans from the spinal cord injury center at Palo Alto VA Medical Center California, in doing so I promised them I would take them salmon fishing, this was the start off point for the Monterey Bay Sports Fishing Rehab Center, located in Monterey California, I ran the program for eleven years assisting fellow disabled veterans and persons with disabled to enjoy the art of salmon fishing, this program grow very rapidly expanding to two events a year, local to a National event. As of today the program is still in full operation.

I had the honor of representing all Disabled American Veterans in the United States on the recreation access committee, a standing committee of the Access Board in Washington D.C. Serving on this committee was a great challenge addressing boating facilities nation wide, water level, inlet waterways, mean water level changes, and degree of difficulty was a major factor in determining the design of facilities for all. With the

expertise of a person with a disability and a caregiver as well, daily living experience and past working experience with person with disability will be an advantage to the State with my re-appointment.

d.) Appointment to the Disability Communication Access Board Hawaii has been challenging. With the changes coming to the ADA access guidelines, and DCAB, I feel my expertise in accessibility as well as three years experience on the board will aid in my decision making process and be an advantages to the State and persons with disabilities.

e.) Three Qualities

A.) I am the physically Disabled Veteran, and I use a mobility device for transportation

B.) I am a Disabled Veteran, a Senior Citizen. Representing the disability community, Disabled Veterans, Persons with MS, and the Aging, Is a High Priority

C.) I also have found other than being a disabled person, senior citizen; I'm also a caregiver providing for my wife who is a chair user.

I'm the Government Relation Chairman for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Hawaii division.

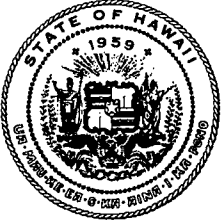
My experience of 35 years working with disabled veteran, and 25 years working with people with disability has benefited the Disability Communications Access Board for the past three years, renewing my appointment will benefit DCAB with my past experience.

f.) I have many previous experiences that would benefit DCAB, in my opinion the best one that stands out is. My contract with Monterey County, I was hired as a disability consultant surveying 156 county facilities. The survey consisted of, surveying all facilities for ADAAG, ANSI 177, and Title 24 California Uniform Builders Code compliance, and a written report of all discrepancies found, and corrective actions needed to bring the facilities online with disability accessibility .Part of the American with disabilities act requirements the site survey, Transition Plan.

g.) I cannot foresee any possible conflict of interest that could arise during my term of office DCAB. If at any time I feel that there is a conflict I will excuse myself and exclude myself from any participation in actions of the item in question.

Once again thank you for this opportunity.


Malcolm "Mark" Giblin.



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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 324 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the
Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee,
Malcolm "Mark" M. Giblin

The Disability and Communication Access Board supports the re-nomination of Malcolm "Mark" Giblin to the Board.

During the development of federal guidelines on accessibility for outdoor recreation areas, Mr. Giblin, as a community advocate then living in Monterey California, was a public participant at his own expense and offered input and insight into the process of developing federal guidelines for recreational facilities for persons with disabilities. His willingness to use his own monies for this purpose was commendable.

Mr. Giblin has been on the Board for three (3) years and is a very dedicated and active volunteer. He serves on our Legislative Committee, Standing Committee on Parking, and Ad-Hoc Committee on Emergency Preparedness for Persons with Disabilities. He is also a very active participant at the full Board level, interested in facility design, recreation, accessible transportation, and caregiving issues.

Mr. Giblin is not only a person with a disability and a veteran, but also a caregiver for his wife who has a disability. Thus he is able to bring several perspectives to the many issues persons with disabilities face.

We recommend his reappointment to the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. FLEMING
Chairperson

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director

To: HTH Testimony @ Capitol. Hawaii. Gov

Recommendation for Malcolm "Mark" Giblin for the Disability and Communication Assess Board; GM324 being held on Wed, 4 March at 2:45 PM at conference room 216

This is a corrected E-mail that was originally sent on Feb 27, 2009. For some reason the original E-mail substituted the = symbol for several letters.

I have known Mark Giblin for the past three years on a daily basis and consider him to be an ideal member for the Disability and Communication Access Board. He is intelligent, articulate, experienced in disability matters, has the necessary energy that this type of duty demands, and expresses a very real concern for those who require access because of disabilities. Both he and his wife are disabled and he has experienced the issues as a disabled person and a provider as well. Our daily conversations often encompass his past experiences and present concerns. I feel that he would provide the board a wealth of information, what has worked and what has not worked, and dedication to the board. As a provider myself, I am interested in having the best people we can get to solve the problems that our disabled encounter. If there are any further questions I can be reached by phone (284-1704) or by E-mail JGLYNX@MSN.COM Thank you for your time.

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