

GM 495

LOUISE K. IWAISHI

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, LOUISE K. IWAISHI, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

**The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Health Committee
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215
415 South Beratania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813**

**Testimony for the State Senate Health Committee
Louise Kido Iwaishi, MD
State Developmental Disabilities Council**

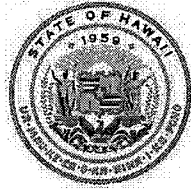
Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Health Committee:

I submit this testimony to share my background and interest in being a member of the State Developmental Disabilities Council for your consideration of my confirmation.

I was born and raised in Maui, studied zoology at Pomona College in California then received my MD from the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine. I completed a pediatric residency training at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children then practiced in a local multi-specialty medical group (former Fronk Clinic now Straub Clinic) for 10 years. In addition from 1982-1986, I was Medical Director of the former Waimano Training School and Hospital for retarded citizens in Pearl City. I joined the faculty of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine in 1991 and remain in the Department of Pediatrics where my focus is residency training in primary care pediatrics, developmental pediatrics and community pediatrics. I am Medical Director of the Community Pediatrics Institute, Program Director of the Maternal Child Health Bureau Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities Program, Chief of Pediatrics at the Shriners Hospital for Children – Honolulu Unit and consultant Medical Director of the Hawaii Department of Health, Family Health Services Division.

As past president of the American Academy of Pediatrics-Hawaii Chapter, I participate in a variety of community advisories, task forces and committees where I advocate for child health issues related to federal Title V Children with Special Health Care Needs and the American Academy of Pediatrics initiatives (e.g. Medical Home, Family Voices, Early Intervention, Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT), and children's mental health promotion).

Throughout my career as a pediatrician, I have advocated for optimal health care for all children and youth especially those vulnerable at-risk and those with special health care needs and disabilities. I believe I would bring to the Developmental Disabilities Council a grounded pediatric perspective. I ask for your support in my nomination. Thank you.



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April 15, 2009

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State of Hawaii
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Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: GM 495 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Governatorial Nominee Louise K. Iwaishi**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 495** to confirm the nomination of Louise K. Iwaishi 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.

Dr. Iwaishi is the part-time Medical Director of the DOH Family Health Services Division (FHSD). Her appointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement for a representative of Title V of the Social Security Act.

Dr. Iwaishi's current position with FHSD and extensive background in pediatrics would assist the Council in its State Plan goal that "Family-centered, community-based, culturally-appropriate services and supports will be available to all children with special needs." Her contributions to the Council's Health and Early Childhood area of emphasis

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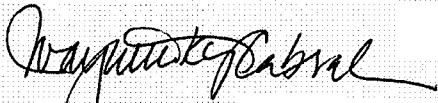
committee would help the Council to achieve its objectives for the provision of appropriate early intervention services to infants and toddlers with special needs, and increase options for children with DD who are medically fragile to live in a natural home environment rather than a medical facility.

Dr. Iwaishi's professional and work experience as past medical director of Waimano Training School and Hospital, Kapiolani Birth Defects Clinic, and Kapiolani Pediatric Clinic would contribute to the Council's activities to improve health and developmental outcomes for individuals with DD. Her colleagues and the community recognize her accomplishments as a pediatrician in the area of children with special needs.

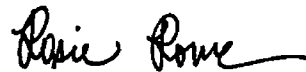
The Council is pleased with Dr. Iwaishi's nomination to serve on the Council and looks forward to her contributions in its State Plan initiatives.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 495** to confirm Louise K. Iwaishi to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator



Rosie Rowe
Chair

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA

Center on Disability Studies
MCH Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities and Related Disorders Program

April 8, 2009

Senator David Ige
Hawaii State Capitol
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Re: Personal Reference for LOUISE KIDO IWAISHI, MD, candidate for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DDC)

Dear Senator Ige,

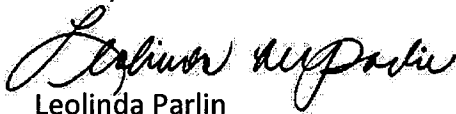
Once again, I have been asked to provide a letter of reference to endorse the appointment of Dr. Louise Iwaishi to the DDC. I am honored to provide such a reference as Dr. Iwaishi has had a tremendous impact on the lives of children with special health care needs and her energy and enthusiasm will be a great asset to the Council.

As I thought back on when I first met "Dr. I", it had to have been around 1997, on a workgroup that was developing a grant application on Autism. As a developmentalist and at that time the Director of the Pediatric Residency Program, she was the physician voice for the group. Very quickly I realized she wasn't your typical "doc". She talked us, not down to us. She had insight into the disorder from her experiences as the Medical Director at Waimano Training Home during the 80's, as well as her role as part of the core faculty for our residency program. I quickly took a liking to Dr. I.

As part of her tenure at the medical school, she was the Principal Investigator of the Dyson Initiative, a multi-million dollar training grant for community pediatrics. I was invited to be the "Family Voice" on their advisory. Through the Dyson, I was introduced to her work also at the Principal Investigator for the Maternal Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (MCH LEND) Program. Dr. I has made a determined effort to establish the role of Parent Faculty in both the residency program and the MCH LEND Program. She is also developing a mechanism to support the voice of youth with disabilities into the program. Dr. I walks the talk and embraces family centered care not only in her practice, but in her programs. The opportunities she has provided to include those most affected by her trainees and residents is priceless and leaves as everlasting impact on these young up and coming health professionals.

As the Title V mandated Council Member, Dr. I will bring her years of experience and her collaborative and inclusive spirit to the DDC. She will make fine Council member and set the standard for professional partners for years to come.

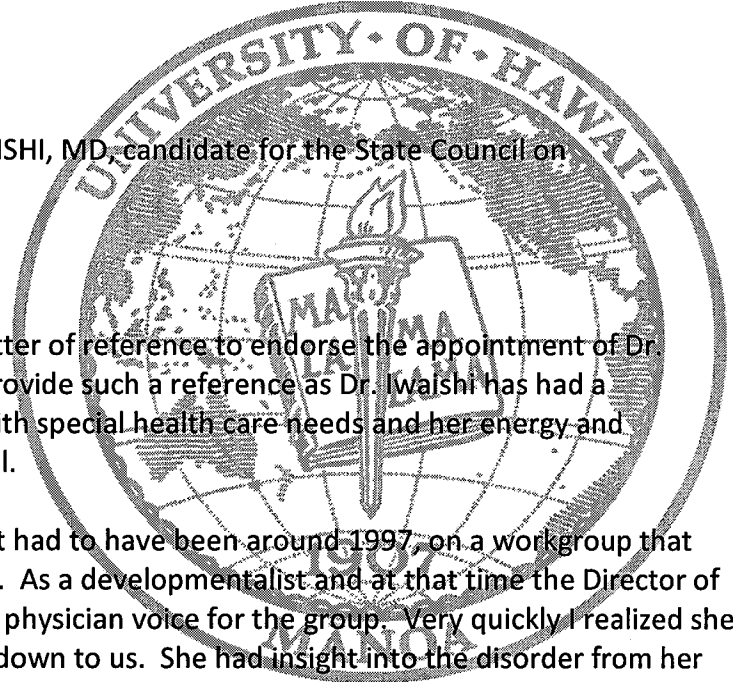
Aloha,



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**The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
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Twenty-Fifth Legislature
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Dear Senator Ige:

My name is Dr. Kenneth Nakamura. I am in strong support of Dr. Louise Iwaishi's appointment to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have worked with Dr. Iwaishi for the last 23 years and can attest to her expertise and commitment to patients with Developmental Disabilities. A review of her curriculum vitae clearly indicates her longstanding role in community advocacy and the ability to work with multiple partners at the institutional and government levels to create successful programs in this area. She is highly respected among her colleagues and the pediatric community would be most supportive of her leadership in this area.

Thank you very much for your consideration of her nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Nakamura'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Senate Committee on Health
Chair, Senator David Y. Ige
Vice-chair, Senator Joshua Green, M.D.
April 13, 2009

**RE: GM 495 Consideration and confirmation to the State Council on
Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, Louise K. Iwaishi**

Testimony in Support

Dear Chair Ige, Vice-Chair Green and Committee Members:

I wish to speak on behalf of Dr. Louise Iwaishi's, nomination to the Sate Council on Developmental Disabilities. Dr. Iwaishi has served as a Pediatrician in Hawaii for several decades, with particular attention to meeting the needs of children and young adults with special needs. She also serves as the Director for the University of Hawaii, LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental & Related Disabilities Project), and the Medical Director for Family Health Services Division, Hawaii State Department of Health. Dr. Iwaishi is one of the most caring, knowledgeable and skilled professionals I know in this field. She views an individual's disorder in full context of his/her overall health, family, and community. Dr. Iwaishi will bring dynamic leadership and expertise to the work of the Developmental Disabilities Council. Thank you for your support of Louise Iwaishi, M.D. to the State Council.

Sincerely,

Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W, M.P.H.

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Re: Governor's Message 495 - Gubernatorial Nominee Louise K. Iwaishi

Dear Senator Ige:

My name is Chris Derauf, and I am the Director of the Division of Community Pediatrics in the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine's Department of Pediatrics. I have been a practicing pediatrician in Hawaii since 1991. I am writing to voice my strong support for Dr. Louise Iwaishi's appointment to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

For as long as I have known her, Louise has been an ardent advocate and champion for persons with developmental disabilities. In the early 1990s, Louise received funding for one of the first *Maternal and Child Health Leadership in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disorders (MCH-LEND)* programs, which continues today to train interdisciplinary students from Hawaii and the Pacific Basin, many of whom have gone on to assume leadership positions and become effective advocates for children with disabilities and their families throughout the region.

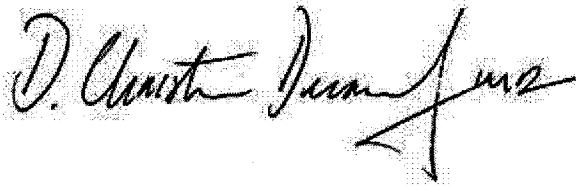
As an example of Louise's dedication, you may recall the October 2006 Honolulu Star-Bulletin front page story describing how Louise literally rescued one of her special needs children following the Island-wide earthquake (see picture and caption, below).



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GLEE@STARBULLETIN.COM
Rachel Shim was visited yesterday by Dr. Louise Iwaishi at the Shims' home near Kalakaua Avenue and Makaloa Street. During Sunday's electrical blackout, Iwaishi helped push 10-year-old Rachel to Kapiolani Medical Center by wheelchair. The girl had only about an hour left on the battery that powered her ventilator. "She's so wonderful," Rachel's mother said of Iwaishi, who makes frequent house calls on Rachel. "She help set up everything for me. ... I never met that kind of doctor."

It is this kind of dedication that will make Louise an effective member on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Please accept my strongest recommendation for Dr. Iwashi's appointment to this position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Christ Derauf MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Chris Derauf, MD, FAAP