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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: G.M. 523 - GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION OF NORITA DE LIMA TO
THE STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

Hearing: Thursday, April 2, 2009 2:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

The Department of Human Services strongly supports the nomination of Ms. Norita De Lima 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 Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division on services that address employment needs of individuals with disabilities.

Ms. Norita De Lima is seeking appointment for her first term on the Council. She is active in the County of Maui and participates in many of the disabled community's rehabilitation programs that aid in the employment of people with disabilities. Ms. De Lima will bring both community and personal perspectives to the SRC. She will provide representation on the Council as a consumer of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and for the County of Maui.

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