

GM 201

**THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
SERVICES
Nathan Say
GM 201
Governor's Nomination to the State Rehabilitation
Council**

Chair Oakland, and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services,

My name is Nathan Say and I currently serve as the Chair of the Statewide Independent Living Council of Hawaii. (SILC) I was nominated by the SILC to serve in this capacity on the State Rehabilitation Council. (SRC) Federal Law requires that a member of the SILC serve as a member of the SRC and I am pleased to accept this added responsibility.

In addition, I have previously been a consumer of Vocational Rehabilitation while attending college and I look forward to bringing a consumer perspective to the council, as well as an Independent Living perspective. A good vocational rehabilitation system in Hawaii will help to ensure all consumers with disabilities receive the needed services that will allow consumers to attain economic independent and help contribute to our State's economy in a positive way. Throughout my time while living in Honolulu, I have had the opportunity to develop many positive relationships with various organizations outside the disability community that would be able to contribute to the State Rehabilitation Council's vision. I look forward to using my facilitation skills as well my ability to bring key stakeholders in the community together to create a stronger rehabilitation network.

Sincerely

Nathan Say

**THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN
SERVICES
Louise Horio
GM 201
Nathan Say's Governor Nomination to the State
Rehabilitation Council**

Chair Oakland, and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services,

My name is Louise Horio and I currently serve as the Vice Chair of the Statewide Independent Living Council of Hawaii. (SILC) I am pleased to support the nomination of Nathan Say to the State Rehabilitation Council. (SRC) Federal Law requires that a member of the SILC serve as a member of the SRC and Nathan was appointed by our board to serve in this role. Nathan was a consumer of Vocational Rehabilitation while attending college and I believe he will be able to bring a good consumer perspective to the council, as well as an Independent Living perspective. A good vocational rehabilitation system in Hawaii will help to ensure all consumers with disabilities receive the needed services that will allow consumers to attain economic independent and help contribute to our State's economy in a positive way. While living in Honolulu, Nathan has had the opportunity to develop many positive relationships with various organizations outside the disability community that would be able to contribute to the State Rehabilitation Council's vision. Nathan has the ability to bring key stakeholders in the community together to create a stronger rehabilitation network. I once again strongly support his nomination.

Sincerely

Louise Horio

TESTIMONY
from the
Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Testifier's Name: Waynette Cabral

Position Title: Executive Administrator

Organization: Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities

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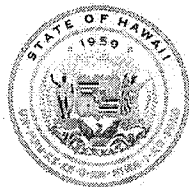
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Nathan E. Say

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The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
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Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 201—State Rehabilitation Council Gubernatorial Nominee
Nathan E. Say

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 201** to confirm the nomination of Nathan E. Say to the State Rehabilitation Council for a term to expire June 30, 2011.

Mr. Say is a self-advocate who has first-hand experience in self-advocacy and independent living. He has a wide range of knowledge and experience in the disability field. He serves in various capacities in the community, as Chair of the Statewide Council on Independent Living, Project Coordinator of the My Voice My Choice Youth Information, Training and Resource Center, and member of the Self-Advocacy Advisory Council. He is respected in the community and his leadership qualities provide mentorship to other self-advocates.

Mr. Say's appointment to the State Rehabilitation Council will fulfill the requirement of Section 348-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes (State Rehabilitation Council) to have "at least one representative of the Statewide Council on Independent Living." His wealth of experience in the disability field, self-advocacy and independent living will assist the State Rehabilitation Council in advising and evaluating the Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation's services and activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 201** to confirm Nathan E. Say to the State Rehabilitation Council.

Sincerely,

Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator

Rosie Rowe
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GM 201 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, NATHAN E. SAY, for a term to expire 6-30-2011.

My name is ART FRANK and I am a deaf quadriplegic from the Wai'anae Coast and a member of the Statewide Council on Independent Living (SILC). I've known NATHAN SAY for the nearly two years I've been on the SILC. When we had a problem with our former Chair of the SILC, NATHAN as Vice-Chair was appointed as our new Chair. He has done an excellent job bringing everyone together to work as a team. Prior to NATHAN SAY being appointed as the SILC Chair there was so much conflict and fighting, no leadership, so I have been very impressed at what this young man has done with the SILC.

There is no doubt in my mind that NATHAN E. SAY's appointment to the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC) would be an asset to the SRC. As a long time active member in our disabled community I strongly support, without reservations, NATHAN E. SAY'S appointment to the State Rehabilitation Council. I would appreciate your consideration and support of Mr. Say's appointment.

Mahalo nui loa.

ART FRANK,
Member, SILC