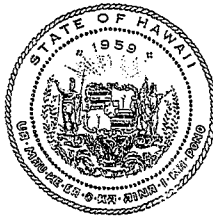


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GOV. MSG. NO. 205

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

February 5, 2010

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, State Council on:**

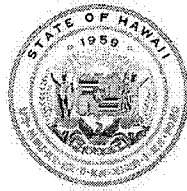
AnneMarie L. Kalama

Term to Expire: 6/30/2010

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE



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STATE COUNCIL
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March 5, 2010

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 205 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee AnneMarie L. Kalama**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 205** to confirm the nomination of AnneMarie L. Kalama for a term to expire June 30, 2010.

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; 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.

Mrs. Kalama is an Educational Specialist with the Special Education Section of the Department of Education (DOE). She was first appointed to the Council on May 5, 2009, to fulfill the Federal requirement for a representative of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

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Since her appointment, she has participated on the Council's Employment and Education Committee to address resources and services to meet the requirements of IDEA. Her vast experience in various positions in the special education field has provided the Council with valuable insight on how best to proceed to achieve quality education outcomes and school transitions that are meaningful and individualized consistent with the principles of self-determination. As a representative from DOE, Mrs. Kalama brings the DOE and Council closer in its working relationship to address issues relating to autism and postsecondary education options.

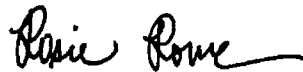
The Council is pleased with Mrs. Kalama's nomination to continue to serve on the Council. We look forward to her continued contributions to increase coordination between the Council and DOE, and improve school transitions for individuals with DD.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 205** to confirm AnneMarie L. Kalama to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator



Rosie Rowe
Chair