

GM207



GOV. MSG. NO. 207

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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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:

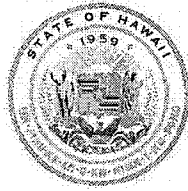
In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES, State Council on:**

Joseph Curtis Tyler III

Term to Expire: 6/30/2014

Sincerely,

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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 207- State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Curtis Tyler III**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 207** to confirm the nomination of Curtis Tyler III for a term to expire June 30, 2014.

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.

Mr. Tyler has a brother with DD and serves as a legal guardian for him. He is not new to the Council, and this would be a reappointment for him. Mr. Tyler was previously appointed to the Council from 1995-2003. He also served as Chair for three years. Under his leadership as Chair, the Council was instrumental in initiating legislation to incorporate the principles of self-determination on State statute (Chapter 333-F, Hawaii Revised Statutes). The Legislature passed, and the Governor enacted Act 133, Session Laws of Hawaii 1998.

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He is the current Vice Chair of the Council and Co-Chair of the Community Supports Committee. As Co-Chair, he has been a guiding leader for the Committee to address the availability of individualized, accessible, and affordable living options in the community; maximization of Federal and State funding for DD services; and development of a comprehensive system of supports and services that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, integration, and inclusion in all aspects of community life.

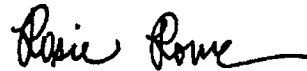
Mr. Tyler has a wealth of knowledge and experience in County, State, and Federal Government that will contribute to the Council's coalition and capacity-building activities. He would be able to assist the Council in bringing together all sectors of the community to positively enhance the DD service system.

We are pleased with Mr. Tyler's nomination for a second four-year appointment to the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 207** to confirm Curtis Tyler III to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator



Rosie Rowe
Chair