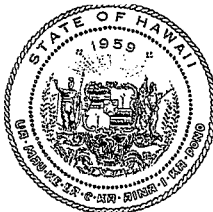


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GOV. MSG. NO. 257

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE
GOVERNOR

February 12, 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:**

Caroline M.T. Cadirao

Term to Expire: 6/30/2010

Sincerely,



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Senate Committee on Health

GM257 Gubernatorial Nominee for State Council on Developmental Disabilities

**Written Testimony of Noemi Pendleton
Director of Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to Department of Health**

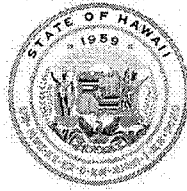
March 5, 2010

2:45 p.m. Conference Room 016

- 1 **Department's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) is writing in support for
- 2 confirmation of Ms. Caroline Cadirao's appointment to the State Council on Developmental
- 3 Disabilities.
- 4 **Fiscal Implications:** None.
- 5 **Purpose and Justification:** Ms. Cadirao has been an integral part of the grants management
- 6 team of the Executive Office on Aging since October 2000. She brings a wealth of experience in
- 7 working with older adults as she has been part of the aging network through her work at Catholic
- 8 Charities and as the Director of the Retired and Senior Program under Helping Hands Hawaii
- 9 since 1990. Ms. Cadirao understands how to lead the coordination of home and community based
- 10 services through the creation of policies and procedures, implementation of programs, advocating
- 11 on behalf of older adults and their caregivers and monitoring and evaluating programs. Ms.
- 12 Cadirao has an in-depth understanding of the Older Americans Act as amended and the issues
- 13 facing older adults and caregivers. Pursuant to the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill
- 14 of Rights Act of 2000, Section 125 (b)(4)(A)(i)(I) states that the Council shall include

1 representatives of relevant state entities, "that administer funds provided under Federal laws
2 related to individuals with disabilities, including ...the Older Americans Act of 1965"...and (B)(i)
3 says, "have sufficient authority to engage in policy planning and implementation on behalf of the
4 department, agency or program such representatives represent." Ms. Cadirao is an excellent
5 candidate for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities based on her breadth of experience
6 at the state level.

7 We therefore ask you to support her appointment as a member of the State Council on
8 Developmental Disabilities. Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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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 257- State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Caroline M.T. Cadirao**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 257** to confirm the nomination of Caroline M.T. Cadirao 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.

Ms. Cadirao is Grants Manager for the Executive Office on Aging. She was appointed by Governor Lingle on October 30, 2009, on an interim basis. Her appointment fulfills the requirement to have a representative from the Older Americans Act of 1965. As a representative from the Executive Office on Aging, Ms. Cadirao will help the Council bring together the aging and disability networks to increase collaboration among agencies, especially at a time of limited and reduced resources.

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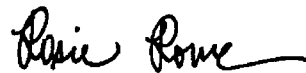
She will be able to assist the Council in addressing the development of policies for home and community-based approaches that cut across the aging and disability populations. Her experience would be an asset in promoting systems change and advocating on behalf of individuals with DD and their families.

We look forward to Ms. Cadirao's contributions to the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 257** to confirm Caroline M.T Cadirao to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral
Executive Administrator



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March 4, 2010

The Honorable David Y. Ige
State Capitol Room 215
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 257 and GM 258 Nominations to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities

To the Honorable David Ige:

My name is Caroline Cadirao and I have been nominated by Governor Lingle to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. This letter is in response to your inquiry of my interest and background to the Council.

I am truly humbled and honored to be a nominee to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities as a representative of the State Executive Office on Aging (EOA). I wish to be a member because I can offer the perspective of the aging population. As the disabled population ages and lives longer, I feel that my experience can lend to being a member of the Council. In addition, it is beneficial for both EOA and Developmental Disabilities Division in developing collaborative efforts in the future.

I view my role as an advocate for capacity building and systemic change activities that contribute to the overall coordination of services for the developmentally disabled community. As a potential member of the Council, I understand that we will collectively review goals, submit a state plan, provide outreach, advocacy, training and technical assistance.

Given my understanding of my role and responsibilities, my experience the last nine years at the Executive Office on Aging has provided me the skills necessary to be an effective member of the Council. As a grants manager (Aging Specialist V) I am responsible for the program development and management of the comprehensive social services programs awarded to the Executive Office on Aging. I am required to develop policies and procedures, implement standards for comprehensive services for older adults, manage results or outcomes, provide technical assistance in major program areas of systems management, social services, area agency management, operations and training, and comply with State and Federal laws, regulations, policies and procedures.

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In understanding the Older Americans Act as amended, its Code of Federal Regulations and the Hawaii Revised Statutes Section 3-349 which establishes the Executive Office on Aging, I am well equipped in understanding the need to plan and coordinate for special populations such as the aged and disabled.

If nominated, I hope to accomplish my role as an advocate for the disabled and utilize my skills to effectively improve the coordination of services. In addition, I hope to work collaboratively with the developmental disabilities community to effectively enhance and expand the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center, a program of the Administration on Aging and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for which EOA is the lead agency.

The three qualities that best describe me that would benefit the council are my openness, my sensitivity and my sense of respect. 1) I work towards being open with people and in addition I try to be open to varying points of views. I feel that thoughts and ideas shall be heard and not marginalized. 2) I am sensitive to people and try to meet them at their level. 3) As for respect, it is imperative to respect and adhere to the Law and its fundamental purpose. Without a passion for the intent of the Law such as the Older American Act and the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000, then one cannot be a true advocate and understand the purpose of one's work.

I do not foresee a conflict of interest as a member of the Council. If a conflict did arise, I would approach the Chair of the Council for consultation and resolution.

I thank you for your consideration of my nomination to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



Caroline Cadirao
Grants Manager
Executive Office on Aging