

GM259



GOV. MSG. NO. 259

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
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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:**

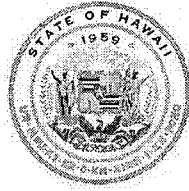
Joshua I. Smalley-Bower

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

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 259- State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Joshua Smalley-Bower**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 259** to confirm the nomination of Joshua Smalley-Bower for a term to expire June 30, 2012.

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. Smalley-Bower is a young man with DD who lives at home with his parents. He was appointed by Governor Lingle on October 30, 2009, on an interim basis. As a person with medically fragile conditions, he knows the importance of accessible comprehensive medical care for persons with DD. His experience in receiving personal care through the Medicaid Home and Community Based Waiver program would contribute to the Council's advocacy efforts to assure that the program provides an

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array of services to support individuals with DD to live in the community in a flexible and individualized manner.

He is a member of the Council's Community Supports Committee that addresses the Waiver program; affordable, and equitable transportation options; and staffing, financial, and technological supports to live in the community. Mr. Smalley-Bower is also a member of the Self-Advocacy Advisory Council who is working on establishing a statewide self-advocacy network that includes and governed by individuals with DD. He is a true self-advocate who articulates his desires and exercises his rights and self-determination.

Mr. Smalley-Bower is a remarkable young man who maintains a positive attitude despite his daily health challenges. He is a mentor for others to live life to the fullest.

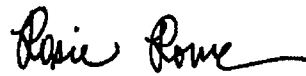
The Council would greatly benefit from Mr. Smalley-Bower's experience and perspective in carrying out its mission, "...to support people with developmental disabilities to control their own destiny and determine the quality of life they desire."

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 259** to confirm Joshua Smalley-Bower to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral
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The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
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Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 259 - Gubernatorial Nominee Joshua Smalley-Bower

It is an honor to ask for your support of **GM 259** to confirm the nomination of Joshua Smalley-Bower to State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. Smalley-Bower for over 12 years, both personally and in my professional capacity as the Program Specialist for the Special Parent Information Network. I have always admired his energy, passion and dedication to ensuring that individuals with developmental disabilities (DD) are able to live meaningful and productive lives. As a volunteer speaker at our annual conference sharing his personal experiences, Mr. Smalley-Bower has inspired other individuals with DD and their families to be proactive in their pursuit of creating a better community support network.

Mr. Smalley-Bower has volunteered his expertise on countless statewide committees as a self-advocate and community member. He has been professional and forthright in working with all stakeholders involved and has demonstrated that a positive attitude goes a long way.

Mr. Smalley-Bower's appointment will assist the Council in its activities to promote the principles of self-determination, empower individuals with developmental disabilities to become self-advocates, and increase community supports in our state. I am deeply pleased with Mr. Smalley-Bower's nomination to serve on the Council and looks forward to his contributions to improve the quality of life for individuals with DD.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong support for **GM 259** to confirm Joshua Smalley-Bower to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Very Truly Yours,



Jan M. Tateishi

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March 5, 2010

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
State Capitol
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RE: **GM 259 – Gubernatorial Nominee Joshua Smalley-Bower**

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

As a parent of a young man with developmental disabilities and as a professional in the disability field, I would like to offer my **strong support for Joshua Smalley-Bower** as a Council member for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Mr. Smalley-Bower will make an outstanding member of the Council, as he has already shown his capacity to make significant contributions as an Interim Appointee since October 30, 2009. In addition to his service to the Council, he has a wealth of experience as a self-advocate including the following achievements:


- Serving on a panel at the National Assistive Technology Conference at age sixteen;
- Representing Hawaii as a youth delegate at a Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D. C. in 1998;
- Being recognized as an outstanding individual with a disability by the 13th Annual Pac Rim Conference for “making significant contributions to improve the lives of persons with disabilities in Hawaii”; and
- Providing persuasive testimony to the 1998 Legislature for Hawaii’s landmark legislation on self-determination for persons with disabilities.

Despite serious health challenges, Mr. Smalley-Bower has shown remarkable dedication to put the interests of others ahead of his own. He attended the Council’s Partners in Policymaking Academy to learn how to effectively advocate on a systems level, and has attended numerous workshops and conferences to enhance his understanding of disability issues.

Mr. Smalley-Bower is very humble about his accomplishments and remains ever positive about our potential to improve the system of care for persons with disabilities. Should you confirm Mr. Smalley-Bower for a regular appointment to the Council, you will be benefiting not only the Council, but the community at large.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer my support for this exceptional nominee.

Sincerely,



Susan Rocco

TESTIMONY TO:

THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2010

TIME: 2:45PM

TESTIFYING FOR: GM 259

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on
Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOSHUA I.
SMALLEY-BOWER, for a term to expire 6-30-2012.

POSITION: STRONGLY SUPPORTS

Senator Ige & Senator Green,

My name is Nathan Say and it is pleasure to testify in support of Joshua I Smalley Bower's nomination to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. (SCDD) I am Youth Coordinator of the My Voice, My Choice Project, which works with youth and young adult emerging leaders with disabilities. I first had the opportunity of meeting Joshua in April 2009 at the Hawaii Youth Leadership Academy, which My Voice, My Choice sponsored. Joshua was always willing to participate and help others around him participate as well. I was so impressed with his ability to do this that I asked him to join our project's Youth Advisory Council. In that role, he is always great at attending events of importance to young people with

disabilities and always great at giving thoughtful suggestions on ideas or activities for our program when asked.

I am confident that Joshua will bring these skills to the table at SCDD. Furthermore, his status as an emerging leader with disabilities and a person with lifelong disabilities adds a needed perspective to the council.

I strongly encourage you to support Joshua Smalley Bower's nomination to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, and I thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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