

GM290



GOV. MSG. NO. 290

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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 **DISABILITY and COMMUNICATION ACCESS Board**:

Lynn K. Murakami-Akatsuka

Term to Expire: 6/30/2010

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE



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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Messages 290 and 291 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to
the Disability and Communication Access Board; Gubernatorial Nominee
Lynn K. Murakami-Akatsuka

The Disability and Communication Access Board supports the reappointment of Ms.
Lynn K. Murakami-Akatsuka to the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Ms. Murakami-Akatsuka was appointed in the capacity of a family member of a sibling
with an intellectual disability. She is also knowledgeable, as a user, about the parking
program for persons with disabilities. Ms. Murakami-Akatsuka is knowledgeable of
many health issues with a long career in the health field of developmental disabilities.
She has been very active in Board activities and currently is the Board's representative
to the Special Parent Information Network that provides parent-to-parent support, and
information and referral to parents and family members of a special needs child.

We value Ms. Murakami-Akatsuka's multiple roles and the expertise/perspectives that
she brings to the Board.

We recommend your confirmation of her nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

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March 5, 2010

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Twenty-Fifth Legislature
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: GM 290 – Disability and Communication Access Board Gubernatorial Nominee –
Lynn K. Murakami-Akatsuka

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

My name is Deborah Miyasaka-Gushiken and I am in **STRONG SUPPORT OF GM 290** to confirm the nomination of Lynn K. Murakami-Akatsuka to the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) for a term to expire June 30, 2010.

DCAB as established pursuant to Chapter 348F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is a seventeen voluntary member board that includes at least nine people with disabilities, or parents or guardians of individuals with disabilities, and individuals knowledgeable in areas for which the board has rulemaking authority.

DCAB administers the statewide program on parking for persons with disabilities; advocates for people with disabilities on areas relating to access; establishes administrative rules for the design of buildings, facilities, and sites, and for communication access services for the deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind; serves as the designated state agency to coordinate the efforts of the State to comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for access to services, employment, telecommunications, and facility and site design; reviews problems, needs and availability of services and resources for people with disabilities; provides technical assistance; and certifies interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing for the State.

Ms. Murakami-Akatsuka has sister with an intellectual disability and is nominated to serve on the board as a family member of an individual with a disability.

Ms. Murakami-Akatsuka, herself, has a physical disability and has been a recipient of services from DCAB under the ADA.

From 2002 to 2009, I had the pleasure of working with Ms. Murakami-Akatsuka in her capacity as a planner with the Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Division Case Management and Information Services (CMIS) Branch while I was employed by the CMIS Branch and in my current position with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Her work as a planner contributed to improving the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities and involved analysis and planning to address system level issues facing individuals with developmental disabilities. She also worked as public health educator for over twenty years. Her professional experience and training in these areas will be an asset in the review of problems, needs and availability of services and resources, and issues relating to access for people with disabilities that arise before the board.

She is an active member of the community and served as a board member or officer for several professional and community organizations.

Ms. Murakami-Akatsuka's appointment will provide a valuable family member perspective as well as the perspectives of a professional-in-the-field and a consumer.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **strong support of GM 290** to confirm Lynn K. Murakami-Akatsuka to the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Sincerely,

Deborah Miyasaka-Gushiken

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