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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Lillian B. Koller, Director

SUBJECT: GM 445 - Gubernatorial Nomination of Gordon L. Fuller to the Statewide
Council on Independent Living

Hearing: April 8, 2010 2:15 pm
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services supports the nomination of Mr. Gordon L. Fuller to the State Independent Living Council (SILC). The SILC was established in the 1992 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The SILC acts in partnership with the Vocational Rehabilitation and Services for the Blind Division on services that address independent living needs of individuals with disabilities.

Mr. Fuller will bring a diverse business background, and a personal and professional awareness of the needs for independent living services for people with disabilities. He has experience in SILCs, their functions and the relationship between the Center for Independent Living, and the State Vocational Rehabilitation agency.

Mr. Fuller was recently hired as the Hawai'i Center for Independent Living Center's (HCIL) Executive Director. He will fill the SILC's requirement to have the Executive Director of the HCIL be a full member of the Council.

Mr. Fuller will provide representation to the SILC as the Executive Director of the Hawai'i Center for Independent Living.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this Committee.