

# GM611

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to  
the State Council on Developmental Disabilities,  
Gubernatorial Nominee, LANI BARTHOLOMEW,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2015



**STATE OF HAWAII**  
STATE COUNCIL  
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April 5, 2011

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators Chun Oakland and Ihara and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT:** GM 611 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Lani Bartholomew

The position and views expressed in this testimony do not represent nor reflect the position and views of the Department of Health.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 611** to confirm the nomination of Lani Bartholomew for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

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.

The Council is pleased with Ms. Bartholomew's nomination to serve on the Council as a representative for self-advocates. She served on the Council in the late 1980's but had to resign due to her work schedule. Over the past several years she has attended the Council's annual Day at the Capitol event and recently has joined the Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC). As a member of SAAC, she has been a vocal advocate in working with the Council and the Maternal Child Health Leadership

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Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities program to initiate legislation to remove references to mental retardation and like terms, and replace them with intellectual disability and like terms in state statutes.

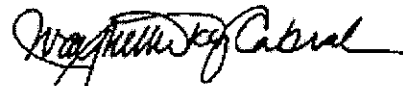
Ms. Bartholomew's varied work experience and living independently in the Arc in Hawaii apartments in Kailua for the past 29 years would assist the Council in its activities to promote and increase employment opportunities and residential options for person with developmental disabilities. Moreover, her leadership abilities would be an asset to the Council in its support to SAAC to establish a statewide self-advocacy network.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 611** to confirm Lani Bartholomew to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



Liz Ann Salvador  
Chair



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW  
Executive Administrator

April 5, 2011

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Human Services Committee  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
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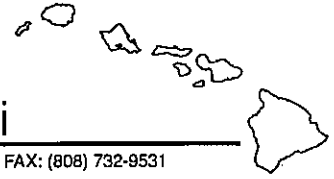
Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Human Services Committee:

My name is Michael Tamanaha, Executive Director of The Arc in Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 611 nominating Lani Bartholomew to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have known Lani for a number of years and have found her to be a true advocate for persons with disabilities. She is willing to speak up and communicate her message while maintaining relationships. I believe Lani will have a positive impact on the Council. I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Lani Bartholomew to the DD Council.

Sincerely,

Mike Tamanaha, Executive Director

The Arc in Hawaii



## The **Arc** in Hawaii

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March 31, 2011

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Human Services Committee  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
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Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: Hearing on GM611 – April 5, 2011 – 1:15pm  
Testimony in Support of GM611, Gubernatorial Nomination of Lani Bartholomew to  
the State Council on Developmental Disabilities**

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Human Services Committee:

My name is Becky Tyksinski. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 611 nominating Lani Bartholomew to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Lani lives in The Arc in Hawaii's Kailua apartment complex. I have known her since joining The Arc in 2006.

In my five years at The Arc, I've gotten to see Lani as a volunteer, self-advocate, and organizer. She's eager to help, speaks her mind, and is very persuasive. Lani has a keen grasp of both individual and societal issues surrounding intellectual and developmental disabilities. She knows where she stands and doesn't hesitate to say so, yet she's also willing to listen.

In the last five years, I've also gotten to know Lani as a friend. She's honest, loving, and has a wicked sense of humor.

I believe the State Council on Developmental Disabilities can only benefit from someone with Lani's qualities. I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Lani Bartholomew to the DD Council.

Sincerely,

Becky J. Tyksinski

Director of Development

**Christina Hogan  
2600 Pualani Way, 1705  
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March 31, 2011

**Date of Hearing: April 5, 2011**

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Human Services Committee  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State Capitol  
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Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Human Services Committee:

My name is Christina Hogan, 2600 Pualani Way, 1705, Honolulu, HI 96815. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 611 nominating Lani Bartholomew to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I have known Lani for almost 15 years, as a resident in The Arc in Hawaii apartments, as an Instructor Assistant in the Adult Day Program, as a Legislative volunteer and as an advocate for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I have never known her to say "no", when approached to help with a cause. As recently as two months ago, she agreed to sit on The Arc in Hawaii's self advocacy board and be our liaison for Legislative issues. Her understanding of the issues and empathy for individuals that are less able to communicate and verbalize their wants and needs are way above that of a typical citizen of Hawaii. Lani has volunteered in political campaigns, helped to get the vote out and assisted people to receive an Absentee Ballot. Her efforts to make the community a better place for all, is what drives her to continue. Lani never complains about aches or pains, even though she feels them, she is always there to urge on people and show by example that they "can" do it.

I am delighted to add my name as a strong supporter of Lani Bartholomew's nomination and I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Lani Bartholomew to the DD Council.

Sincerely,

Christina Hogan

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at The Arc in Hawaii, Training Coordinator, 737-7995 extension 725.

March 31, 2011

Heidi L. Miller  
83 Kihapai Street #106  
Kailua HI, 96734

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Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Human Services Committee  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Human Services Committee:

My name is Heidi Miller and I wish to take the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 611 nominating Lani Bartholomew to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

The first time I met Lani was in 2002, at a social event at one of the ARC homes. I was instantly impressed by her wisdom and appreciated the way she was able to reach out to a stranger and express her feeling on topics that were important to her and the community.

Our paths crossed again in 2008 when I became the resident manager of the apartment complex where Lani lives. With this came a whole new appreciation of just who Lani is. If someone needs help or support, Lani is there for them. She opens her heart and offers her time to our new residents, often putting their schedule and needs above her own.

I whole heartedly believe the State Council on Developmental Disabilities can only benefit from someone with Lani's qualities. I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Lani Bartholomew to the DD Council.

Sincerely,

Heidi L Miller

The ARC in Hawaii  
Kailua Apartments Resident Manager

## ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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**Cc:** duaneb74@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Testimony for GM611 on 4/5/2011 1:15:00 PM

Testimony for HMS 4/5/2011 1:15:00 PM GM611

Conference room: 016  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Duane P. Bartholomew  
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Submitted on: 4/2/2011

**Comments:**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 611 nominating Lani Bartholomew to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I am Lani's father and a member of the Board of Directors of The Arc in Hawaii. I believe Lani is an excellent candidate for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Lani served on the Council quite a few years ago and so is an experienced member. She also is a person with both intellectual and physical disabilities, though she has many more abilities than she has disabilities so can represent the intellectually disabled segment of the population with disabilities on the DD Council. Lani is articulate and knows the needs of the population well so is able to speak on their behalf of their needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to write in support of GM 611.  
Duane P. Bartholomew  
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## ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

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**From:** Lori Sakaguchi [sakaguchi03@yahoo.com]  
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This testimony is regarding:

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April 5, 2011  
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Lori Sakaguchi  
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Honolulu, HI 96825

Hearing Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2011  
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Human Services Committee  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Human Services Committee:

My name is Lori Sakaguchi and I am a counselor at Kapi`olani Community College. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 611 nominating Lani Bartholomew to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I have known Lani for over 50 years. She is my sister, but more importantly she has been my teacher, my friend and, at times, my guiding light. As a counselor, I work with many students of differing abilities. I am a better counselor and person because Lani has taught me the essential lessons of working with others. She has gently led me to appreciate the following:

- Listening and watching carefully can sometimes tell you more than words
- Speak out when there is injustice and for those who do not have a voice
- Strive to respect all people and their different abilities
- Everyone is special and has strengths to offer

For these reasons and so many others I think she should be appointed to the DD Council.

I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Lani Bartholomew to the DD Council.

Sincerely,

Lori Sakaguchi

Counselor, Kapi`olani Community College

Business, Legal and Technology Education

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**From:** Mary Ezar [marye@thearcinohawaii.org]  
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**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* GM611 Lani Bartholomew

March 31, 2011

State of Hawaii  
Committee on Human Services  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Lani Bartholomew

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Human Services Committee:

My name is Mary A. Ezar. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 611 nominating Lani Bartholomew to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I have know Lani for over 20 years from my employment at The Arc in Hawaii, where I am an Administrative Assistant. I feel that Lani will be a very valuable member of this committee because of her high moral character, her commitment to persons with disabilities and her general commitment to doing a job well.

I find Lani to be a caring, kind and honest individual.

Please consider her for a position on this committee as I feel she would be a very good member. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

*Mary A. Ezar*

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## ChunOakland2 - Tyrell

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**From:** Tasha Dickinson [tasha.k.dickinson@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 31, 2011 2:39 AM  
**To:** HMS Testimony  
**Subject:** Submitting testimony for Gubernatorial Nominee, LANI BARTHOLOMEW

Tasha Dickinson

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Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Senate Human Services Committee

Twenty-Sixth Legislature

State Capitol

Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Human Services Committee:

My name is Tasha Dickinson, and I am writing you on behalf of my aunt, Lani Bartholomew. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 611 nominating Lani Bartholomew to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have known Lani my whole life, and I am excited to have the opportunity to support Lani in this endeavor. She is a very capable and kind person, and will be an asset to the DD Council. She has gained considerable knowledge and life experience in many of the other jobs she has worked, however I have never seen her so excited to participate, as through the political process. She has gotten involved offering testimony in the state house, and gaining the support of others around her. I believe this council would be an excellent opportunity for her.

I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Lani Bartholomew to the DD Council.

Sincerely,

*//signed*

Tasha K. Dickinson

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April 5, 2011

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Human Services Committee  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 226  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and the Human Services Committee,

My name is Lani Bartholomew. I would appreciate it if you would let me serve on the Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) so I can help people like myself. I am a person with disabilities and I want to help others to understand the laws and the changing of the word "mental retardation" to "intellectual disability".

I once served on the Developmental Disabilities Council in the late 1980's to early 1990's, but had to resign due to my work schedule. Presently, I am a member of the Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) that includes people with developmental disabilities. SAAC is working to change the word "mental retardation" to "intellectual disability" at the state legislature. I am also involved with a group at the Arc in Hawaii. We talk about the "R" word and the residents' needs at the Arc in Hawaii and about the Legislature. We have residents from different homes and apartments. I live in the Kailua Arc in Hawaii apartments. I have lived there for 29 years.

Please consider me for an appointment on the Developmental Disabilities Council. If you have any questions, please call me. Thank you.

Love,

Lani Bartholomew