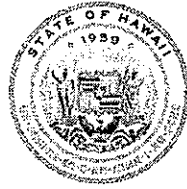


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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, AARON M. KEMP, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.



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The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
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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 614 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Aaron M. Kemp**

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 614** to confirm the nomination of Aaron M. Kemp 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.

Mr. Kemp is a young man with a developmental disability who resides on Maui. He was appointed on an interim basis in July 2010. His appointment would fulfill the Federal requirement of having self-advocates represented on the Council.

Mr. Kemp is a member of the Maui DD Committee, which serves as an advisory committee to the Council and is active in the Maui community. He receives services from Easter Seals Hawaii on Maui. As a member of the Council's Employment and

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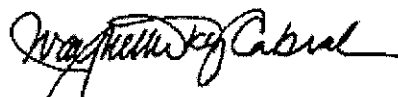
Education Committee, he participates in discussions on how to best support people with DD to pursue postsecondary education and training and to prepare for employment. He enthusiastically attends Council meetings and contributes his experience and perspective of a self-advocate to assist the Council in carrying out its activities that promote self-determination, independence, productivity, integration and inclusion in all facets of community life for individuals with DD.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 614** to confirm Aaron M. Kemp to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



Liz Ann Salvador
Chair



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