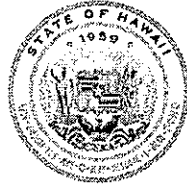


# GM615

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, ROSELANI M. ROWE, 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 615 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Roselani M. Rowe**

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 615** to confirm the nomination of Roselani M. Rowe 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.

Ms. Rowe is a sister of a family member with DD. She was first appointed to the Council in 2007. Her reappointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement of a family member of an individual with DD. She served as Council Chair from July 2008-June 2010, and is a current member of the Council's Employment and Education Committee that addresses employment of individuals with DD and transition of individuals from high school to post-secondary education and employment.

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Ms. Rowe's senior management, administrative assistant, and classroom experience working at the Special Education Center of Hawaii, Project Coordinator for the Po'ohala Family Support Project, and Parent Counselor at the Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii would provide the Council with the "voice of families" in planning and carrying out activities to support families of individuals with DD. As a family member, she would assist the Council in advocating for individuals with DD to have choice of residential setting, employment, recreation and leisure, and for services to be individualized and consumer-directed.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 615** to confirm Roselani M. Rowe to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

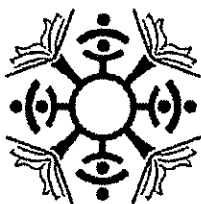
Sincerely,



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

My name is Michael K. Moore, Executive Director of Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message GM 615 to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Ms. Roselani Rowe serves as the Education and Training Coordinator for Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii (LDAH), our state's Parent Training and Information Center (PTI). In this position, Ms. Rowe is responsible for training – and advocating on behalf of – parents of children with disabilities; educating professionals serving students with disabilities and; supervising a team of training and advocacy personnel. Her knowledge of developmental disabilities and disability law is extensive. As well, Ms. Rowe's expertise and skill as an advocate, mentor and trainer are highly regarded throughout Hawaii's communities and her dedication to the work and the families we serve is evident in everything she does for LDAH.

It is without reservation that I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Roselani Rowe as a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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April 1, 2011

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

Dear Senator Chun-Oakland and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 615 - Gubernatorial Nominee Roselani M. Rowe

It is an honor to ask for your support of **GM 615** to confirm the nomination of Roselani M. Rowe to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I have had the privilege of knowing Ms. Rowe for over 8 years in my professional capacity as the Program Specialist for the Special Parent Information Network (SPIN) and as a former member of the Po'ohala Family Support Advisory Council. Ms. Rowe was the Project Coordinator for this grant and worked collaboratively with stakeholders from across the state to identify innovative approaches of providing services for their family member with a developmental disability.

In her role as the Program Manager at the Learning Disabilities Association of Hawaii, I have come to truly appreciate her expertise and knowledge of the educational protections that our children with disabilities are entitled to. I admire her energy, passion and dedication to ensuring that students with disabilities can reach their potential and become contributing and productive adults. Her positive attitude has inspired families of children with disabilities and their families to be proactive in their pursuit of creating successful outcomes.

Ms. Rowe'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 Ms. Rowe's nomination to serve again on the Council and look forward to her contributions to improve the quality of life for individuals with DD.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong support for **GM 615** to confirm Roselani Rowe to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



Jan M. Tateishi