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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to
the Statewide Council on Independent Living,
Gubernatorial Nominee, YVONNE L. FOSTER, for
a term to expire 6-30-2014.

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April 5, 2011

MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director
Department of Human Services

SUBJECT: **G. M. 641 – Gubernatorial Nomination of Yvonne L. Foster to
the Statewide Council on Independent Living**

Hearing: Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services supports the nomination of Yvonne L. foster to the Board of Directors of the Statewide Council on Independent Living (SCIL).

Ms. Foster is an individual with experience in the business world which deals directly with the independent employment needs of individuals with disabilities.

She has been involved in a variety of community associations including those related to housing, parenting, legal aid and integration of all people regardless of race or disability in their communities.

Ms. Foster has lived and worked throughout the Pacific Rim which will bring a diverse background to the boards work for the Independent Living needs of individuals with disabilities.

Ms. Foster is an active advocate in her community and will provide the SCIL representation for the island of Oahu.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. Foster's nomination.



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THE SENATE
THE TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2011

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

HEARING DATE: Tuesday, April 5, 2011
TIME: 1:15 pm
PLACE: Conference Room 016
State Capitol 415 South Beretania Street

Re: GM 641 - YVONNE L. FOSTER

My name is Sheryl Nelson. I am the Executive Director of the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC). The council is in strong support of GM 641 appointing Gubernatorial Nominee Yvonne L. Foster to the SILC for a term to expire June 30, 2014.



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Being from Kauai, Yvonne will assist the SILC in having Council members statewide.

Her other volunteer experience with the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, Mutual Housing Association of Hawaii, and board member of Kauai Economic Opportunity, Incorporated for the past ten years, will be of great value to the council.

Sheryl Nelson
Executive Director
Statewide Independent Living Council