

GM642

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to
the Statewide Council on Independent Living,
Gubernatorial Nominee, ANN ELIZABETH LEMKE,
for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director
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SUBJECT: **G. M. 642 – Gubernatorial Nomination of Ann Elizabeth Lemke
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 Ann E. Lemke to the Board of Directors of the Statewide Council on Independent Living (SCIL).

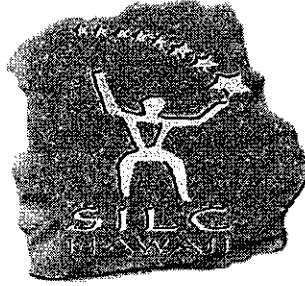
Dr. Lemke is an individual with a life time of experience in the field of independent living both professionally and personally.

Dr. Lemke has been actively involved in the development, charter and operation of centers and providers of Independent Living since 1980. She currently is a Professor at the Windward Community College as their disability specialist and admissions coordinator. She is also the President of the "Anuenue" Chapter of the Hawaii National Federation of the Blind.

Dr. Lemke's vast knowledge, education, and work with individuals in a variety of disabilities will be an asset to the Board of the SCIL.

Dr. Lemke is an active advocate as an individual with a disability and will provide the SCIL representation for the island of Oahu.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Dr. Lemke's nomination.



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Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

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Re: GM 642 – ANN ELIZABETH LEMKE

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My name is Sheryl Nelson. I am the executive director of the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC). The council strongly supports the appointment of ANN ELIZABETH LEMKE to the SILC.

She enthusiastically embraces the values of independent living for all people especially people with disabilities. Ann's experience as a person with a disability and her long time professional and volunteer experience in the independent living movement will be of great value to the council. Her advocacy skills, independent living knowledge and personal experiences will bring knowledge, perspective and will add dimension to the Statewide Independent Living Council.

Sheryl Nelson
Executive Director
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Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC)

Support for the appointment of Dr. Ann Lemke

I am Dr. Jacqueline Maly, Professor Emeritus of Windward Community College. I was one of the founding faculty members at the College and continue with my involvement as an active volunteer in several areas, including is Student Services. It is through these activities that I have come to know and observe Dr. Ann Lemke and her interactions with students first hand.

I have known and worked with Dr. Lemke since the day she arrived in Hawaii to become a Councilor for Students with Special Needs at Windward Community College, about 5 years ago. In my opinion, her greatest qualification to serve on this Council is her own very full and productive life. Although blind from birth she earned PhD and had a very successful career working as an academic councilor on the mainland for many years. She married, raised two daughters, and as I have worked with her over the past five years, has functioned in every way with the fullness of life afforded those of us without a visual handicap. She is the ultimate example of "Independent Living".

In her role as a councilor, she has had to keep up with current legislation, both locally and on a national level as it relates to legal requirements for people with disabilities as well as the resources available to them. She, herself is a great resource of this information.

Here in Hawaii, she has been very active with the National Federation of the Blind, supporting efforts to promote Braille literacy for children and pursuing legislative funding for Newslines, which is a telephone-based and internet capable service that allows access to newspapers, job listing, and other print information. Prior to coming to Hawaii, she has been involved in working with centers for independent living since 1980 in El Paso, Texas.

For these and many other reasons, I highly recommend and support the nomination of Dr. Lemke to membership on the Statewide Independent living Council.

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
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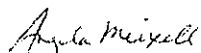
In support of GM 642, nomination of Dr. Ann Lemke

I am testifying as an individual citizen in support of GM642, the nomination of Dr. Ann Lemke to the Statewide Independent Living Council. I have known Dr. Lemke for approximately five years. When I was chancellor of Windward Community College we hired Dr. Lemke to create a disabilities counseling program in student services. Within one semester of her hire, the college recognized a positive difference in admission and retention of students with various special needs. As Disability/Admissions Counselor, and as Counselor for Running Start and Early Admits, Dr. Lemke works with students and faculty to ensure that students get the support or accommodations that they need to be successful. She has been excellent at providing professional development opportunities for faculty and staff to learn how to better serve students.

Dr. Lemke has over 30 years of experience working with centers for independent living both in Texas and in Hawaii. She is an active advocate for people with disabilities, both at the college and in the community. She is very active with the National Federation for the Blind.

As a blind person, who not only lives independently, but daily accomplishes more than most sighted individuals, Ann is a living example of the potential of the Independent living Council. I can assure you that you will not find anyone better suited to this appointment.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony.



Angela Meixell