



GOV. MSG. NO. 528

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NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
GOVERNOR

January 5, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Tsutsui and Members of the Senate,

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **State Council on Developmental Disabilities**:

<u>STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES</u>	<u>TERM TO EXPIRE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Christian Butt	6/30/2015	State Agency

Sincerely,

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Governor, State of Hawai'i

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Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Human Services Committee  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State Capitol  
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Re: GM 528 on February 21, 2012

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

My name is Patti Bazin. I am the Health Care Services Branch Administrator for the Med-QUEST Division. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 528 to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I have worked with Chris Butt for the past three years. Chris is part of the Health Care Services Branch at the Med-QUEST Division (MQD) as the Contract Monitoring and Compliance Section Administrator. In this role, Chris is responsible for overseeing a team of State employees that performs quality oversight of the 1915(c) waiver for Hawaii residents with Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities (DD/ID). In addition, Chris worked collaboratively with the Department of Health, Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD) in the recent renewal of the DD/ID waiver in July 2011.

As part of the recent DD/ID waiver renewal, DDD reports on outcomes for the waiver participants to MQD. Chris and his team review the outcomes to ensure that the services DDD is providing to the DD/ID waiver participants meets established standards. In addition, Chris is committed to coordination between DD/ID waiver and health plan services.

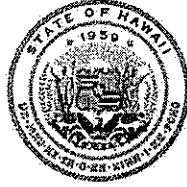
Chris listens to the waiver participants and their families then works with other team members, both MQD and DDD, to assure that their needs are addressed. Chris is heartfelt in his work within the MQD. Finally, the MQD staff has a tremendous amount of respect for Chris' guidance and direction. This respect allows Chris to make certain that the waiver standards are implemented within DOH/DDD.

I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Chris Butt.

Sincerely,



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

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

**SUBJECT: GM 528 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Christian Butt**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 528** to confirm the nomination of Christian Butt 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 are required to be on the Council: relevant State entities; State entities 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; local and non-governmental agencies, and private non-profit groups concerned with services for individuals with DD.

Mr. Butt is the Section Administrator for the Contracts Monitoring and Compliance Sections for the Department of Human Services, Med-QUEST Division (MQD). His appointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement for a representative of Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

Mr. Butt's position with MQD and his involvement with the contract monitoring activities of the Quest Expanded Access (QExA) program would provide the Council with a direct link to convey its issues and concerns for persons with DD participating in the program. His appointment to the Council would strengthen the Council's advocacy to assure that individuals with DD have access to medical and dental care. The Council's 2012-2016 State Plan goal in the area of Health is that "People with DD will have access to physical and mental health and medical and dental care, providing

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opportunities to ensure and maintain their quality of life and ability to provide their own care." His background and experience with the QExA program would assist the Council in its State Plan activity to develop a one-page informational sheet that provides clear, concise and current information on the QExA program for individuals, families, caregivers, QExA program care coordinators and DD case managers.

We welcome Mr. Butt's nomination to serve on the Council and looks forward to his contributions to assist us to improve access to medical and dental care services for individuals with DD.

Thank you for your consideration, and for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 528** to confirm Christian Butt to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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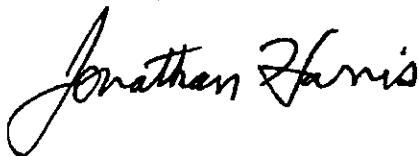
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Senate Human Services Committee  
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Dear Senator Chun Oakland, Senator Ihara and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jonathan T. Harris, Nurse Consultant with the Department of Human Services, Med-QUEST Division. I am writing to you to express strong support for Governor's Message Gov. Msg. No. 528 to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have known Mr. Christian Butt since he began working at the Med-QUEST Division and he is also my supervisor at work. Mr. Butt has worked for the state for a number of years and has established many contacts with different people. His wealth of knowledge in many different areas should prove to be an asset to the council.

Please consider Mr. Christian Butt to be confirmed to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



Jonathan T. Harris, Nurse Consultant

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

My name is Lily Ota, RN. Thank you for the opportunity to submit A testimony in strong support of Governor's Message Gov. Msg. No. 528 to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have known Chris Butt for the past several years as my supervisor. I've found Mr. Butt to be experienced, competent and sensible based on our professional association. He has an easy going temperament and provides support and leadership when needed.

He will certainly be an asset to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I would recommend him without reservations.

I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Chris Butt.

Sincerely,



Lily Ota, RN

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

My name is Lori Onaga, and I am a licensed social worker. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message Gov. Msg. No. 528 to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have known Christian Butt for approximately two years, while employed with the Department of Human Services Med-QUEST Division, Health Care Services Branch, Member and Provider Relations Section. My job responsibilities include the monitoring and managing of contract agreement provisions impacting Medicaid populations and providers in accordance with Federal and State requirements. In my capacity, I frequently consult the Christian to determine if a health plan is meeting their contractual requirements. Christian has always been accessible and accommodating, and he has a unique ability to extrapolate the major issues and provide a fair and accurate response. His calm demeanor and patience, only enhances his effectiveness in interfacing with his co-workers and other State and private sector personnel.

I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Christian Butt.

Sincerely,



Lori Onaga, LSW