



GOV. MSG. NO. 633

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GOVERNOR

February 10, 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>
Sol Ray Duncan	6/30/2016

Sincerely,

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Governor, State of Hawai'i



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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
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

**SUBJECT: GM 633 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Sol Ray Duncan**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 633** to confirm the nomination of Sol Ray Duncan for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

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. Duncan's appointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement for representatives of individuals with DD. He is a young man who lives independently in an apartment in Pearl City operated by the Arc in Hawaii. Since July 2010, he has been attending the Council meetings, Council's Employment and Education Committee meetings, and Day at the Capitol events. His commitment and dedication to serve on the Council is evident by his consistent attendance and participation.

In addition to the above, Mr. Duncan is a member of the Pearl City Neighborhood Board, the current President of Arc Advocates, and an active member of the Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC). He has conveyed his desire to be a voice for other

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individuals who cannot speak for themselves. He was actively involved with SAAC in advocating before the Legislature to pass legislation to remove the "R" (retarded) word from State Statutes and participated in the Governor's signing of the bill as Act 220/11.

Mr. Duncan's experience in living independently and his active involvement in the community would assist the Council in achieving its State Plan Goal in Community Supports that states, "People with developmental disabilities will receive the necessary supports to live self-determined lives and have equal access under the law." He is an example of someone who is self-determined and living life to the fullest.

We look forward to Mr. Duncan's appointment to serve on the Council and his continued participation on SAAC.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 633** to confirm Sol Ray Duncan to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

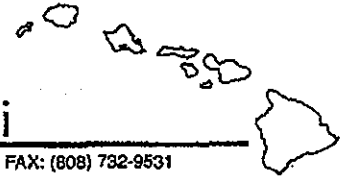
Sincerely,


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Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Human Services Committee
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
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Dear Senator Chun Oakland and members of the Human Services Committee:

My name is Christine Menezes. I am the Waiver and Residential Coordinator for the Arc in Hawaii as well as the Apartment Manager for our Pearl City site. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 633 to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. As his Apartment Manager, I have known SolRay Duncan for little over a year. SolRay is a responsible tenant who maintains the rules of the facility at all times. He is the voice of his fellow tenants when they are unable to speak for themselves and treats each of them with dignity and respect. SolRay should be appointed to the DD council so he may be the voice of many more of his peers and represent the DD population in a positive and professional manner. SolRay has the dedication a board member requires to perform the necessary job responsibilities and the commitment it will take to fight for the rights of the DD population

I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm SolRay Duncan

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Menezes", written in a cursive style.

Christine Menezes,
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