



GOV. MSG. NO. 639

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
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<br/>DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES</u> | <u>TERM TO EXPIRE</u> | <u>REMARKS</u> |
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| Pamela Rice  | 6/30/2016             | Reappointment  |

Sincerely,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i



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February 28, 2012

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 639 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Pamela Rice**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 639** to confirm the nomination of Pamela Rice 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.

Ms. Rice's reappointment to the Council would continue to fulfill the Federal requirement for parent representatives of individuals with DD. She was first appointed to the Council in July 2008. Her experience as a parent will continue to give the parent's voice and perspective of the importance of supporting families to enable their son/daughter to live with them.

She is a graduate of the Council-sponsored Partners in Policymaking (PIP) Leadership Academy, served as a facilitator for the training program, and was an active member on the PIP Advisory Committee. Her contributions with the PIP program was

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an asset in making it a successful leadership program that provided education and training in current disability issues and best practices, and legislative and systems advocacy.

Ms. Rice has been active with the Council's annual Day at the Capitol event. She serves as a mentor for other parents to convey their interests and concerns to legislators. Currently, she is Co-Chair of the Council's Employment and Education Committee and continues to provide the leadership for the Committee to engage in activities to increase employment, self-employment, and/or postsecondary education options for individuals with DD.

The Council is pleased with Ms. Rice's nomination to serve a second term on the Council and looks forward to her continued contributions on behalf of families.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 639** to confirm Pamela Rice to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

  
Liz Ann Salvador  
Chair

  
Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW  
Executive Administrator

# Letter of Support

Pamela L. Rice

84-136 Water St.

Waianae, Hi 96792

February 21, 2012 at 1:15 p.m.

State Capital Room 016

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair

Senate Human Services Committee

Twenty-Sixth Legislatures

State Capitol

Honolulu, Hi 96813

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

My name is William C. Rice Jr., Pamela's Husband. Thank you for considering my wife of 34 years to be a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. She presently serves on the Council and I know she takes the responsibilities very seriously. The duties of the Council are very important and I believe Pamela will be of benefit to the Council. Her experience in raising two sons with developmental disabilities helps her to understand some of the experiences of other individuals and families. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message GM 639 to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

William C. Rice, Jr.

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

My name is Jean Kawazoe and I am an educator living in Waianae. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message GM 639 to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I have known Pamela Rice for 15 years as a friend, parent and caregiver to several individuals needing support and assistance in life.

Mrs. Rice's life experiences, empathy and willingness to learn and share resources make her an especially valuable asset to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Pamela Rice.

Sincerely,

Jean Kawazoe

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