



GOV. MSG. NO. 641

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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>
Christopher Toyama	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 641 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Christopher Toyama**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 641** to confirm the nomination of Christopher Toyama 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. Toyama's appointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement for representatives of individuals with DD. For the past four years he has expressed his desire to serve on the Council. He is a young man who lives independently with supports in an apartment in Wahiawa operated by the Arc in Hawaii. He works at Costco Waipio, and his work experience would assist the Council in its State Plan Objective for Employment to "collaborate with agencies or businesses on 10 trainings that prepare adults for employment by September 30, 2016." His accomplishments in living independently in an apartment and working at a large business firm is evidence that people with DD can live and work in the community.

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Mr. Toyama is an enthusiastic individual who would like to help others achieve independence. His ability to articulate his point of view will provide an example for other individuals to speak for themselves. We are excited about his participation on the Self-Advocacy Advisory Council that is comprised of and governed by individuals with DD.

We look forward to Mr. Toyama's appointment to serve on the Council and his participation in the Council's State Plan activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 641** to confirm Christopher Toyama the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

  
Liz Ann Salvador  
Chair

  
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Executive Administrator

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