

TESTIMONY

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TESTIMONY
Of
GLENN S. NAKAMURA
To The
SENATE COMMITTEE
On
HEALTH
On
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Submitting for consideration, and confirmation, to the Department of Health, Disability Communication Access Board (DCAB), Board of Directors.

Chair Green, and committee members, thank you for giving me the opportunity to appear before you today, and I appreciate you taking the time from your busy schedule to meet with me. I also want to thank Governor Abercrombie for nominating me.

With over 30 years in management as Store Manager, Operations Manager, and Human Resource Director, it has provided me with the leadership, administrative, and technical skills necessary to be a successful and knowledgeable board member for the Disability Communication Access Board.

Furthermore, as you can see I am a person with disabilities, diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy. I am also a former Volunteer Police Disabled Parking Enforcement Officer, which gives me the practical experience also necessary to be successful and empathetic board member.

My goals to be accomplished doing my term of service are;

- Work with the other 16 board members to help facilitate the state's efforts to comply with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), civil rights laws through dissemination, and edification of information with the goal to achieve voluntary compliance of these laws.
- Assist and help improve the disabled parking program.
- Assist and help improve the public's understanding of people with disabilities, and the importance of compliance to the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Although not part of the DCAB's jurisdiction, assist, and help, improve the paratransit system, which is known as the HandiVan program.
- Assist and to help positively impact the lives of people with disabilities.

In closing, I would like to thank the committee for the consideration and I am confident, if confirmed, I will be a positive asset to this board.

Sincerely submitted,

Glenn S. Nakamura

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Disability and Communication Access Board?

Reasons why I will want to be on the Board are;

I am a person with disabilities, diagnose with Muscular Dystrophy and have been retired due to my disability since 2004.

There are many disabled people who are unable to represent themselves, and I would like to help them by ensuring that our state and counties are complying with the American with Disabilities Act.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Disability and Communication Access Board?

If considered, my objective is to assist and work with the other 16 board members to help facilitate the State's efforts to comply with the American with Disability Act (ADA) and civil rights laws through dissemination, and edification of information with a goal to achieve voluntary compliance of these laws.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the Disability and Communication Access Board, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the Disability and Communication Access Board.

Reasons why I believe I qualify for this position are;

During my working career, I have been in a Store Manager for over seven years, and Operations Manager forward nine years, and a Human Resource Director for four years, and throughout my management career I have dealt and reasoned with people.

As Human Resources Director, I had the opportunity to implement policies and train management on the American with Disabilities Act in 1991.

I attended numerous workshops and seminars concerning issue.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

My goals to be accomplished doing my term of service are;

Help improve the disabled parking program.

Help improve the paratransit system, the Handivan program.

Help improve the public's understanding of people with disabilities, and the importance of compliance to the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Positively impact the lives of people with disabilities.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the Disability and Communication Access Board?

Three qualities that best describes me are;

I have the passion to make our state assessable.

I am a person with disabilities confined in a power wheelchair, which are my legs, in which I deal with accessibility problems every day.

I have compassion and the desire to help people with disabilities and improve their quality of life.

(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the Disability and Communication Access Board?

I was a Human Resource Director and dealt with people with disabilities and knowledgeable of the American with disabilities act.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Disability and Communication Access Board? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

No. I do not foresee any conflicts of interests during my term on the Disability Communication Access Board.

Sincerely,

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