



GOV. MSG. NO. 676

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February 17, 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 **Commission on Fatherhood**:

COMMISSION ON
FATHERHOOD

TERM TO EXPIRE

REMARKS

S. Bruce Berger

6/30/2013

Senate

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Abercrombie".

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
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February 28, 2012

MEMORANDUM:

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **G.M. 676 – Gubernatorial Nomination of Bruce S. Berger to the
State Fatherhood Commission**

Hearing: Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the nomination of Mr. Bruce Berger to the State Commission on Fatherhood.

Mr. Berger is seeking an appointment to fill the remaining term of a vacant position. Mr. Berger brings to the Commission over 20 years of counseling experience in Hawaii, effectively addressing the issues of alcohol and substance abuse as a Counseling Psychologist with the U.S. Army's Alcohol and Substance Abuse Clinic at Schofield Barracks. He has also worked as a vocational counselor counseling injured workers on the job and assisting them on returning to their job. His work with the U.S. Army Alcohol and Substance Abuse Clinic includes providing an array of services to soldiers who are in need of therapy or counseling services, particularly soldiers who are fathers that are in need of therapy services. Mr. Berger created a "Speakers Bureau" of

motivational speakers sharing first person experiences of recovery from substance abuse, child welfare issues and family matters.

Mr. Berger will provide representation to the Commission as the State Senate's representative.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this Committee.

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Comments:
I support the confirmation of Bruce Berger.