



GOV. MSG. NO. 678

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GOVERNOR

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

Darrin Sato

6/30/2015

House

Sincerely,

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

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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. 678 – Gubernatorial Nomination of Darrin Sato 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. Darrin Sato to the State Commission on Fatherhood.

Mr. Sato has been nominated by the Governor to fill a vacant position. Mr. Sato brings to the Commission over 30 years of counseling, educational and administrative experience in Hawaii. Mr. Sato has extensive background in the field of social work. He began his career as case manager with the Diamond Head Mental Health Center and presently serves as Interim Executive Director and currently Chief Operations Officer of the Kalihi-Palama Health Center.

Mr. Sato received the 2002 Hawaii State Social Worker of the Year award while he was an adjunct faculty member in the University of Hawaii's School of Social Work

and Director of the Behavior Health and Social Services at the Kalihi-Palama Health Center.

Mr. Sato will provide representation to the Commission as the State House's representative.

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

Kalihi-Palama Health Center

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**The Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui, President
Members of the Senate of the Twenty Sixth Legislature**

**Testimony on GM 678 COMMISSION ON FATHERHOOD
Strong Support for the Confirmation of Darrin Sato to the Commission on Fatherhood**

Submitted by Emmanuel Kintu, Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director
Date of Hearing: February 28, 2012; at 1:00 p.m.,
State Capitol, Room 409

I strongly support Darrin A. Sato's appointment to the Commission on Fatherhood.

Over the last five years and nine months that I have worked with Darrin, he has demonstrated consistent caring for healthy families and the unique roles that fathers play in promoting healthy families. He has been particularly effective at highlighting the role of fathers in promoting healthy family relationships in the families of the poor, new immigrants, urban poor native Hawaiians, and residents from the Pacific Islands.

Darrin's social work training and his experience providing behavioral health services to the disenfranchised residents of Honolulu prepares him well to reach families that would otherwise be ignored or overlooked.

I strongly support Darrin Sato's appointment to the fatherhood commission He brings unique experience to the commission and expertise to address the needs of a significant segment of Hawaii's population that could have been left unrepresented.

On behalf of KPHC and the community we serve, I strongly support GM 678 – Darrin Sato for the Commission on Fatherhood.

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Conference room: 016
Testifier position: Support
Testifier will be present: No
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Comments:
I support the confirmation of Darin Sato.

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Conference room: 016
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Testifier will be present: Yes
Submitted by: Darrin Sato
Organization: Individual
E-mail: dsato@kphc.org
Submitted on: 2/28/2012

Comments:

Testimony

Commission on Fatherhood Darrin Sato

Aloha Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara, Senators Green and Slom. My name is Darrin Sato I am honored and privileged to be nominated to the commission on Fatherhood. I wish to be a member of the commission as I believe fathers play an integral part in the development and health of our children. I believe the role of the father is changing. Especially in Hawaii where parents have multiple jobs and responsibilities, being a parent has become more difficult with less time. As a Social Worker and Chief Operations Officer at Kalihi-Palama Health Center, I see the consequences of fathers not involved with their families/children. Fathers are the guides for their children and as any parent those role models are replaced with outside influences which at times are not positive ones. Father is a great influence on health, education and becoming contributing citizens to our society. As a father, I see the importance I have in shaping my daughter's life. While I am far from perfect, I want to be the best dad I can and I believe all fathers have the same goals. Lastly, I want to give back to my community and help make a difference in people's lives.

I believe I am a good candidate due with my background in Social Work and my years of working in areas of low income/populations that are at risk. I am familiar with programs and relevant research in the area of parenting and human development. At Kalihi-Palama Health Center, I have the unique opportunity to work with many new immigrants to Hawaii and I hope to provide information on cultural diversity.

My goal would be to continue the mission on the commission on fatherhood the best practices the commission and State has adopted.