

HTH HEARING

GM733

TESTIMONY



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April 10, 2013

The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
Senate Committee on Health
Twenty-Seventh Legislature
State of Hawaii
State Capitol
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Green and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT: GM 733 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Governatorial Nominee Maxine Nagamine**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 733** the nomination of Maxine Nagamine for a term to expire June 30, 2014.

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 agencies are required to be on the Council: Department of Health; the agencies that administer funds provided under 1) the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 2) the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 3) the Older Americans Act of 1965, 4) Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act; the Protection and Advocacy Agency; the Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; agencies and private non-profit organizations concerned with services to individuals with DD.

The Governor's nominee, Maxine Nagamine, meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership. She is an Educational Specialist in the Special Education Services Branch, Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Support in the Department of Education (DOE). Her appointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement for a representative of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Dr. Nagamine's experience as a teacher and school administrator would provide the Council with insight on how best to proceed to achieve quality education outcomes and school transitions that are meaningful and individualized consistent with

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the principles of self-determination. Over the past four years, Dr. Nagamine has been involved with the Council's Interagency Workgroup on Transition that identifies how agencies can collaborate to increase post-high school opportunities for students with DD in employment and post-secondary education. Her participation on the Council's Education and Employment Committee would assist the Council to address its State Plan Education and Employment Goals, "Students with developmental disabilities have quality education outcomes, including vocational and life skills training," and "People with developmental disabilities will have supports to obtain and sustain their chosen life goal to prepare students at all educational levels for the transition from high school to adult life including employment, self-employment, and/or post-secondary education and training."

The Council is pleased with Dr. Nagamine's nomination to serve on the Council and looks forward to her contributions to increase coordination between the Council and DOE, and improve school transitions and employment outcomes for individuals with DD.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 733** to confirm Maxine Nagamine to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW
Executive Administrator



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Lei Fountain	The Arc in Hawaii	Support	No

Comments: Maxine Nagamine would be an excellent DD Council member. Her compassion, work ethic and most of all, dedication to those that we serve, is commendable. On behalf of The Arc in Hawaii, we support her recommendation.

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Senate Committee on Health
Senator Josh Green, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair

DATE: Wednesday, April 10, 2013
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
PLACE: Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

GM 733: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, MAXINE NAGAMINE, for a term to expire 6-30-2014.

Dear Chair Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair Senator Rosalyn Bakes and members of the Senate Health Committee:

I am offering testimony in support of Maxine Nagamine's nomination for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Although retired, I have worked with Ms. Nagamine through my employment with the Department of Education, Department of Health and a private nonprofit agency serving individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. I am certain that she will be a valued member of the Council and brings a wealth of information and expertise on the transition of youth from the Department of Education into the adult world.

Sincerely,

Michael Tamanaha