GIM 552 ARTHUR CABANILLA

- Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, ARTHUR CABANILLA, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.
- **Report Title:** State Rehabilitation Council

Current Referral: HMS



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MEMORANDUM:

- TO: Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair Senate Committee on Human Services
- FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: G.M. 552 - Gubernatorial Nomination of Arthur Cabanilla to the State Rehabilitation Council

Hearing: Thursday, March 27, 2014; 1:15 p.m. Conference Room 016, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the nomination of Mr. Arthur

Cabanilla to the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC).

Mr. Arthur Cabanilla is seeking reappointment for his second term to the SRC.

He brings his professional experience to the council from years of working with

individuals with disabilities, providing training and assessment in assistive technology.

Mr. Cabanilla also brings his personal experience as an individual living with a life-time disability.

Mr. Cabanilla was raised in Hawaii and brings a positive cultural perspective to the table, as he provides input to the Council's work. He is an active member of a national consumer group of the blind and the Ho'opono Advisory Board, advocating for the independence of people with disabilities. Mr. Cabanilla's focus is encouraging people with disabilities to be able to dream, aspire and attain their goals within a career and employment of their choice.

Mr. Cabanilla will provide representation to the SRC as an Advocate and a previous recipient of Vocational Rehabilitation Services and Honolulu County.

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