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April 9, 2012

MEMORANDUM:

TO: The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair
Senate Committee on Health

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **G.M. 668 – GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION OF ALBERT PEREZ TO
THE STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Hearing: Wednesday, April 9, 2012, 1:30 p.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the nomination of Mr. Albert Perez to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Mr. Perez brings to the Commission an extensive background as an administrator and as a vocational counselor for person with disabilities. He is currently the Administrator of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) in the State of Hawaii Department of Human Services. He has also served as a member of the State Council on Mental Health.

Mr. Perez's skills, expertise, and knowledge in the area of services needed to prepare for, obtain and maintain employment for persons with disabilities will be of great benefit to the Council.

In addition, because the DVR administers the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, he is required by law to serve as a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

We urged your favorable consideration of his confirmation to the Council.

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



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The Honorable Josh Green, Chair
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Dear Senator Green and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 668 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Albert Perez

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 668** to confirm the nomination of Albert Perez for a term to expire June 30, 2015.

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 the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; the Older Americans Act of 1965; 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 meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

Mr. Perez is the Administrator of the Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). His appointment on the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement to have a representative of the State entity that administers funds under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Since last September 2013, Mr. Perez has been active in attending Council meetings and participating on the Employment Committee, the Tri-Agency Map to Employment for Students with DD Transitioning from High

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School Work Group, and the Employment Memorandum of Agreement Work Group. Through the Committee and Work Groups, he initiated collaborative approaches with the Department of Education and Department of Health, DD Division to pull together resources to increase employment opportunities and outcomes for persons with DD.

His experience and position as Administrator for DVR would assist the Council in addressing its State Plan Employment Goal, "People with intellectual and 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," and help us to achieve competitive employment for individuals with DD.

The Council is pleased with the nomination of Mr. Perez and welcomes the opportunity to work with him. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 668** to confirm Albert Perez to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, M.S.W.
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J. Curtis Tyler, III
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April 8, 2014

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Re: Mr. Albert Perez's (GM 668) Nomination to the State's DD Council

Dear Senators Green and Baker and Members of the Committee:

As Vice President & Program Director of Network Enterprises, Inc., a private, non-profit vocational rehabilitation agency well-established in Hawai'i since 1985, I am writing to express strong support for Governor Abercrombie's nomination of Mr. Albert Perez to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Perez for more than 20 years on our various state contracts with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services. In working with Mr. Perez, I was continually impressed as he excelled and quickly rose through the ranks as a Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Section Supervisor, Oahu Branch Administrator and as Administrator of Hawai'i's Vocational Rehabilitation Division.

With over 20 years of solid experience in the field of vocational rehabilitation as a direct services worker, as well as a leader in various roles at the State's Vocational Rehabilitation Services, Mr. Perez brings with him, a unique, well-rounded perspective that is truly enriched with a deep understanding of the challenges individuals with disabilities face, as well as, an understanding of the challenges faced by the community in these economic times.

I ask for your Committee's support and consideration to confirm Mr. Albert Perez to the State Council on Development Disabilities.

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