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GM669 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, Caroline Cadirao, for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

**Testimony of Wes Lum
Director, Executive Office on Aging
Attached Agency to Department of Health**

Wednesday, April 9, 2014; Conference Room 229

1:30 p.m.

1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA) strongly supports the nomination of Ms.
2 Caroline Cadirao to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** I have known Ms. Cadirao for at least ten years through my work as
4 a contractor to EOA and in my current position as the Director of EOA. Ms. Cadirao has
5 extensive knowledge of the Older Americans Act (OAA) of 1965, as amended, which will serve
6 her well in her role as the OAA/Title III representative. Her understanding of the issues facing
7 older adults, coupled with her development of the Aging and Disability Resource Center, makes
8 her a knowledgeable candidate for the Council on Developmental Disabilities. For these reasons,
9 EOA supports the nomination of Ms. Cadirao. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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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 669 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Caroline Cadirao

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 669** to confirm the nomination of Caroline Cadirao for a term to expire June 30, 2018.

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.

Ms. Cadirao is Grants Manager for the Executive Office on Aging. She was appointed by Governor Lingle on October 30, 2009, on an interim basis and confirmed by the State Senate in 2010. Her reappointment fulfills the requirement to have a representative from the Older Americans Act of 1965. As a representative from the Executive Office on Aging, Ms. Cadirao would assist the Council in bringing together the

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aging and disability networks to increase collaboration among agencies, especially at a time of limited and reduced resources.

She is a member of the Council's Community Supports Committee that addresses the goal, "People with developmental disabilities will receive the necessary supports to live self-determined lives and have equal access under the law." She would be able to contribute her expertise in addressing the development of policies for home and community-based approaches that cut across the aging and disability populations. Her experience is an asset to the Council in promoting systems change and advocating on behalf of individuals with DD and their families.

We look forward to Ms. Cadirao's continued appointment to the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 669** to confirm Caroline Cadirao to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



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Arvid Tadao Youngquist	The Mestizo Association	Comments Only	No

Comments: Chair, Sen. Josh Green, ZSenate HTH Committee V. Chair, Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker Right Honorable Members of the Senae Health Committee We thank the nominee for stepping up to the plate for this Council where additional voices need to be heard, and heard with compassion as well as conviction. Thank you for hearing this confirmation. Aloha no, Arvid Tadao Youngquist Spokesman, Founder, & Administrator (est. 1982)

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