

# GM568

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March 1, 2016

The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,  
and Health  
Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Baker, Senator Kidani and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 568 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Joshua Goetz

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 568** to confirm the nomination of Joshua Goetz for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the stakeholders are represented and engaged in the development and implementation of a comprehensive system of services and supports for individuals with DD.

The law specifically requires that not less than 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, parents, immediate relatives or guardians. Additionally, each Council shall include representatives of relevant State entities, including State entities that administer funds provided under Federal laws related to individuals with disabilities, including the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.), Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.), and Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 701 et seq. and 1396 et seq.); Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; State Protection and Advocacy system; and representatives, at all times, of local and non-governmental agencies, and private nonprofit groups concerned with services for individuals with DD in the State.

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The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership. Mr. Goetz' appointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement for representatives of individuals with DD. Mr. Goetz receives services through the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver from the Arc of Kona and resides in a home operated by them. He is active in Special Olympics and is the current Chair for the Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) in Kona. As Chair, he leads the meetings, recruits other self-advocates to get involved with SAAC, assists in providing leadership training to other self-advocates, and participates in SAAC's officers monthly meetings with other officers from SAAC on Oahu, Kauai, Hilo, Lanai, and Maui.

Mr. Goetz is also very involved in the Council's West Hawaii DD Committee and shows enthusiasm in attending and participating in its meetings. He has attended several of the Council's annual Day at the Capitol events, and has met with the Senator and representatives for the West Hawaii District to convey his priorities and concerns for employment opportunities and accessible transportation on Hawaii Island for individuals with DD.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our **strong support for GM 568 to confirm the appointment of Joshua Goetz to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.**

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW  
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Dear Senator Baker, and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 568 and GM 569 - Gubernatorial Nominee, JOSHUA GOETZ

The Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 568 and GM 569**, the confirmation of Joshua Goetz to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities for the terms to expire 06-30-2016 and 06-30-2020.

Joshua is an honest person, hard worker, very involved with his community, speaks up for individuals with disabilities. He will advocate for others. He is the Chair of the West Hawaii SAAC chapter. Joshua will represent us well.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support of GM 568 and GM 569.**

Sincerely,



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President

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**GM568**

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Comments: Please vote Joshua in because he knows how to talk for us. Thank you

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GM 568 and GM 569  
Response from Joshua Goetz  
State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD)

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

I want to be on the DD Council to help others.

- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

I see my role and responsibility to represent other self-advocates, be trustworthy to others, attend DD Council meetings and activities, and be loyal to the Council.

- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

I feel that the DD Council helps people with DD to live independently and find a job.

- (4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

As a self-advocate, I advocate for myself and others. I am Chair of the West Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council and work with self-advocates and caregivers.

- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I feel that there needs to be change in the DD system. I hope to change the system. Department of Health has cut back services for personal assistance and adult day health. Case managers and agencies are working overtime. How do we get Department of Health and Department of Human Services to give more services to people with DD? I want to improve transportation services in West Hawaii.

- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

I am honest, trustworthy and loyal. I would be representing self-advocates and the community.

- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

I am the Chair of the Self-Advocacy Advisory Council in West Hawaii and am a Global Messenger for Special Olympics. As a Global Messenger, I will be training to become a public speaker.

- (8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I receive services from Arc of Kona so if the DD Council were to give money to the Arc of Kona, I would let the Council know that I will not vote on this because I receive services from the Arc of Kona.