

GM570

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHELLE PESTEL-MAGA, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

Report Title: State Council on Developmental Disabilities

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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 570 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Michelle Pestel-Maga

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 570** to confirm the nomination of Michelle Pestel-Maga 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 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. Ms. Pestel-Maga's appointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement for parent representatives on the Council. She is a parent of Anya with special needs who is in elementary school in the Honolulu District. Her advocacy on behalf of Anya and many other children to require health insurance coverage of orthodontic treatment for orofacial anomalies came to fruition last year as Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii. Act 213 is also referred to as Anya's Law.

Ms. Pestel-Maga's previous participation in the Council' annual Day at the Capitol event and active involvement as President of Lifetime of Smiles family support group, Family Advisor for the Early Intervention State Systemic Improvement Plan, Secretary of Family Voices Hawaii, and Trainee in the Maternal Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Other Disorders program would assist the Council's Health and Early Childhood to implement its current State Plan Goal, "Children and youth with special health care needs and their families have access to family-centered community-based integrated interventions and supports providing opportunities to ensure quality of life." We look forward to her knowledge of the early intervention and early childhood system, and legislative advocacy experience to encourage, empower and mentor other parents to advocate on behalf of their children.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our **strong support for GM 570 to confirm the appointment of Michelle Pestel-Maga to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.**

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW
Executive Administrator



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DATE: February 29, 2016
TO: CPH Testimony
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It is my pleasure to recommend my colleague and friend Michele Pestel-Maga for the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities. My own career has been influenced and shaped by many leaders in the disabilities field, but few have had the positive influence and impact on me that Michele Pestel-Maga has.

In recommending Michele, I can assure you she brings excellence as an advocate and leader in the disabilities field, as well as the respect and admiration of her peers that is rarely found in any one individual. I have had the opportunity interact and work with Michele on various statewide committees her ability to bring out the voice of families and act as a true representative for people with disabilities.

I am happy to give Michele Pestel-Maga my wholehearted endorsement! Please feel free to contact me at anytime to discuss this recommendation further at 808-529-9957 (work), 815-342-0399 (cell) or tburke@eastersealshawaii.org.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature of Ted Burke]

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Family to Family Health Information Center

Date: February 29, 2016

To: Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

From: Leolinda Parlin, Director, Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center

Re: GM570 – STRONG SUPPORT for Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHELLE PESTEL-MAGA, for a term to expire 06-30-2018

On behalf of the Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center, we would like to offer our strong support of the appointment of Michele Pestel- Maga to the Hawai'i State Council Developmental Disabilities (DDC).

As an organization, Family Voices is a national grass roots organization of family of friends of child with special health care needs. In Hawai'i, we operate the federally funded Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center (F2F). It is in operating the F2F we have come to know Michele, her husband Jason and daughter Anya. When we first met the Maga family, they were very active in providing family to family support to other families of children with oral facial disorders. They were new to the "systems" world yet were very willing and open to be active participants in the process. In their growth as advocates, Michele has demonstrated on numerous occasions her intention to serve all families and self-advocates and not just those limited oral facial disorders. She is currently enrolled as a Family Trainee of the Hawai'i Maternal and Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities and Related Disorders Program (MCH LEND) and will complete this advanced leadership following in April of this year. Michele also serves as the Secretary for Family Voices of Hawai'i.

Her desire to serve all, her active participation in MCH LEND, and her open and inclusive personality, makes Michele a prime candidate to serve on the DDC.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

From: [Diane Kawasaki](#)
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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

My name is Diane Kawasaki and I am a graduate social work student at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. I am writing to you to express strong support for Governor's Message 570 for consideration and confirmation of Michelle Pestel-Maga to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have had the honor of connecting with Ms. Pestel-Maga through the Maternal Child and Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (MCH LEND) program, which prepares trainees of various disciplines for leadership roles to improve supports and services for children with special health care needs and their families.

Ms. Pestel-Maga has been a tremendous asset to our program and continuously motivates me to expand my capacity as a social worker. In addition to being well informed and experienced, she exudes the passion and integrity necessary for this position.

Please consider Michelle Pestel-Maga to be confirmed to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

Diane Kawasaki

MSW Candidate

University of Hawaii at Manoa

Support for
Michelle Pestel-Maga
Governor's Message 570
State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Eileen Matsumoto, R.N.
February 27, 2016

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
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Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

My name is Eileen C. Matsumoto and I am a registered nurse with over thirty years of experience working in the public and private sectors. I am writing to you to express strong support for Governor's Message 570 for consideration and confirmation of Michelle Pestel-Maga to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I have known Ms. Pestel-Maga for six years. She clearly understands children and youth with disabilities as she has a child with special health needs. She is a tireless advocate for all children and has demonstrated leadership with the Lifetime of Smiles Family Support group, participation in the Maternal Child Health Leadership and Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (MCH LEND) under the John A. Burns School of Medicine, and the Early Intervention Community Council.

She was instrumental in helping me with Act 213 by building family support for the passage of this measure that assures children with orofacial birth defects such as cleft lip and palate will have medical benefits for orthodontic treatment deemed medically necessary as part of reconstructive surgery. During this time, she became an active participant in the legislative process. To extend support and inform families in our state and beyond, she created a Facebook page for families of children with cleft lip and palate.

I could go on but suffice to say, you cannot find a more dedicated and passionate advocate for children, youth and adults with disabilities. Please consider Michelle Pestel-Maga to be confirmed to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,
Eileen C. Matsumoto, R.N.

From: [Jamie Mitchell](#)
To: [CPH Testimony](#)
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Date: Sunday, February 28, 2016 7:17:29 PM

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jamie Mitchell, and I am a physical therapist providing early intervention services for Hawaii's keiki age birth-3 years old. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 570 for consideration and confirmation of Michelle Pestel-Maga to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have known Ms. Pestel-Maga for approximately 7 years, since her daughter, Anya, was an infant. Since her daughter was born, Michelle has become a leading advocate for individuals with special needs, including leading the way to pass "Anya's Law" for children with cleft lip and cleft palate diagnoses. She has become a mentor for families whose babies have been born with special needs and leads them through the challenges that they face along the way. I have met thousands of parents through my professional career and personal life who have children with special needs. If I was to hand pick one parent to recommend to this board, it would be Michelle. Her knowledge and passion make her the perfect candidate for this position. Thank you very much for time.

I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Michelle Pestel-Maga to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

Jamie Mitchell MS, PT
Physical Therapist

From: [Kristi Kobayashi](#)
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Aloha,

Attached is my letter in support of Michelle Pestel-Maga for the Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Please email me at kristfk@hawaii.edu with any questions or concerns.

Mahalo,
Kristi Kobayashi

From: [Tiffany Chee](#)
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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
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Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

My name is Tiffany Chee. I am writing to you to express strong support for Governor's Message 570 for consideration and confirmation of Michelle Pestel-Maga to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have known Ms. Pestel-Maga for almost eight years now through mutual friends. We started talking when my daughter was born and I was struggling with postpartum depression amongst other personal issues. The most significant thing I can recall about Michelle is that she helped me with coping with my daughter's deformational plagiocephaly (head deformation) and early childhood learning disabilities. She has always been there to offer advice and help, even though we live thousands of miles away. She took time out of her busy day to help me and my daughter when we were denied speech therapy services when she was younger, and I'm happy to report that at the age of five and a half, my Madyson is well on her way to a bright future, with little to no learning disabilities, thanks in part to the help, encouragement, and support of Michelle. In addition to the assistance she has provided me, I know that Michelle also has a daughter who has struggled with developmental disabilities. There is no one with more passion for the betterment for the future of our children than Michelle.

I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Michelle Pestel-Maga to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,
Tiffany Chee

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- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board? Since having my daughter, I have a strong desire to continue to advocate disability rights for individuals with developmental disabilities in the State of Hawaii.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board? Representing parents and families with a child/adult with developmental disabilities, advocating on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities, assisting the council with developing and implementing the state plan.
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer? To not protect them, but to enable individuals with developmental disabilities to be independent, self driven contributors in the community.
- (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. Since 2015, I have taken on these roles with state agencies as well as non-profits that support individuals with developmental disabilities.
 - advocate for bill HB174 2015 Legislature, signed into law by Governor Ige on July 2,2015 as Act 213, also known as “Anya’s Law”
 - President – Lifetime of Smiles Hawaii, family support group for children/individuals born with orofacial anomalies
 - Family Advisor/Stakeholder - SSIP (state systemic improvement plan) Early Intervention Section Leadership Team
 - Secretary – Family Voices of Hawaii, family support for individuals with developmental disabilities
 - Family Trainee 2015-2016 – MCH LEND (Maternal and Children’s Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and related disabilities)
 - Advocate for families of children with special needs
- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service? My hope is to bring awareness to the disparities with disability rights in the State of Hawaii and to work together with the Board and State Agencies to make at least one change to improve disability rights and inclusion in the State of Hawaii.
- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board. Compassionate, empathetic and motivated. I believe these qualities are essential when working in partnerships and to get the job done.
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member. During 2015 legislation, my daughter and I were strong and active advocates for HB174, a bill that requires health insurance coverage for orthodontics for children/individuals who were born with orofacial anomalies, most commonly cleft lip and palate. On July 2,2015, HB 174 was signed into law as Act 213, also known as “Anya’s Law”.
- (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 do not foresee any conflicts of interest, but if there were I would let the council know that I have a conflict of interest and would abstain from voting.