

GM571

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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 571 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Robin Coverlissa

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 571** to confirm the nomination of Robin Coverlissa 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. Ms. Coverlissa's appointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement for representatives of individuals with DD. Ms. Coverlissa receives services through the Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services Waiver from Easter Seals Hawaii-Ewa. She has attended several of the Council's annual Day at the Capitol events, and has well represented others with a strong voice.

Ms. Coverlissa is an active member of the Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) and participates in monthly meetings, leadership training, and advocacy outreach activities. The Council looks forward to her contributions in assisting with the implementation of activities to strengthen SAAC and establishing a statewide self-advocacy network.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our **strong support for GM 571 to confirm the appointment of Robin Coverlissa to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.**

Sincerely,



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Dear Senator Baker, and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 571 and GM 572 - Gubernatorial Nominee, ROBIN
COVERLISSA

The Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 571 and GM 572**, the confirmation of Robin Coverlissa to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, for the terms to expire 06-30-2016 and 06-30-2020.

Robin is a very organized person. She is very involved in activities in the community like Special Olympics. She is a leader, helps others, answers questions, and stands up for people. Robin is a member of our SAAC Oahu chapter. Robin will represent us well on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support of GM 571 and GM 572.**

Sincerely,



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President

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Comments: Robin is a good leader and speaks up for us. Please vote her to the DD Council. Thank you.

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GM 571 and GM 572
Response form Robin Coverlissa

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?
I want to be a member of the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Council because I want to advocate for myself and others who cannot advocate for themselves.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?
As a self-advocate, I see my role and responsibility to speak up for other self-advocates, attend DD Council meetings, attend DD Council Committee meetings, and other activities such as the Day at the Capitol.
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?
I want to get more self-advocates involved with the Self-Advocacy Advisory Committee.
- (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.
I believe I am qualified to serve on the DD Council because I have a developmental disability and I would represent other people with DD. I have a positive attitude in working with people.
- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
I would like to be a good DD Council member and hope to provide the voice of self-advocates on the DD Council.
- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.
 1. I am an out-going person.
 2. I like to help people.
 3. I consider myself a very caring person.
- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.
As a person with DD who uses a wheelchair, I experience the day to day need to have someone assist me with transfer from the chair to the car and the bathroom. My experience as a person with DD would contribute to the DD Council's advocacy for services for people with DD.
- (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 Easter Seals Hawaii. There may be a conflict if Easter Seals Hawaii was going to receive any funds from the DD Council. In that case, if the DD Council was voting to give Easter Seals money, I would let the DD Council know that I receive services from Easter Seals Hawaii and I would excuse myself from voting.