

GM684

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council On Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, LOUISE IWAISHI, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

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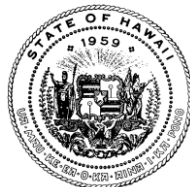
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Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

**G.M. 684, Confirmation Hearing for Louise Iwaishi, M.D., State Council on
Developmental Disabilities**

**Testimony of Virginia Pressler, M.D.
Director of Health**

March 24, 2016

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports Louise Iwaishi, M.D. as the
2 Title V Maternal and Child Health representative to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

3 **Fiscal Implications:** none

4 **Purpose and Justification:**

5 Dr. Louise Iwaishi is the Medical Director for the Department of Health's Family Health
6 Services Division which administers the state's Title V Maternal and Child Health block grant. In her
7 capacity, Dr. Iwaishi has provided tremendous leadership to ensure a strong integrated system of care is
8 available to families affected by developmental disabilities. As a pediatrician, she is instrumental in
9 promoting the medical home concept and improving child to adult transition challenges. As faculty of
10 the University of Hawaii Manoa's John A. Burns School of Medicine, she trains and mentors young
11 physicians in a multi-disciplinary, family-centered approach. Dr. Iwaishi is highly respected and well
12 qualified to continue to represent Title V on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. She has
13 served on the Council since July 1, 2009.

14 Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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

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

SUBJECT: GM 684 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee, Louise Iwaishi

The Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 684**, the confirmation of Louise Iwaishi to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Dr. Iwaishi has worked with SAAC members through the Council and is a stronger supporter of SAAC's advocacy. She helps us with emergency preparedness and wants to help everyone to be safe. She participates in SAAC activities and cares about people with disabilities. She encourages us to work hard and train other people with disabilities to speak up for themselves and reach out to others. She believes in us and supports the dream we have to live the life we want.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support of GM 684**.

Sincerely,



Bathey Fong
President



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HILOPA'A

Family to Family Health Information Center

Dt: March 23, 2016

To: COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Fr: Leolinda Parlin

Re: STRONG SUPPORT for Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, LOUISE IWAISHI, for a term to expire 06-30-2020

On behalf of the Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center, we would like to offer our strong support of the appointment of Louise Iwaishi, also known as "Dr. I", to the Hawai'i State Council Developmental Disabilities (DDC).

In reflecting when I first met "Dr. I", it had to have been around 1997, on a workgroup that was developing a grant application on Autism. As a developmentalist (she was one before there was even a subspecialty) and at that time the Director of the Pediatric Residency Program, she was the physician voice for the group. Very quickly I realized she wasn't your typical "doc". She talked us, not down to us. She had insight into the disorder from her experiences as the Medical Director at Waimano Training Home during the 80's, a primary care provider, and pediatric faculty. I immediately took a liking to Dr. I.

Dr. I. walks the talk and embraces family centered care not only in her practice, but in her programs. As part of her tenure at the medical school, she was the Principal Investigator of the Dyson Initiative, a multi-million dollar training grant for community pediatrics. I was invited to be the "Family Voice" on their advisory. Through the Dyson, I was introduced to her work also at the Principal Investigator for the Maternal Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (MCH LEND) Program. Dr. I. has made a determined effort to establish the role of Parent Faculty in both the residency program and the MCH LEND Program. Over the years in true family professional partnership style, Dr. I. has shared the Co-Directorship of the program with me. Our program is the only one in the country that has this leadership structure.

As the Title V mandated Council Member, Dr. I will bring her years of experience and her collaborative and inclusive spirit to the DDC. She will continue to be an outstanding Council member and set the standard for professional partners for years to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sincerely,



Bathey Fong
President

Nominee: Louise Kido Iwaishi, MD
Council: Developmental Disability
Date: March 2, 2016

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?
I feel I can represent the Title V agency which is a mandated position.
- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board? I have been an active member of the Developmental Disabilities Council and specifically the Health and Early Childhood committee. I provide information related to the Title V Agency as it impacts individuals with IDD and participate in decision making, training, advocacy on behalf of the council.
- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?
- (4) Understanding laws American with Disabilities Act, Individuals with Disabilities Educational Act which ensures full access to services.
- (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 have been a community pediatrician and faculty of the John A. Burns School of Medicine for 30 years serving children with special health care needs and their families. Since 2005 I have also been the consultant Medical Director of the Department of Health Family Health Services Division which is Hawai'i Title V Agency.
- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
I plan on identifying a "Partners in Policymaking" training program that we can offer parents/family here in Hawai'i.
- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board. Credible, Resourceful, Approachable

- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member. I am director of the Maternal Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disabilities graduate interdisciplinary training program.
- (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? Cannot, but if one were to arise, I would acknowledge the conflict and recuse myself of decision making or voting.