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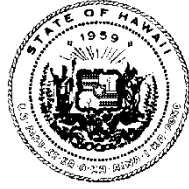
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March 29, 2016

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: **GM 715** - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council, gubernatorial nominee, ANN LEMKE, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

Hearing: Tuesday, March 29, 2016, 1:30 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

Department's Position: The Department of Human Services, on behalf of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), supports the appointment of Dr. Ann Lemke to the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC). The SRC was established in the 1992 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The SRC acts in partnership with the DVR on services that address employment needs of individuals with disabilities.

Dr. Lemke is seeking appointment to the SRC as the representative for the council from the Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) (§348-8(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes) established under section 796d of 29 U.S. Code § 725; this representative may be the chairperson or other designee of the SILC. Dr. Lemke is the Disability/Admissions Counselor; Early Admit and Running Start Counselor at Windward Community College. The College offers innovative programs in the arts and sciences and opportunities to gain knowledge and understanding of Hawai'i and its unique heritage. Dr. Lemke's experience and understanding as to what students with disabilities need to be successful students is a much needed asset to the SRC.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this committee.