

# GM 717

**Measure Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, HOWARD LESSER, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

**Report Title:** State Rehabilitation Council

**Description:**

**Companion:**

**Package:**

**Current Referral:** HMS

**Introducer(s):**



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### **THE SENATE THE TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2016**

#### **Committee on Human Services Testimony on GM 716 and 717 Relating to Howard Lesser**

**Tuesday, March 29, 2016, 1:30 P.M.  
Conference Room 016**

Chair Chun-Oakland and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Disability Rights Center testifies in strong support of the nomination of Howard Lesser to serve as a member of the State Rehabilitation Council. In addition to his service on the Council, Howard has been a distinguished Advocate at the Hawaii Disability Rights Center for many years. He has performed with extreme dedication, and has helped countless numbers of individuals over the years

The State Council serves an important role in working with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, as required by the Federal Rehabilitation Act. This is a very important time for the Council as federal laws and requirements are evolving to require greater inclusion and employment of individuals with disabilities.

We believe that Howard's decades of experience in the disability movement, working with a variety of stakeholders will continue to make him an invaluable member of the Council and we urge the confirmation of his nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure.

