

GM 723

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, SHIRLEY SYPERT, for a term to expire 06-30-2016.

Report Title: State Rehabilitation Council

Description:

Companion:

Package:

Current Referral: HMS

Introducer(s):

March 29, 2016

Re: GM723

To: Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, Chair
Senator Gil Rivera, Vice Chair and
Committee on Human Services

Re: Regarding Consideration and Confirmation of Shirley Sybert to
the State Rehabilitation Council

I read the submitted resume of the candidate twice. Based on the
resume, it seems that the person was applying for a position in the
entertainment industry and NOT to be on the State Rehabilitation
Council of Hawaii !!

I would have thought that qualifications to be on this council for our
mentally and physically handicapped of this State would and should
be someone who has tirelessly worked

I know of this candidate because she brings OLELO to film the
quarterly meetings of CFADAR. (Citizens for a Fair ADA Ride).
I advocate tirelessly regarding the issues affecting the Handicapped
community in Honolulu and I have hardly seen Ms Sybert testifying
regarding issues affecting them.

The City Council and their committee meetings, issues here at the
State Legislature, and even all the HART BOD meetings I attend to
make sure the the handicapped and issues associated with them are
heard and on the front burner.

I should hope that any position considered and confirmed for the State Rehabilitation Council is given to someone who cares deeply for our handicapped residents. And not because someone just wants to add another feather in their cap or add to their resume hoping it would further brighten their name in "lights"!

There are too many unqualified people on boards and councils now. We (residents) need someone who really understands the issues for the board or council they are on.

This is not a song and dance position!

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