

GM 724

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

Report Title: State Rehabilitation Council

Description:

Companion:

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Current Referral: HMS

Introducer(s):

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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 Sykert 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 Sykert 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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