

# GM 592

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council  
On Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, CAROL  
YOUNG, for a term to expire 06-30-2017.

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The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,  
and Health  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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

**SUBJECT:** GM 592 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Carol Young

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 592** to confirm the nomination of Carol Young for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the stakeholders are represented and engaged in the development and implementation of a comprehensive system of services and supports for individuals with DD.

The law specifically requires that not less than 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, parents, immediate relatives or guardians. Additionally, each Council shall include representatives of relevant State entities, including State entities that administer funds provided under Federal laws related to individuals with disabilities, including the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.); Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.); Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.); and Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 701 et seq. and 1396 et seq.); Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; State Protection and Advocacy system; and representatives, at all times, of local and non-governmental agencies, and private nonprofit groups concerned with services for individuals with DD in the State.

The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership. Ms. Young's appointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement for a representative of the State Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system.

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HDRC is the Council's sister agency as both entities fall under P.L. 106-402 – DD Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000. Both agencies have distinct roles under the federal law, the Council responsible for systems advocacy, and HDRC responsible for protecting the legal and human rights of individuals with DD. As an advocate with the Hawaii Disabilities Rights Center (HDRC), the State's P&A System for people with disabilities, she would assist the Council in its 2017-2021 State Plan activities to advocate for community integration, inclusion and independence, and promote access to services for individuals with DD.

Ms. Young has a varied background working with people with disabilities in various settings in the areas of vocational rehabilitation and rehabilitation counseling. Her previous work experience as employment specialist with the University of Hawaii Center on Disability Studies would help the Council to achieve its State Plan Transition and Employment Goal that, "Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have increase access to and opportunities for the education, training, and support services that they need to succeed in the labor market."

The Council is pleased with Ms. Young's nomination to serve on the Council and looks forward to her contributions to improve access and availability of services for individuals with DD.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 592** to confirm Carol Young to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



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**GM592**

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Comments: We write in strong support of GM 592 and GM 593, appointing Carol Young to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Carol has been an advocate here at the Hawaii Disability Rights Center for the past few years . She came to us with a long career as an advocate for people with disabilities, having previously worked at the University of Hawaii Center on Disability Studies and the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. She has a very caring attitude and a very good work ethic. She has developed great expertise in dealing with this population and has utilized her skills to further the goals of this agency and to serve individuals with developmental disabilities. I am very familiar with the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. We are created under the same federal statute and are referred to as “sister agencies”. We collaborate with them on a variety of projects. For that reason, I know that Carol will be an excellent member of the Council. I have full confidence in her ability and desire to serve in that capacity and I urge the Committee to approve her nomination.

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### TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH

Governor's Message 593 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, Carol Young for a Term to Expire June 30, 2021

This testimony is in support of Ms. Carol Young for a position on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities representing the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, the Protection and Advocacy agency for the States of Hawaii.

Our office has worked cooperatively and constructively with Ms. Young for many years beginning with her prior employment as a Staff Specialist with the State of Hawaii, Vocational Rehabilitation and Services to the Blind Division.

Ms. Young, in her present capacity, has worked with the Disability and Communication Access Board to resolve many complaints from consumers. The most recent and ongoing project is to develop a policy and communication access card for the Honolulu Police Department on effective communication with persons who are deaf or hard of hearing.

I urge your favorable consideration of Ms. Young for this nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCINE WAI  
Executive Director

## **GM592 & GM593**

### **Carol Young: Developmental Disabilities Council**

**(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?**

I would like to be a member of the DD Council to contribute my advocacy skills to improve services and interagency collaboration resulting in increased self-determination and choices for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?**

Board members should be active, contributing members of the Developmental Disabilities Council by attending meetings and being involved in a Council subcommittee.

**(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?**

I can help protect consumers by making sure the proper services are in place.

**(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 a very good understanding of the state system, of disabilities, accommodations, the importance of work and supports necessary to be successful. I also have American Sign Language skills. I understand issues of dual disabilities of developmental disabilities and hearing and vision loss.

**(5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?**

I hope to improve the lives of persons with developmental disabilities especially in the areas of transition and employment.

**(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.**

I am diplomatic and like to work together with a team of people in a positive manner.

I am professional and ethical in my approach to getting things done which would reflect well on the DD Council.

I am very determined. When services need to be improved and more opportunities made available, I try to think of new and different ways to get the needed services in place.

- (7) **Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.**

I previously served on the State Council on Mental Health. I understand how to run effective meetings and to work with the state to improve services.

- (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?**

I do not foresee any conflicts of interest.