

GM 644

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRYANT YABUI, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

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

Governor's Message 644 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Bryant Yabui for a Term to Expire June 30, 2021

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) support the re-nomination of Mr. Bryant Yabui to the Board.

DCAB is mandated to have a majority of members be consumers, persons with disabilities, or their family members. Mr Yabui belongs to that majority category, as a person with a mobility disability.

Mr. Yabui is a very active member of the Board and currently serves as its Vice Chairperson. He was previously Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Parking where he assisted in the overhaul of our Parking Program and database.

Aside from his personal experience, Mr. Yabui brings professional expertise with his legal background and contract management experience. He has worked in the private, private nonprofit, and government settings.

We highly recommend that the Senate reconfirm Mr. Yabui for a term on the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director

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Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I strongly support the passage of GM 644 to approve Bryant Yabui's selection to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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March 27, 2016

Sen. Rosalyn H. Baker
Chair, Senate Commerce, Consumer
Protection and Health
Hawaii State Capitol
Room 230
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Bryant Yabui – Recommendation to Serve on the Disability
and Communication Access Board

Dear Chair Baker:

I am writing to strongly recommend my colleague, Bryan Yabui, to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB). Mr. Yabui is intelligent, thoughtful and compassionate. He is deftly able to get to the heart of complex issues, ask hard and challenging questions, and offer realistic and practical solutions. He is interested in disability related issues and is not a rubber stamp.

Mr. Yabui is a person with a disability and uses a wheelchair. Thus, he fully understands what living with a disability means. I know him on a professional level and as a disabled person and wheelchair user myself. He has a good sense of humor, but is also no nonsense when it comes to serious matters. I am wholeheartedly in support of his representation of persons with disabilities on the DCAB.

Therefore, please vote favorably on his nomination. I am confident that he will be a solid asset for the DCAB. Thank you very much for considering my recommendation on his nomination. Mahalo nui.

Very truly yours,



KIRBY L. SHAW

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Bryant Yabui: Disability and Communication Access Board

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

I want to continue to serve the disabled people of Hawaii d.

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

I feel that a Board member's role is to bring his/her knowledge and experience to the Board and to make sound decisions that support the mission and goals of the agency while protecting the rights of the consumer.

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

I feel that I can help protect the consumer by being a voice of the consumer on matters dealing with parking and accessibility issues because I am in a wheelchair.

(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.

Although being a consumer does not automatically qualify you as a Board member, it helps to understand the daily barriers and issues faced by consumers by living as a consumer. I also feel that my legal experience and working with consumers as an Intake Advocate has prepared me to being a contributing Board member.

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

I hope to improve the disabled parking system as a member of the Parking Committee.

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

I believe that my ability to listen to people (good listener), understand people's problems and create solutions that benefit everyone (effective negotiator), and help everyone to understand the solution (effective communicator) are qualities that I bring to the Board

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

I worked as an Intake Advocate at Hawaii Disability Rights Center for 5 years and through my work I heard first-hand of various problems facing the disabled community (e.g. physical, developmental, and mental health consumers). So, when I hear of a problem or a complaint from the community, I envision myself listening to the problem and trying to solve it as an advocate..

- (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?**

No, I see no possible conflicts of interest with my service on the Board.