

GM 647

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, ROSANNA DANIEL-KANETAKE, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

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

Governor's Message 647 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, Rosanna Daniel-Kanetake for a Term to Expire June 30, 2018

This testimony is in support of Ms. Rosanna Daniel-Kanetake to a position on the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB).

DCAB is mandated to have a majority of members be consumers, persons with disabilities or their family members. Ms. Daniel-Kanetake fulfills this mandate as she is a person with a mobility disability.

In addition to her consumer status, Ms. Daniel-Kanetake is also a professional in the field. She is currently an Independent Living Service Coordinator for Access to Independence and is a Board member and volunteer for Hawaii Fi-Do Service Dogs. She has past work experience using her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work and Master's Degree in Psychology with an array of nonprofit human service agencies involved with child and community services or crisis intervention.

We ask that the Senate confirm Ms. Daniel-Kanetake to a position in the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Francine Wai".

FRANCINE WAI
Executive Director

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To whom this may concern,

This e-mail is to submit my recommendation for Mrs. Rosanna Daniel-Kanetake. She is currently an Independent Living Service Coordinator and my co-worker at Access to Independence, Inc. where her services focused on providing services or assistance for people with disability.

Rosanna, among the many services she provides, she has been providing services on information and referral, housing, independent living skills training, peer counseling, system/individual advocacy, youth transition, transition from institution, employment, assistive technology, benefits counseling, and assistance for the elderly.

Despite her own disability, she has proven time and time again that her abilities enrich other peoples' lives, her persistent serves as inspiration to many others, and her courage gives hope to the many homeless and people with disability she has touched through her work.

Hence, Mrs. Rosanna Daniel-Kanetake appointment to the Board does not really need my recommendation. Her record speaks for itself.

Sincerely,

/s/-Alfonis

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Dear sir or madam,

Hello, my name is Jennifer Duran and I am the Program Manager of Access to Independence, Hawaii. I am writing to give you my recommendation of Rosanna Daniel-Kanetake to the Disability and Communication Access Board of Hawaii. I have had the pleasure of working with Rosanna directly for the past several months, as she is an Independent Living Service Coordinator here at Access To Independence.

Rosanna's determination in fulfilling each consumer goal has never been questioned as she is able to serve each individual compassionately and never failing to assist each consumer to the best of her ability. Rosanna has been able to work effectively with her colleagues, building positive relationships and contributing ideas for the success of the community we serve.

Rosanna has been an integral part of our team, bringing her knowledge and experience as a seasoned advocate and educator to assist those with disabilities by overcoming any obstacles they may face to reach their independence. Through her dedicated work ethic and perseverance, Rosanna has been able to serve her consumers successfully, gaining the respect of her colleagues, the community, local non-profits and organizations.

With her commitment and experience as a successful advocate for those with disabilities, I do believe Rosanna will also be a great addition to your board. Please let this letter speak volume of Rosanna's character, as I'm sure those who she has assisted will never be able to justify their appreciation and recommendation in words alone. If you have any further questions I can address, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Sincerely,

Jennifer A. Duran

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Rosanna Daniel-Kanetake: Disability and Communication Access Board

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

To increase knowledge in the community of ADA rights and accessibility to places and opportunities for persons with disabilities that is afforded others.

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

Educate and advocate the laws of the ADA and where there are issues or noncompliance of ADA standards, work collaboratively in an attempt to resolve or address the issues.

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

My education, professional experience, and personal life skills as a person with a disability, I know the obstacles and barriers consumers go through in their attempts of being an active and contributable member in the community.

(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 Bachelor's degree in Social Work, a Masters in Psychology. I have worked in various human service fields for 20 plus years. The people I have worked with and for, come from all walks of life, every socio-economic background, and afflicted with many different types of disabilities. I am driven and have a passion to contribute to social changes that will enhance the lives of persons with disabilities who strive to be contributing members of the community by having equal access and opportunity.

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

To establish working relationships with others of like mind that will help address issues and barriers in the community that block or inhibit persons with disabilities from participating in community life and employment.

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

1) I am a very independent & determined individual. When others say a resolution is not possible, I don't quit till a solution is found.

2) I have always been known for "thinking outside the box". When a

conventional method of doing something is not possible, I am able to come up with ways of completing or achieving a goal, that may be unusual but the end result is the desired result.

3) I am very caring and empathetic to all individuals who desire and strive for equality, independence and success and will go out of my way to assist them in achieving their goal.

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

I was born with disabilities but the first half of my life they were hidden from those outside my family. Then I was suddenly stricken with an illness that exacerbated the disabilities I had fought to keep secret or private from the public and employers and had to undergo extreme medical treatment and 2 brain surgeries that resulted in 6 years of endless physical therapy and Traumatic Brain injury classes and groups. Finally when I was well enough to return to work, I soon realized that other people's opinion and ideas of "not being fully functional" because now I am in a wheelchair and had undergone 2 brain surgeries, that I would not or could not be a beneficial team member to the agency. I was turned down for many positions from old employers who I had successfully worked with me in the past, before my illness. Often when I would try to apply at new agencies who advertised as Equal Opportunity Employers, there was no wheelchair accessibility to the office. Or I would be handed a disclosure form and told, "This disability disclosure form is voluntary, but is strongly recommended you fill it out". From the point of view of someone in a wheelchair to even be asked to fill out that form is very humiliating and self-defeating.

(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 can see no conflicts of interest at this time.