

GM 658

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, KIMBERLY ARAKAKI, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

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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 658 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Kimberly Arakaki

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 658** to confirm the nomination of Kimberly Arakaki for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402 - DD Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000) 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.

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The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership. Ms. Arakaki's appointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement for a representative of Title V – Maternal Child Health (MCH) of the Social Security Act. Title V is the MCH (MCH) Branch of the Department of Health Family Health Services Division. She is the MCH Public Health Manager/Branch Chief that oversees a statewide system of services to reduce health disparities for women, children, and families; including family planning, violence and prevention, home visiting services, child death review, maternal death review, and domestic violence fatality review.

Before becoming the MCH Branch Chief, Ms. Arakaki was the Chief of DD Division's Case Management and Information Services Branch who was responsible for case management services statewide for individuals with DD. Her numerous years of experience with the DD population and her current position with MCH Branch would assist the Council in carrying out our 2017-2021 State Plan activities that address the Health and Children and Youth Goal that, "Parents and family members with children, 3-5 years of age, who are at risk for developmental delays or who have intellectual and developmental disabilities will have timely access to standardized developmental screening, appropriate services, and supports."

We look forward to Ms. Arakaki's appointment to serve as the Title V - MCH representative on the Council, and her contributions in helping the Council achieve its State Plan goals for persons with DD and their families.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 658** to confirm Kimberly Arakaki to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW
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Alice Kamaka	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I met Kim when she worked at The Arc in Hawaii and I was still in the institution at Waimano. She advocated for use to get out of the institution. To close Waimano. I strongly support her to be on the DD Council. Thank you

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Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health Committee:

My name is Matthew J. Shim, Chief of the Family Health Services Division (FHSD) at the Health Resources Administration (HRA), Department of Health (DOH). Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message No. 658 Gubernatorial Nominee, Ms. Kimberly Arakaki to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Ms. Arakaki serves as the Chief of the Maternal and Child Health Branch (MCHB) in the FHSD, HRA, DOH, and has been in this position since April 2016. In her current position, Ms. Arakaki leads our MCHB and provides leadership to assure healthy outcomes for the women, children and families of Hawaii.

The services of the Branch include: Child Wellness, Adolescent Wellness, Violence Prevention, Sexual Assault Prevention, Child Death Review, Federal Title X Family Planning, Perinatal Support, Enhanced Perinatal Care, Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Planning, Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Family Strengthening and Support, and Hawaii Children's Trust Fund.


Prior to joining the FHSD, Ms. Arakaki served as the Chief of the Case Management Branch, Developmental Disabilities Division, Behavioral Resources Administration, DOH from December 2007 through April 2016.

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Ms. Arakaki brings critical experience, strong commitment, and dedication to individuals and their families with developmental disabilities and to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Ms. Arakaki to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Matthew J. Shim". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Matthew J. Shim, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Chief, Family Health Services Division

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Kimberly Arakaki: State Council on Developmental Disabilities

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

To support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in living a meaningful lifestyle that they choose surrounded by people they select to provide the supports that they need.

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

It would appear that the role as a member of the Board is to listen and encourage the expression of opinions and concerns of the individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and selected community members. It would also seem that a Board member's primary responsibility is to assist in advocating for choices made by the individual with developmental disabilities and create policies that allow for system changes that promote equality and self-determination.

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

By providing pertinent information to community members so that they understand that individuals with developmental disabilities are the same as all other members of any neighborhood that want a safe environment, a good life with choices, opportunities to earn money, meaningful relationships and to be a contributing member of society.

(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 spent the majority of my career (over 30 years) supporting individuals with developmental disabilities as a relief worker, instructor, employment coach, case manager, training supervisor coordinator, and finally as an administrator for the State of Hawaii, Developmental Disabilities Division, Case Management Branch. I have been involved with creating programs and projects with and for individuals with developmental disabilities and have assisted in writing Hawaii Revised Statutes, Hawaii Administrative Rules and policies and procedures that emphasize self-determination and person centered planning that support individuals with developmental disabilities in the State of Hawaii. In addition, I have partnered with the State of Hawaii Medicaid agency (Department of Human Services) in completing the waiver application and renewal of the 1915 (c) Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Waiver advocating for consumer rights and services.

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

To assist in ensuring that in addition to the services available through the 1915 (c) Home and Community Based Services Medicaid Waiver the primary funding source for services for over 2600 individuals with developmental disabilities in the State of Hawaii, that individuals engage in natural supports (non-paid) available in the community (e.g. church, befriending neighbors, volunteering, joining social clubs, employment, etc.) so that their lifestyles are not impacted significantly should government funding sources change.

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

Hard-Working, Compassionate and Culturally Aware. I feel these qualities will serve as an asset to the Board when subjects of planning, advocacy, educating and monitoring of effectiveness are presented. My hard-working ethics allows me to be focused and goal centered to issues presented by the Board on behalf of individuals with developmental disabilities. An awareness of cultural sensitivity that includes extensive knowledge of many island traditions would appear to serve as a great communication tool in speaking with everyone and finally with compassion as the primary indicator, advocacy becomes a reality.

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

Working in both the public and private sector for many years has enabled me to understand some of the strengths and limitations when advocating and supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the State of Hawaii. I believe that my previous career experience would serve as an asset when discussions of system changes and resource development arise..

(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?

Not at this time. Consult with the other members of the Board should any possible situation occur where a conflict of interest may arise, excuse myself from any situation that may be construed as a detriment to the Board or to individuals with developmental disabilities, consult with my immediate supervisor, as appropriate consult with the Hawaii State Ethics Commission and any legal agents that are associated with the Board.