

GM736

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, SCOTT NISHIMOTO, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

Report Title: State Rehabilitation Council

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Introducer(s):

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State of Hawai‘i—Senate Committee on Human Services

The Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Chair
The Honorable Stanley Chang, Vice Chair

Re: GM736—Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council, gubernatorial nominee, SCOTT NISHIMOTO, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

Dear Chair Green, Vice-Chair Chang, and Members of the Senate Committee on Human Services:

It is with pleasure that I recommend Scott Nishimoto for appointment to the State Rehabilitation Council.

I have known Mr. Nishimoto for over seven years when we were attending the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. Through my friendship and professional relationship with Mr. Nishimoto, I can personally attest to his high moral character, intelligence, thoughtfulness and creativity.

Scott currently works for Abilities Unlimited, a local nonprofit, as the Vice President of Workforce Development & Community Relations and previously as a Community Engagement & Advocacy Specialist. Prior to his work with Abilities Unlimited, Scott was a Graduate Assistant for the Obama Presidential Library Project. Furthermore, he has a vested interest in ensuring the betterment of those in the community around him. This is shown through his involvement as a Big Brother with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters, as well as being on the Board of Directors of the American Civil Liberties Union of Hawai‘i.

He brings with him experience from a variety of nonprofit settings, working directly with individuals with disabilities, that help to inform his decisions and recommendations as a council member. Scott is a well-liked and trusted colleague who is frequently sought out for his advice. Therefore, he will be an asset to State Rehabilitation Council.

I urge the committee and the senate to confirm the appointment of Scott Nishimoto for the State Rehabilitation Council. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Mahalo,
Jonathan L. Ching