

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 12 2018

RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 574,
575, 644

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 574, 575, and 644, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

G.M. No. 574 DEAN GEORGIEV,
for a term to expire 06-30-2021;

G.M. No. 575 AMY TSUJI-JONES,
for a term to expire 06-30-2019; and

G.M. No. 644 PHYLLIS MEIGHEN,
for a term to expire 06-30-2022,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by Dean Georgiev, Amy Tsuji-Jones, and Phyllis Meighen for service on the Disability and Communication Access Board.

DEAN GEORGIEV

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Dean Georgiev from the Disability and Communication Access Board and three individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Mr. Georgiev's background, knowledge, and prior service as a member of



the Commission on Persons with Disabilities qualify him to be nominated for appointment to the Disability and Communication Access Board in the capacity of a person with a disability. Your Committee finds that Mr. Georgiev has been employed for the past ten years by Ho'opono Services for the Blind, Department of Human Services, including currently as a Supervisor, and previously as a Rehabilitation Teacher. Your Committee notes that, as part of his employment, Mr. Georgiev provides instruction to persons who are blind, visually impaired, or deaf-blind in computer technology and develops independent living skills programs for people who are blind or have low vision. Your Committee notes that Mr. Georgiev's expertise will be a strong resource to the Board as it shifts its focus to cloud-based information access issues.

AMY TSUJI-JONES

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Amy Tsuji-Jones from the Disability and Communications Access Board and two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Ms. Tsuji-Jones's knowledge, background, and expertise qualify her to be nominated for appointment to the Disability and Communication Access Board in the capacity of a person with a disability. Your Committee notes that Ms. Tsuji-Jones is currently self-employed, teaching American Sign Language (ASL) classes and presenting workshops on Deaf Self-Advocacy Training among other activities. Your Committee also notes that Ms. Tsuji-Jones previously served as an ASL and Deaf Studies Lecturer at Kapiolani Community College from 1999 to 2016, and has also taught at the Hawaii School for the Deaf and Blind and Kendall Demonstration Elementary School for the Deaf in Washington, D.C. Your Committee notes that the Board plays a role in testing, credentialing, and regulating ASL interpreters, so Ms. Tsuji-Jones's expertise will be a valuable asset to the Board. Ms. Tsuji-Jones has also demonstrated her commitment to advocacy for the deaf and hard of hearing community, and has received training to serve as an Abused Deaf Women's Advocacy Services support provider and as a Deaf Self-Advocacy Trainer.

PHYLLIS MEIGHEN

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Phyllis Meighen from the

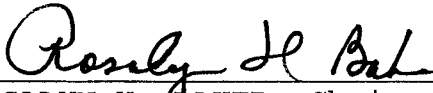


Disability and Communication Access Board, Special Parent Information Network, and two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Dr. Meighen's background, experience, and prior service as an interim member of the Disability and Communication Access Board qualify her to be nominated for reappointment to the Disability and Communication Access Board in the capacity of a family member of an individual with a cognitive or developmental disability, and as a representative from Kauai County. Your Committee notes that, although retired, Dr. Meighen has served as a pastor, associate pastor, and adjunct lecturer in special education. As a lecturer in special education, Dr. Meighen helped develop nationally recognized curricula for supporting the transition of youth with developmental disabilities into the workforce and larger community. Dr. Meighen also founded Winners at Work (now Abilities Unlimited), a nonprofit community-based employment service for people with significant disabilities. Dr. Meighen has been serving on the Disability and Communication Access Board since 2017 and is currently on the Advisory Committee of the Special Parent Information Network, demonstrating that she understands the role and responsibilities of Board membership.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
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Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:* <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">644</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">CPH</div>	Date: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">3/29/19</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; font-size: 0.8em;"> 2340 2345 </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)	/			
CHANG, Stanley	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les				/
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	-			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/			
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; margin-top: 10px;"></div>				
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