

# GM580

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

Report Title: State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Current Referral: CPH

- (1) **Why do you want to be a member of the Board?**  
I can try to help other people and be the voice of other people with developmental disabilities.
- (2) **What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?**  
Going to meetings, be there on time, be respectful, do not be sassy and to speak up for other people with disabilities
- (3) **In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?**  
By letting them know to watch out for strangers and to remind people never to bring guns or knives to school. Do not drink or do drugs. And help others not to bully people. You cannot be a bully and you cannot let others bully people.
- (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 been a chair on the Hawaii Self Advocacy Advisory Council and I attended toastmaster. I can speak to others, can catch the bus, shop, use a cell phone. I can help others do this too.
- (5) **What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?**  
I hope to stop bullying and have better street safety.
- (6) **Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.**  
I am a good leader, good attitude, and I wait my turn.
- (7) **Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.**  
I have been the SAAC event Chair, organizing the SAAC retreat, the SAAC summit, and the Art Gallery Exhibit. I have been attending the DD Council meetings as a member of the public to learn how to do it right.
- (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, there is no conflict. I would just avoid conflicts.



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The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,  
and Health  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State Capitol  
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Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 580 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Michelle Muralt

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 580** to confirm the nomination of Michelle Muralt for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) 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. Muralt's appointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement for representatives of individuals with DD.

Ms. Muralt is an enthusiastic individual who would like to help others achieve independence. Her ability to articulate her point of view will provide an example for other individuals to speak for themselves. She is a member of the Hawai'i Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) and currently serves as the Event Chair in keeping SAAC members engaged in community and civic engagements.

We look forward to Ms. Muralt's contributions to the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 580** to confirm Michelle Muralt to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daintry Bartoldus". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

Governor's Message 580 – Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities Gubernatorial Nominee, Michelle Muralt for a Term to Expire June 30, 2020

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Ms. Muralt to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

We have worked with Ms. Muralt in the past as a contractor who assisted at the Waianae Emergency Management Emergency Preparedness Fair at the Feeling Safe, Being Safe exhibit booth. She was learning how to staff a booth, and did a good job meeting the public and explaining the Feeling Safe, Being Safe program.

Ms. Muralt is an active member of the Self Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) as a self-advocate and trainer with Feeling Safe, Being Safe.

Ms. Muralt also volunteers at the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to assist in preparing projects and items for events such as "A Day at the Capitol."

We highly recommend that the Senate consider and confirm Ms. Muralt as a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

We thank you for your positive consideration of Ms. Muralt to the Council.


Respectfully submitted,

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TO: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair  
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SUBJECT: GM 580 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Michelle Muralt

I am submitting testimony in strong support of **GM 580** to confirm the nomination of Michelle Muralt to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD).

As the former Executive Administrator (retired on December 31, 2017) of the State Council on DD, I understand the Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402 - DD Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000) of having individuals with DD represented on the Council. I've known Ms. Muralt since 2012 when she became a member of the Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC). Over these past five years, I have watched her grow from a shy young woman who sat in the back of the room and was quiet at meetings, to a strong vocal self-advocate who is not afraid to speak up and offer her opinion and perspective.

Ms. Muralt is an active member of SAAC, having been involved in numerous SAAC activities such as the Leadership Summit, Friendship Lunches, and Guide to Healthy Living sessions. Her leadership abilities have resulted in her being SAAC's Event Chair this year and she is responsible for coordinating SAAC's Leadership Summit scheduled for May 10, 2018. She is committed to sharing her thoughts and ideas as to how other individuals can become strong self-advocates to participate in SAAC activities and in their communities. Her appointment to the Council would provide the voice of self-advocates and strengthen the Council's work through its State Plan activities in the areas of community supports, employment, and self-advocacy and self-determination.

Thank you for the opportunity to convey my strong support to confirm Michelle Muralt to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.