

# GM612

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| Measure<br>Title:    | Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, LIZA YOGI, for a term to expire 06-30-2022. |
| Report<br>Title:     | State Council on Developmental Disabilities  |
| Current<br>Referral: | CPH  |

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

IT IS MY CALLING TO ADVOCATE FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

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

REACHOUT TO THE COMMUNITY AND BE THEIR VOICE IN THE GOVERNING BODIES TO AVOID OF THEIR NEEDS

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

BE AWARE OF THEIR CHALLENGES AND FIND WAYS TO ASSIST AND PROTECT THEM.

(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 AM A PARENT OF A DUAL DIAGNOSED DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLE INDIVIDUAL. HE IS 34 AND I AM EXPOSED TO HIS POPULATION

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

HELP ACHIEVE THE GOALS OF THE COUNCIL  
INTRODUCE NEW IDEAS TO IMPROVE THE RESULTS.

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

I AM PASSIONATE, DEDICATED, AND I WORK w/ MY HEART & MIND.

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

REFER TO NO. 4.

(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 WILL NOT DO THE BOARD ANY HARM. MY INVOLVEMENT IS LIMITED TO WHAT IS REQUIRED OF ME. I LEARNED THAT VERY EARLY.



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March 29, 2018

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,  
and, Health  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawai'i  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 612 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Liza T.H. Yogi

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 612** to confirm the nomination of Liza T.H. Yogi for a second term to expire June 30, 2022.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. 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. The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

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Ms. Yogi is a parent of a young man with a developmental disability. Her appointment to the Council fulfills the Federal requirement of parents serving on the Council. As a parent from Hawai'i Island (Hilo), she would represent parents and be the liaison for the East Hawai'i DD Committee, which provides the Council with information about the needs, issues, and concerns of individuals with DD and their families in Hawai'i County. She has been involved with the Council's activities through her attendance at the East Hawai'i DD Committee meetings and the Council's Day at the Capitol event.

Her enthusiasm, motivation, and perspective as a parent and legal guardian would assist the Council in addressing its State Plan Goal, "Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families educate their communities about intellectual and developmental disabilities." The Council looks forward to Ms. Yogi's contributions to improve the quality of life for individuals with DD.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our **strong support for GM 612** to confirm the appointment of Liza T.H. Yogi to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



Daintry Bartoldus  
Executive Administrator

**GM-612**

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Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

| <b>Submitted By</b> | <b>Organization</b>  | <b>Testifier Position</b> | <b>Present at Hearing</b> |
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| Self Advocates      | Testifying for Hawaii Self Advocacy Advisory Council (non-profit organization) | Support                   | Yes                       |

Comments:

March 19, 2018

The Honorable David Y. Ige  
Governor, State of Hawaii

Dear Governor Ige,

I am writing on behalf of Liza Yogi, to ask that you please reappointment her to the State DD Council. I have known Liza for many years and have worked on several projects with her. She knows the importance of, and is able to work collaboratively with others in the community to leverage resources that are available on Hawaii Island. Because of her own life experiences, she is knowledgeable and passionate in her commitment to working for people with disabilities to help them achieve the quality of life they want to live. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Harano-Hernandez, MSW  
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Children With Special Health Needs Program

Senator Rosalyn Baker  
Hawaii Senate  
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Dear Senator Baker,

I am writing to recommend Liza Yogi for Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities Member-East Hawaii parent.

I have known Liza Yogi for 5 years and have nothing but positive things to say. She attends East Hawaii Developmental Disabilities Committee meetings and participates with questions, suggestions and comments that strengthen our relationship with East Hawaii self-advocates and their partners. She is an original planning partner of the annual East Hawaii Disability Legislative Forum where the community talks story with East Hawaii state legislators and Hawaii County council members and planners. There is no doubt in my mind that Liza will be an excellent addition to the DD Council.

Mrs. Yogi is thoughtful, inquisitive, organized, thorough, and is a good advocate for persons with intellectual and development disabilities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 936-4061 or [Jesse.Floyd@doh.hawaii.gov](mailto:Jesse.Floyd@doh.hawaii.gov) if you have any further questions or requests.

Regards,

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March 29, 2018

TO: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
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SUBJECT: GM 612– State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Liza Yogi

HEARING: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Thursday, March 29, 2018, 9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 229

Aloha Senator Baker, Senator Tokuda and members of the Committee. I am submitting testimony in strong support of **GM 612** to confirm the nomination of Liza Yogi 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  
Thank you for the opportunity to convey my strong support to confirm Liza Yogi to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.