

# GM631

Measure Title:	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, DARWIN NAGAMINE, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.
Report Title:	State Council on Developmental Disabilities
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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 631 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Darwin Nagamine

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 631** to confirm the nomination of Darwin Nagamine 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

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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. Mr. Nagamine's appointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement for representatives of individuals with DD.

Mr. Nagamine is an energetic individual who would like to help others. He has lead the Question and Answer discussion sessions of the Legislative Forum's in Hilo, Hawaii. He can articulate his point of view and is an example for other individuals. He is a member of the Hawai'i Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) and an active member of Special Olympics.

We look forward to Mr. Nagamine's contributions to the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to express our **strong support for GM 631** to confirm Darwin Nagamine 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.

Daintry Bartoldus  
Executive Administrator

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State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Baker, and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 631 - Gubernatorial Nominee, DARWIN NAGAMINE

The Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 631**, the confirmation of Darwin Nagamine to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Darwin is a strong advocate. He is a great example to others. He participates in his community. He is a team member for Special Olympics. He teaches others to speak up for themselves. He is funny and likes to make people feel good about themselves, but he is serious when he needs to be. He is a member of SAAC and he is also the co-moderator at the Hilo Legislative Forums.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support of GM 631.**

Sincerely,

Renee Manfredi  
President

Senator Rosalyn Baker  
Hawaii Senate  
415 S. Beretania Street  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Baker,

I am writing to recommend Darwin Nagamine for Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities Member-self-advocate.

I have known Darwin for 5 years and have nothing but positive things to say. He often 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. He is an active member of East Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council chapter as the vice-chair. He is eager to serve his friends and others that have disabilities. Darwin is a hard worker and excellent communicator who participates in the annual East Hawaii Disability Legislative Forum. He provides invaluable feedback about what he hears from the disability community. I know Darwin will be an excellent addition to the DD Council.

Darwin is dynamic, a go-getter, very outgoing, inquisitive, 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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Senator Rosalyn Baker  
Hawaii Senate  
415 S. Beretania Street  
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Dear Senator Baker,

I am writing to recommend Darwin Nagamine for Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities Member-self-advocate.

I have known Darwin for over 15 years, he is an excellent speaker and not afraid to take the lead. He is also kind and helpful with his fellow peers. He often 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. He is an active member of East Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council chapter as the vice-chair. He is eager to serve his friends and others that have disabilities. Darwin is a hard worker and excellent communicator who participates in the annual East Hawaii Disability Legislative Forum. He provides invaluable feedback about what he hears from the disability community. I know Darwin will be an excellent addition to the DD Council.

Darwin is dynamic, a go-getter, very outgoing, inquisitive, and is a good advocate for persons with intellectual and development disabilities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (808) 989-1938 or [mevangelista@eastersealhawaii.org](mailto:mevangelista@eastersealhawaii.org) if you have any further questions or requests.

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Senator Rosalyn Baker

415 S. Beretania St.

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Dear Senator Baker,

I am writing on behalf of Darwin Nagamine, to ask that he be appointment to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, as a member-self-advocate. Darwin has participated in the East Hawaii Disability Legislative Forum, since we started 3 years ago. He is outgoing, friendly and enjoys working with others. He is an active member of the disability community.

I am sure that Darwin will be a great addition to the DD Council.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Harano-Hernandez  
Hawaii District Health Office  
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and Health  
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Dear Senator Baker, and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 631 - Gubernatorial Nominee, DARWIN NAGAMINE

I am providing testimony in strong support of GM 631 Darwin Nagamine. I met him about seven years ago at Special Olympic games on Oahu. He was an outgoing funny guy who liked to talk with others and make sure everyone was doing okay, had what they needed, and made us laugh. I saw him give away his bottle of water to the guy he would be racing against, I teased him he should not have, then he would be slower because he was thirsty, Darwin only laughed at me and said no. I cannot remember if Darwin won or loss that day, but I remember how I respected him, how he talked to others, supporting them, reassuring them. I asked him to become a SAAC member (Hawaii Self Advocacy Advisory Council) and he did.

For the past few years I have heard Darwin give speeches to legislators at the Hilo Legislative forums, he is a strong advocate. He is good because he talks about things that are important to other people, not just himself. Like accessible parks and beaches for wheelchair users.

Darwin would be a great role model for others and an asset for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Thank you for this opportunity to provide strong support for GM 631 Darwin Nagamine.

Sincerely,  
Timothy Renken, DD Council Member, Vice President of SAAC, President of Toast Master

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  
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SUBJECT: GM 631– State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Darwin Nagamine

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 631** to confirm the nomination of Darwin Nagamine 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. Mr. Nagamine would be representing self-advocates living in East Hawaii on Hawaii Island.

He is a member of the East Hawaii Self-Advocacy group and is involved in its activities to increase advocacy leadership skills of its members as well as recruit other self-advocates to join the group. His appointment to the Council would assist the Council in promoting self-advocacy, self-determination, and employment opportunities for persons with DD on Hawaii Island.

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