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TO: The Honorable Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director
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SUBJECT: **GM 547** - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, DUSTIN PARK, for a term to expire 06-30-2021.

Hearing: Wednesday, February 20, 2019, 3:15 p.m.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services, on behalf of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), supports the nomination of Mr. Dustin Park to the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC). The SRC was established in the 1992 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The SRC acts in partnership with DVR on services that address employment needs of individuals with disabilities.

Mr. Park is seeking appointment to the SRC as representative for the council as a Current or Former Recipient of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, section 348-8(a)(7), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

Mr. Park is a student at Honolulu Community College and currently an intern with Leadership in Disabilities & Achievement of Hawaii. Mr. Park is looking forward to furthering his assistance to the disability community by bringing his insight as a current DVR consumer to the State Rehabilitation Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this committee.