

# GM660

Measure Title:	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARY BROGAN, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.
Report Title:	State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Current Referral:	CPH



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The Honorable Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Health  
Thirtieth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawai'i  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT:** GM 660 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Mary Brogan

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS**  
**GM 660** to confirm the nomination of Mary Brogan for a term to expire June 30, 2023.

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 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.

Ms. Brogan's appointment would fulfill the Federal requirement for a representative of relevant State entities. She will serve as the representative for the Department of Health (DOH) as a relevant State entity. As the DOH representative, she would be the liaison to provide information to and from, and coordination with other Divisions within DOH, such as the Adult Mental Health, Child and Adolescent Mental Health, and DD Divisions.

Thank you for the opportunity to convey our **support for GM 660** to confirm the appointment of Ms. Brogan to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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**Testimony in SUPPORT of GM 660**  
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARY BROGAN, for a term to expire 06-30-2023**

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, CONSUMER PROTECTION, AND HEALTH  
SENATOR ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR  
SENATOR STANLEY CHANG, VICE CHAIR

Testimony of Debbie Shimizu  
Program Specialist, Executive Office on Aging  
Attached Agency to the Department of Health

Hearing Date: Friday, April 5, 2019  
9:30AM

Room Number: 229

- 1 **EOA's Position:** The Executive Office on Aging (EOA), an attached agency to the Department  
2 of Health, is in strong support of the nomination of Mary Brogan to the State Council on  
3 Developmental Disabilities.
- 4 **Comments:** Ms. Brogan is currently the Administrator of the Developmental Disabilities Division  
5 (DDD) for the Department of Health. Prior to this she also held other positions within state  
6 government. In the Department of Health, she served as the Performance Improvement  
7 Coordinator for the Office of Program Improvement and Excellence in the Behavioral Health  
8 Administration, as well as Assistant Administrator, Performance Manager and Program  
9 Performance Specialist for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division. In 1996-98 she  
10 served as the planning and policy analyst in the Children and Families Division in the Office of  
11 the Governor. In 1993-96 Ms. Brogan was the Child Development Officer in the Governor's

12 Office of Children and Youth. Ms. Brogan is definitely well qualified to serve as the designated  
13 State agency representative to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

14 Ms. Brogan is a member of the Executive Office on Aging's Advisory Committee for the No  
15 Wrong Door Initiative. This is a federal initiative funded by the Administration for Community  
16 Living to coordinate and streamline referrals between state agencies. Ms. Brogan has been an  
17 active participant in Advisory Committee meetings and provided valuable insight on developing  
18 the No Wrong Door system in the state to better serve our kupuna and individuals with disabilities.  
19 With her knowledge and experience in state government, she has been a valuable asset to the  
20 Executive Office on Aging. I am confident she will also be a valuable asset to the State Council on  
21 Developmental Disabilities.

22 For these reasons, EOA supports the confirmation of Ms. Brogan to the State Council on  
23 Developmental Disabilities.

24 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019**

Dear Senator Baker,

I am writing to show my support of the reappointment of Mary Brogan to the Developmental Disabilities Council as the Department of Health, Designated State Agency Representative.

Over the years, my team and I have interacted with Mary in several ways. She has been a wonderful resource and supporter of our organization. Mary's knowledge of issues affecting children and adults with disabilities and their families, as well as her knowledge of state and non-profit resources, will be an asset to the work of the Council. Ms. Brogan is a hard-working and passionate individual and it is a pleasure working with her.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide this letter of support for Ms. Brogan's reappointment to the Developmental Disabilities Council as the Department of Health, Designated State Agency Representative.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer La'a  
CEO, Easterseals Hawaii



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April 5, 2019

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: GM 660 – **Ms. Mary Brogan**, State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee,

The Special Parent Information Network (SPIN) is a state program providing parent-to-parent information, referral and support to parents of children and young adults with disabilities. SPIN also provides technical and logistical support to the Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC). We have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Mary Brogan from the early days of the Felix Consent Decree to her current position as Administrator of the Developmental Disabilities Division.

Ms. Brogan stood out at the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division in the early days of the implementation of Felix-driven reforms as one who valued parents' voices and their right to participate in the planning and evaluation of policy and program changes. She has also shown her commitment to listen to self-advocates and to help to design a service system that improves their quality of life. While in the Office of Program Improvement and Excellence, SPIN experienced Ms. Brogan's talents as a skilled facilitator, working with parents, self-advocates, advocacy agencies, and representatives from the Departments of Human Services and Health in thoughtfully examining options for expanding Medicaid Home and Community-Based Services to vulnerable populations not currently covered under eligibility requirements.

Now leading the Developmental Disabilities Division's major strategic reforms to the Developmental Disabilities Waiver, eligibility tools and case management procedures, Ms. Brogan is in an ideal position to help family members and self-advocates on the Council to better understand and shape the choices the Developmental Disabilities Division is making. Perhaps even more significant will be the opportunity for DDD's leadership to hear first-hand the impact of these reform efforts on the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and to benefit from the synergy of working collaboratively on systems improvement.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide support for Ms. Brogan's confirmation.

Respectfully,

Susan S. Rocco  
SPIN Coordinator

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April 5, 2019

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Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 229  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Re: GM 660: In Support of the Confirmation of MARY BROGAN to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.**

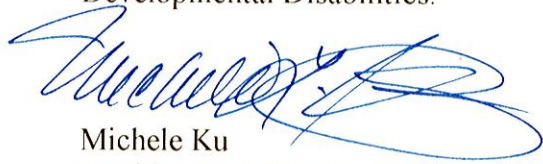
Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health;

The Arc of Kona strongly supports the confirmation of Mary Brogan to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

The Arc of Kona is located on the Big Island of Hawaii and provides Medicaid Waiver Home and Community Based Services to individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) island-wide. As the President and CEO of the Arc of Kona, I have had the privilege of working with Ms. Brogan for the last several years in her capacity as the Administrator for the Department of Health, Developmental Disabilities Division (DOH DDD).

It has been our experience that Ms. Brogan has a high level of integrity and is an effective leader who has garnered the respect of partners and stakeholders through her consistent demonstration of exemplary quality improvement skills, change management skills, and systems transformation. She is successful in developing relationships and partnerships with key stakeholders, is an effective communicator and collaborator, listens to and understands diverse perspectives, and is committed to ensuring the individuals we serve have opportunities to live a full life in their communities. In addition, Ms. Brogan has a wealth of knowledge and experience that is invaluable. We are confident that she will be a tremendous asset to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Thank you for your consideration and the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support to confirm the nomination of Mary Brogan to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.



Michele Ku  
President and Chief Executive Officer



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*"Ho'o Nui Ka Hiki"*

April 1, 2019

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,  
and, Health

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 660 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Mary Brogan

I am writing in strong support of Mary Brogan's re-appointment to the Developmental Disabilities Council as the Department of Health, Designated State Agency Representative for a term to expire June 30, 2023. Ms. Brogan has a strong record in public service and is deeply committed to supporting people with disabilities and their families and has made significant changes to improve the quality of services and outcomes for individuals served by DDD.

Ms. Brogan has been strategic in transforming DDD into an organization focused on quality, efficiency, accountability, and excellence. She is very effective in bringing people together to engage in collaboration and partnerships. Ms. Brogan was instrumental in designing DDD's quality assurance and improvement program in 2012 and under her leadership, expanded the program into a statewide comprehensive, data-driven system to improve DDD's practices, processes, and the quality of services and outcomes for individuals.

As the Outcomes and Compliance Branch Chief for DDD, I have worked under Ms. Brogan's leadership and can attest to the wealth of knowledge and experience she brings to the division. She has a deep understanding of what it takes to lead a state agency that fosters partnerships, provides quality person-centered and family-focused services and supports that promote self-determination.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong support for GM660 to confirm the re-appointment of Mary Brogan to the Developmental Disabilities Council.

Respectfully,

*Tracey Comeaux*

Tracey Comeaux, MSW



April 3, 2019

The Honorable Rosalyn Baker  
Chair, Senate Committee on Commerce,  
Consumer Protection, and Health  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: **GM 660 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities Nominee**  
**Mary Brogan**

Dear Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

This testimony is submitted in strong support of the nomination of Mary Brogan for membership on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities is responsible for the development and review of the state plan for individuals with developmental disabilities and for the coordination of services for individuals with developmental disabilities provided by public and private agencies.

As the Administrator of the Department of Health, Developmental Disabilities Division (DOH-DDD), Mary Brogan is very familiar with the role of public and private agencies in providing services and supports to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

I have worked with and have known Mary for the past four years. She is very dedicated to her work and has sought to adopt best practices at the DOH-DDD.

Mary will be an excellent addition to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Very truly yours,

*Christine Young*

Christine Young

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April 2, 2019

**TO:** The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair  
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

**FROM:** Judy Mohr Peterson, Med-QUEST Administrator

**RE:** **GM660 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARY BROGAN, for a term to expire 06-30-2023.**

Hearing: Friday, April 5, 2019 9:30 a.m.  
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

This memo is to support the nomination of Mary Brogan, the Developmental Disabilities Division administrator, to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD). As Hawaii's Medicaid director, I have worked and collaborated with Ms. Brogan extensively on many projects and issues related to developmental disabilities. Regardless whether we have been working to resolve a complicated individual's case or we are working to implement the largest, most transformative set of rules for the Medicaid long-term care system, her approach is one of compassion blended with pragmatism.

Her background in education as well as her long career serving the children and families in this state and across the country, give her the ability to work tirelessly for the families of this state. She recognizes how to address our unique needs by not only adapting best practices from around of the country, but developing our own that best meet our needs. For these reasons, I strongly support Mary Brogan's nomination.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to submit testimony in support.



March 29, 2019

Recommending **Mary Brogan** for service on the  
Developmental Disabilities Council

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To Whom It May Concern:

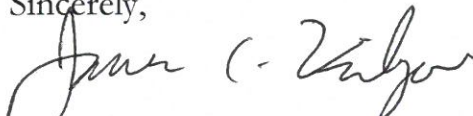
I would like to recommend that Mary Brogan's membership on the Developmental Disabilities Council be renewed for another term.

Mary is in an excellent position to listen and learn from self-advocates and to implement policies and programs that are directly related to the needs and desires of those self-advocates. Mary has collaborated Full Life and other provider organizations across the State of Hawaii to ensure quality services for people with I/DD.

Mary has promoted and made training available to self-advocates, family members, and provider agencies. Some of the trainings include tools for person centered planning and self-determination. Mary's communication and collaboration with others is excellent and leads to finding win-win solutions and results.

Mary will be a diligent contributor to Developmental Disabilities Council and I highly recommend her for a renewed term of membership.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Kilgore, Executive Director

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