

GM662

Measure Title:	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOSHUA IGE, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.
Report Title:	State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Current Referral:	CPH



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April 5, 2019

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 662 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Joshua Ige

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS GM 662** to confirm the nomination of Joshua Ige for a 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. The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

Mr. Ige is a self-advocate and meets the Federal requirement of individuals with DD as members of the Council. On the island of Lāna'i, Mr. Ige is the chair of the Lāna'i Chapter of the Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council. He provides leadership and is a role model for other self-advocates to get involved by participating on committees and community activities. He has been actively involved with the Council's annual Day at the Capitol event and has met with numerous legislators to express his concern and support for services on Lāna'i. He also serves on his church board and volunteers making and delivering meals.

We are pleased with Mr. Ige's nomination to be reappointed to continue to serve on the Council. We appreciate the opportunity to convey our **strong support for GM 662 to confirm the appointment of Joshua Ige to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.**

Sincerely,

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Executive Administrator

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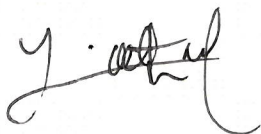
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The Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 662**, the confirmation of Joshua Ige to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities for a term to expire 06-30-2022.

Josh 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 Chair of the Lanai SAAC Chapter.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **strong support of GM 662**.

Sincerely,



Timothy Renken
President

From: Tim Belcher [<mailto:pastortimlbc@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, April 3, 2019 12:14 PM

To: Sen. Roz Baker <senbaker@capitol.hawaii.gov>

Subject: Josh Ige for DD Council

Aloha Senator Baker,

I am emailing you in response to a request for endorsing Josh Ige to be on the DD Council Board. I have been Josh's pastor for five years and he is one of the hardest working, most conscientious people I know. He has such a heart for serving not only in our church, but also throughout the community of Lanai. If anyone needs anything all they have to do is ask Josh and he will be there.

I think he would make a great addition to the board because he wants to make a difference by being involved in the process. He wants better for himself and I know that goes for others who struggle with disabilities. He certainly does not allow his disability slow him down or limit what he knows he can do. If you need anything else please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Belcher
Senior Pastor
Lanai Baptist Church