

To: Senator Russell E. Ruderman, Chair  
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services

Date: April 12, 2019, 2:45 pm, Room 016

**RE: GM 735: In Support of the Nomination and Confirmation of TERRY-ANN MOSES to the State Rehabilitation Council**

Dear Chair Ruderman, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Committee Members;

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong support of Governor Ige's nomination of Terry-Ann Moses to the State Rehabilitation Council. Ms. Moses is seeking appointment to the SRC as a representative of a Disability Advocacy Group. As the current Chair, I am submitting testimony on behalf of the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC).

The SRC was established in the 1992 Amendments to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The SRC provides an external, consumer-oriented perspective as it acts in partnership with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) on services that address the employment needs of individuals with disabilities.

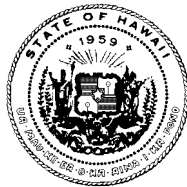
Ms. Moses has numerous years of experience working with vulnerable populations including the homeless, runaways, and persons with disabilities. Most of her professional experience has been focused on providing disability related supports and services most specifically for individuals with a diagnosis of a mental illness including a transitional employment program for clients. Ms. Moses is a strong advocate that is passionate about eliminating barriers for persons with disabilities.

As a result, we believe that Ms. Moses' experience, advocacy skills, passion, and desire to serve will continue to be of great value to our consumers, State Rehabilitation Council, and the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,



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April 11, 2019

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

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director  
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SUBJECT: **GM 735 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, TERRY-ANN MOSES, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.**

**GM 736 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, TERRY-ANN MOSES, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.**

Hearing: Friday, April 12, 2019, 2:45 p.m.  
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the nomination of Ms. Terry-Ann Moses to the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC). Ms. Moses is seeking an appointment for her first term on the SRC. She will assume the SRC member role representing a Disability Advocacy Group per section 348-8(a)(6), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Ms. Moses is currently working as the Director of the Friendship House Clubhouse in Kapaa, Hawaii. Ms. Moses began her career in 2003 counseling individuals with mental illness while in Florida. In Florida, Ms. Moses worked closely with community partners, including the Florida DVR agency, and continues to work closely with Hawaii's DVR since relocating to Hawaii in 2013. Some of her responsibilities as the Director of the Friendship House Clubhouse include counseling, job readiness assistance, and developing business relationships to help her clientele obtain meaningful employment. Ms. Moses' previous employment includes Support Group Facilitator, Street Outreach Liaison, Senior PSR (psychosocial rehabilitation) Counselor, Employment Unit Supervisor, and now, Clubhouse Director on Kauai Island.

Ms. Moses' 15 plus years of experience in mental health, community outreach, DVR relationships, and her commitment to assist individuals with disabilities gain employment, reflects her shared vision of the work of DVR and makes her a beneficial addition to the SRC.

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