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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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TO: The Honorable Russell E. Ruderman, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Maureen Bates, Administrator
Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

SUBJECT: **GM 721 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Nancy Gorman, for a term to expire 06-30-2020**

Hearing: Thursday, May 14, 2020, 3:00pm
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services, on behalf of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), supports the confirmation of Ms. Nancy Gorman 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 the DVR on services that address employment needs of individuals with disabilities.

Ms. Gorman is seeking appointment to the SRC as the Representative of the State Educational Agency responsible for the Public Education of Students with Disabilities per section 348-8(a)(8), Hawaii Revised Statutes. Ms. Gorman serves as the Educational Specialist, Out of School Placements in the Special Education Section of the Exceptional Support Branch. Ms. Gorman's membership would fulfill the composition requirement for the State Educational Agency Department of Education.

Ms. Gorman has more than 15 years of experience in the provision of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Services, program management, monitoring, compliance, evaluation, accreditation, as well as state and federal reporting. This extensive body of knowledge will contribute toward the guidance and evaluation of the DVR's effectiveness in providing vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities transitioning from high school towards post-secondary education and employment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.