

Good Morning Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Keohokalole, and Senate Committee on Judiciary Members

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Respectfully submitted,



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March 11, 2022

The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair
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Hawaii State Capitol
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Dear Senator Rhoads:

SUBJECT: GM 590 - Nomination of Dr. Patricia Morrissey to the statewide voters with special needs advisory committee

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Dr. Patricia Morrissey was the President of the U.S. International Council on Disabilities (2014-2016). In March and July 2015, she was part of a team that provided disability policy training in Istanbul to Iranian activists. She was Commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) from August 2001 till January 2009. Prior to that position, Dr. Morrissey was a senior associate at Booz Allen Hamilton where she provided consulting services to federal agencies, especially on accessibility in technology.

Dr. Morrissey came to Washington, D.C. in 1976. Her career includes stints in both the public and private sector. She worked for the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions for five years prior to joining Booz Allen. She played a central role in the drafting of major disability legislation – the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act Amendments of 1996 and 2000, the Rehabilitation Act amendments of 1998, the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, the Education of the Deaf Act Amendments of 1998 and the Ticket to Work and Work Incentive Improvement Act of 1999.

Her knowledge of national trends and best practices in disabilities will help the committee to improve the service delivery system.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for Dr. Patricia Morrissey to the statewide voters with special needs advisory committee.

Sincerely,

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Executive Administrator



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Her knowledge and experience is unsurpassed and we appreciate the opportunity to express our strong support for Dr. Patricia Morrissey to the statewide voters with special needs advisory committee.

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Executive Director





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Dear Chairman Karl Rhoads,

I am writing in strong support of the nomination of Dr. Patricia Morrissey to sit on the statewide voters with special needs advisory committee. Dr. Morrissey has years of experience advocating for individuals with disabilities and has played a key role in the drafting of major disability legislation that improved the lives of people with disabilities.

Most recently, for the State of Hawai'i, she was the Director of Hawai'i University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Training, Service and Research (UCEDD) at the Center on Disability Studies at University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for 4 years running numerous projects to improving the lives of people with disabilities across the lifespan. Her project included working with teachers and families to ensure that they understand the importance of the transition plan and that transition activities were included in the students' individual education plan. She has also worked to educate employers about disability issues and took on project to improve the accessibility and availability of accessible housing for individuals with disabilities.

Prior to coming to Hawai'i, she served as the President of the U.S. International Council on Disabilities (2014- 2016), Commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) from August 2001 till January 2009, and she was a senior associate at Booz Allen Hamilton where she provided consulting services to federal agencies, especially on accessibility in technology. For over 20 years she served in senior staff positions in the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government and in Congress. When serving in the George W. Bush Administration in 2004-2006 she was part of the U.S. delegation to the UN when the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was being drafted. From 1981 through 2000 she played a direct role in drafting federal disability-related legislation including but not limited to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the Americans with Disability Act, the Rehabilitation Act, the Deaf Education Act, the Technology Related Assistance Act, the Developmental Assistance and Bill of Rights Act, and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. She has keen interest in working with others, especially those with disabilities, to promote meaningful inclusion of people with disabilities in all aspects of society.



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Dr. Morrissey clearly has the knowledge and experience to support people with disabilities at many levels. In addition, what I am most impressed about Dr. Morrissey is that she has the passion to make things happen. She has been an inspiration to many, and I believe that she will be an asset to the committee given this opportunity and will lead to the improvement of the service delivery system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kiriko Takahashi'.

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March 12, 2022

To: Members of the Hawaii Senate Judiciary Committee

From: Robert A. Stodden, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus & Past Director
Center on Disability Studies

Re: Letter of Supportive testimony for Dr. Patricia Morrissey as a Member of the Statewide Voters with Special Needs Advisory Committee (GM590)

I am very pleased to recommend and support Dr. Patricia Morrissey in her application for membership in the Statewide Voters with Special Needs Advisory Committee. I have carefully reviewed her professional papers and find her to be a highly qualified candidate to serve on this important committee. I am very familiar with the excellent performance and significant professional contribution of Dr. Morrissey both in the State of Hawaii and nationally in Washington D.C. During her time in Hawaii, she has actively applied her knowledge and skills to contribute to the University of Hawaii and to the disability community in the State of Hawaii.

Personally and professionally, I find Dr. Morrissey to be a very hardworking and committed individual, possessing a strong sense of equity for all persons' right to vote and contribute to our democracy – this includes consideration for those who are marginalized in our communities. She has displayed the necessary personal and professional behaviors to work closely with a diverse range of community members of the advisory committee. She is organized and able to multi-task to ensure that contributions to committee will be significant and long lasting.

From my review of her professional papers and my experience working with Dr. Morrissey, I strongly support approval of her application. If I can provide further information regarding her application, please feel free to contact me via e-mail at: stodden@hawaii.edu or phone: 808-478-1505 (cell). Thank you very much for this opportunity to testify in support of Dr. Morrissey in her application for membership with this committee.

GM-590

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Testimony for JDC on 3/15/2022 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sue Berk	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Subject: In support of Patricia Morrissey for the Statewide Voters with Special Needs Advisory Committee

I established Fuller Lives (a 501c3) in 2017 with two other moms of adult children with Intellectual and Developmental disabilities (IDD). We are working with other non-profits, developers, State DD Council, DOH etc. to heighten awareness of the lack of sufficient and appropriate housing options for adults with DD. We met Pat at the Center on Disabilities Studies at UH. She enthusiastically joined our Board of Directors in 2018. We are very lucky to have her. You've seen her resume so you know the depth of her experience and accomplishments.

Pat asks great questions and offers solid advice. She is organized and inspires us to consider new ideas and approaches. She works well with everyone and has even hosted a couple of meetings at her home when other venues were not available. She has a sincere appreciation for Hawaii's aloha spirit and demonstrates it often.

Pat would be a valuable member to this advisory committee and would work hard to support persons with disabilities gain access to voter registration and casting of ballots, ect.

Sincerely,

Sue Berk

President, Fuller Lives

I am writing in support of the nomination of Dr. Patricia Morrissey to the Statewide Voters with Special Needs Advisory Committee (GM590). I have known Dr. Morrissey for about 8 years. I have worked with her in her capacity as the Director of the Center on Disability Studies at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Dr. Morrissey is very resourceful, knowledgeable about legislation, well networked in the disability community, extremely professional, and will bring a tremendous amount of experience to the position. Being a person with a disability, Pat will bring insight and direct experience in the challenges experienced in voting in the past that will assist the committee to address important issues to help make voting accessible and inclusive. What impresses me most about Dr. Morrissey is her depth of knowledge and her experience in developing federal and state disability policy. Specifically, she was instrumental in drafting the Americans with Disabilities Education Act of 1990 with Congressman Steve Bartlett. Directly related to the nomination of this committee, she was the senior federal official responsible for implementing and evaluating the disability provisions in the Help America Vote Act.

She has important recommendations as to how to address improving participation in the voting process for individuals with disabilities that are sound and make sense. She raised the following two concerns: (1) the absence of any funding for the committee's work and (2) the exclusion of any reference people with intellectual disabilities are critical and insightful. Dr. Morrissey is a doer and focuses on what should be done to improve things and does not dwell on obstacles and challenges. These two issues already raised by her will make a positive impact in the work of the committee. I highly recommend that Dr. Morrissey be appointed to the Statewide Voters with Special Needs Advisory Committee.

- Kelle Murphy

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Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
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RE: GM 590 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Voters With Special Needs Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA MORRISSEY, for a term to expire 06-30-2025

Dear Chair Rhoads and Members of the Committee:

As the coordinator of a parent to parent program for parents of children and young adults with disabilities, I have had the pleasure of working with Ms. Morrissey for the last decade and would like to highly recommend her for confirmation to the Statewide Voters with Special Needs Advisory Committee.

Ms. Morrissey has had an exceptional career, both in Washington, D.C. and in Hawaii. As a staffer in the Committee on Education and Labor in the U.S. House of Representatives, she was instrumental in drafting the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997, the Rehabilitation Act amendments of 1998 and the Assistive Technology Act of 1998. She went on to serve as the Commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities and later became the Director on the Center on Disability Studies at the University of Hawaii.

It was in this latter post that I observed first hand Ms. Morrissey's commitment to improving the lives of people with disabilities and their families and ensuring equal access and opportunity in all aspects of community living. She has a wealth of knowledge regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act and a host of other disability-related legislation. Most importantly, she is a team player with tireless energy to devote to disability rights, including the right to vote.

Respectfully,

Susan Rocco
SPIN Coordinator

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Regarding GM 590 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Voters With Special Needs Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA MORRISSEY, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Dear friends,

It is my pleasure to submit this testimony in support of the candidacy of Dr. Pat Morrissey for consideration and confirmation to the Statewide Voters With Special Needs Advisory Committee. I have known Dr. Morrissey for some years in my role as Editor-in-Chief of the *Review of Disability Studies* journal, where she is Distinguished Fellow, and in her previous capacity as Director of the Center on Disability Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, as well as her present role as President of the US International Council on Disabilities. Given her extensive legislative experience and her years of demonstrated and active, continued commitment to serving the needs of those with disabilities, she is uniquely qualified to serve in this role, and I wholeheartedly endorse her candidacy.

In her legislative experience, she has demonstrated the necessary leadership to work pragmatically with allies and decision-makers to achieve identified priorities. There are few Americans with comparable experience impacting legislation to better the lives of those with disabilities, both in the US as well as globally. This includes service as Commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities in the US Department of Health and Human Services, and over 20 years in senior staff positions in the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government and in Congress. Additionally, working within the George W. Bush Administration, she was part of the US delegation to the UN during drafting of Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

In addition to her extensive previous experience, she also has demonstrated a continued commitment to empowering others to have greater access to legislation, a commitment that continues to the present. As recent as last month, she generously accepted an invitation on behalf of the Center on Disability Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa to provide a masterclass of her legislative experience in a capacity building institute on interfacing with legislators, entitled "Legislation Toolkit" that she contributed to the 100s of global attendees during the 37th Annual Pacific Rim

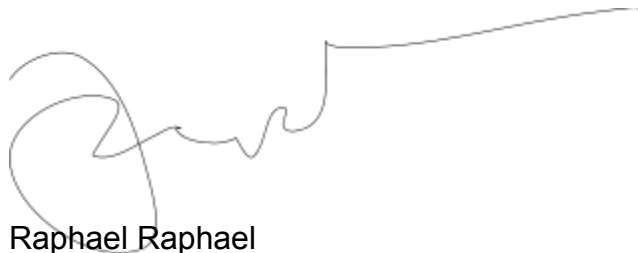
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International Conference on Disability and Diversity at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa on February 26, 2022. This well-received training session provided laypersons with practical strategies to better advocate and navigate the legislative system, particularly for priorities of meeting the needs of those with disabilities.

I also regularly interface with Dr. Morrissey in her advisory capacity with the *Review of Disability Studies*, where she serves as Distinguished Fellow. She can be counted on to give insightful, generous advice for the direction of the journal and its service to international readers around issues of disabilities. Her pragmatic and strategic insights have been crucial to the ongoing success of the journal and its service to its global readership.

Given Dr. Morrissey's far-reaching experience and pragmatic understandings, I believe the State of Hawaii could have no better person to help steward this important initiative.

My best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raphael Raphael', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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March 15, 2022
Testimony of Patricia Morrissey pertaining to GM 590
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to
the Statewide Voters With Special Needs Advisory Committee,
Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA MORRISSEY

Before the Hawaii Senate Judiciary Committee

Chairman Rhoads and Committee Members:

Thank you for this opportunity to testify. I am honored to be considered for an appointment to the Hawaii Statewide Voters with Special Needs Advisory Committee. You are to be commended for introducing the legislation. The Hawaii Legislature is to be commended for enacting it with broad support. And, the Governor is to be commended for signing it. These actions are progressive and timely. More than ever civic engagement is critically important to this democracy. The central component of this engagement is voting. People with disabilities represent one out of every four individuals over 18 years of age in Hawaii. They, like all other voters, deserve the right to access independently the voting process and cast their ballots.

Until August 2020, I was Director of the Center on Disability Studies at the University of Hawaii. This is a nationally and internationally recognized resource. It conducts research, demonstrations, and training related to people with disabilities. Many individuals with disabilities and their families have benefited from the work of the center. As the result of this work, Hawaii residents with disabilities and their families have experienced greater opportunities and more inclusion in all aspects of community life.

Currently, I am an active volunteer. I am president of the U.S International Council on Disabilities, and also, serve on the board of two parent-directed nonprofit organizations in Hawaii, Leadership in Disabilities and Achievement of Hawaii and Fuller Lives. Prior to moving to Hawaii, I held numerous positions in the federal executive and congressional branches of government. I played a leadership role in drafting all major federal disability legislation from 1981 through 2000. Beginning in 2002 through 2008, I was the federal official responsible for overseeing the implementation of the disability provisions in the Help America Vote Act.

For the record, I have cerebral palsy, a mobility impairment, and use a scooter to get around. Thank you for allowing me to appear before you today via Zoom. I greatly appreciate the accommodation.

In my testimony I would like to make three points.

First, the scope of the committee's mandate is clear. The legislation states "*The purpose of the advisory committee is to ensure equal and independent access to voter registration, casting of ballots, and all other office of elections services.*" Nonetheless, some critical components require discussion and consensus in order to facilitate the committee's work.

The text of the legislation only refers to physical disabilities and references specifically visual and hearing impairments. I would hope the Committee's mission will be allowed also to address the needs of those with mental and cognitive disabilities.

The legislation indicates that for administrative purposes the Committee falls under the Office on Elections. Does that mean that the Committee will have staff and financial support from that office? Such support is vital to the credibility of the Committee and its ability to accomplish its purposes.

Second, the Committee needs to establish a baseline on the number of people with disabilities who are voters so we can measure progress thereafter. The federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC, based on data collected in 2019, estimates that there are 258,555 people with disabilities over 18 years of age living in Hawaii. This information is further broken down to show that 10% of those people have a mobility impairment, 10% have a cognition impairment, 5% have challenges living independently, 6% have a hearing impairment, 4% have a vision impairment, and 3% have challenges related to self-care. There is no data available to show how many of these individuals are registered voters. If the Statewide Voters with Special Needs Committee were to undertake a survey of people with disabilities in Hawaii, that would be an invaluable contribution to our understanding of how well our election process is accessible to people with disabilities.

Third, when we have secured the direct involvement of people with disabilities in the work of the committee, such as through a survey and other activities, we will have a foundation for dialogue between elected officials and voters with disabilities. We will improve civic engagement. Needed changes in state policies can be pursued through informed consensus and opportunities for people with disabilities can be expanded. Perhaps, what we implement here will be an attractive option for other states interested in increasing civic engagement among their voters with disabilities.

In closing, I would once again like to thank you for this opportunity and to also thank Daintry Bartoldus, Executive Administrator of the Governor's State Council on Developmental Disabilities, and Louis Erteschik, Executive Director, of the Hawaii

Disability Rights Center, for nominating me to be a member of the Hawaii Statewide Voters with Special Needs Advisory Committee.

I welcome any questions you may have.

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February 21, 2022

**Karl Rhoads, Chair
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Dear Chairman Rhoades:

I am honored to be considered for a position on the Statewide Voters with Special Needs Advisory Committee. My answers to your questions are below and my resume accompanies this letter.

- 1. Please describe your understanding of the role and jurisdiction of the Statewide Voters with Special Needs Advisory Committee (Committee).** I have read the text of Act 213, which authorizes the Committee, from the link sent to me by Leslee. There appears to be substantial text missing. I attempted to find the missing text, but was not successful. The text in the law skips from p. 3 to p. 59. I am not able to comment on the missing material. From the three pages I read, I understand the scope and role of the advisory committee. I am curious about the relationship of this Committee to the local Committees and what type of support the statewide Committee may expect from the Board of Elections.
- 2. How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the Committee?** The Committee members are to determine if people with physical disabilities, including those with visual hearing and hearing impairments, are able to participate in all aspects of the voting process, and to the extent that they face challenges, offer recommendations to the Hawaii Board of Elections with regard to how to correct them.
- 3. Why do you wish to serve as a member of the Committee? Please note if you initially applied to be nominated to the Committee or if you were invited to apply.** I was recommended for nomination by Daintry Bartoldus, Executive Director of the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities. I served on that Council from 2016 to 2020. I would like to serve on this new Committee because I have direct experience and professional skills that would facilitate the Committee in its fact finding and development of recommendations. I have cerebral palsy and have directly experienced challenges when voting in the past. I have 40+ years of experience in developing federal and state disability policies. For four years I was Director of the Center on Disability Studies at the University of Hawaii (2016-2020). From 2006 to 2009 I was the senior federal official responsible for implementing and evaluating the

disability provisions in the Help America Vote Act. I am currently president of the U.S. International Council on Disabilities; a board member of a Hawaiian nonprofit, Fuller Lives, which works to increase the amount of affordable, accessible housing for people with developmental disabilities; and I am a policy fellow with the Eastern Oregon Center for Independent Living.

4. **Please describe why you believe that you are qualified to be a member of the Committee. Please discuss any skills, expertise, knowledge, or volunteer involvement that would aid in your decision-making ability.** See answer to #3.
5. **What do you hope to accomplish during your term as a member of the Committee?** If I have one of the three-year terms, I would, working with other Committee members, develop questionnaires and conduct focus groups with the target populations throughout the state to learn in detail what their participation in the voting process has been, what changes they seek, and then work with the Board of Elections to implement needed recommendations. This would include clear messaging to the target populations. The critical question that could be answered by such an approach would be to determine to what extent in the past people in the target populations voted, and following implementation of needed changes, to what extent did participation among the target populations increase.
6. **As this is a new Committee, what issues do you believe the Committee should address?** The key is to document the extent to which people in the target population have voted in the past and to consider their recommendations and suggestions on how to improve participation in the voting process in the future. One likely key suggestion will be to ensure that someone in each of the voting centers is equipped to assist people in the target populations in an appropriate manner.
7. **Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the Committee? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?** No.
8. **Is there any other information regarding your experience and background that you believe should be considered for your nomination?** No, although the breadth and depth of my leadership abilities as well as my experience in organizing and working in groups especially would be an asset to the Committee.
9. **Is there anything in your background that might be deemed as negative or controversial by the Senate?** No.
10. **Please provide a current copy of your resume, to be shared with Senate members and their staff.** It accompanies this letter.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Patricia A. Morrissey