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To: Senator Jarrett Keohokalole, Chair
Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Health

From: Aphirak Bamrungruan
Executive Director, Office of Language Access

Date: April 6, 2022

Subject: **GM 682** - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Language Access Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, RANDALL LANDRY II, for a term to expire 06-30-2025.

Hearing: Friday, April 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 225 & Videoconference

Agency's Position: The Office of Language Access (OLA) **supports** the nomination of Mr. Randall Landry II to the Language Access Advisory Council (LAAC) to fill the seat of "one representative residing in the city and county of Honolulu who has shown interest in language access," pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 321C-7(a)(13) for a term to expire June 30, 2025.

Purpose and Justification: Consideration in support of confirmation of the LAAC Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Randall Landry II.

The purpose of OLA is to address the language access needs of limited English proficient persons (LEP) and ensure their meaningful access to services, programs, and activities offered by the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of state government, including departments, offices, commissions, boards, or other state-funded agencies. OLA provides oversight, central coordination, and technical assistance to state agencies in their implementation of language access obligations – a civil right under both state and federal law.

The LAAC assists the Executive Director of OLA by providing input on implementation and compliance with Hawaii's language access laws and on the quality of oral and written language services provided under the law. The LAAC also offers feedback on state agency or covered

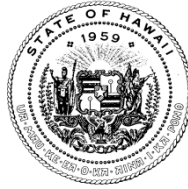
entity training of employees who are likely to have contact with LEP persons; policies and procedures for language services; competency in working effectively with interpreters and translators; and understanding of the dynamics of language services between clients, providers, and interpreters.

Mr. Landry received his Juris Doctor from the University of Texas School of Law and is a member of the Hawaii State Bar Association. Mr. Landry is currently residing in the city and county of Honolulu and is employed as a Title VI Program Specialist at the Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT). In this position, Mr. Landry is responsible for the coordination, planning and development of statewide programs relating to meaningful access to HDOT's services and programs for LEP individuals. Mr. Landry is also a designated Language Access Coordinator for HDOT.

Mr. Landry's desire to serve on the LAAC demonstrates his interest and commitment to the issue of language access. His passion and experience are assets he will bring to the council. OLA is confident that Mr. Landry will be a valuable member of the LAAC.

Therefore, OLA respectfully requests your favorable consideration in confirming the appointment of Mr. Randall Landry II to the LAAC.

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



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G.M. 682

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Senate Committee on Health

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) supports the nomination of Gubernatorial Nominee, RANDALL LANDRY II, to serve on the Language Access Advisory Council (LAAC), for a term to expire 06-30-2025. Mr. Landry is nominated to fill the seat of "one representative residing in the city and county of Honolulu who has shown interest in language access," pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 321C-7(a)(13).

The LAAC assists the Executive Director of the Office of Language Access (OLA) by providing input on implementation and compliance with Hawaii's language access laws and on the quality of oral and written language services provided under the law. The LAAC also offers feedback on state agency or covered entity training of employees who are likely to have contact with limited English proficient (LEP) persons; policies and procedures for language services; competency in working effectively with interpreters and translators; and understanding of the dynamics of language services between clients, providers, and interpreters.

Mr. Landry received his Juris Doctor from the University of Texas School of Law and is a member of the Hawaii State Bar Association. Mr. Landry is currently residing in the city and county of Honolulu and is employed as a Title VI Program Specialist at the HDOT. In this position, Mr. Landry is responsible for the coordination, planning and development of statewide programs relating to meaningful access to HDOT's services and programs for LEP individuals. Mr. Landry is also a designated Language Access Coordinator for HDOT.

HDOT believes that Mr. Landry's legal background and experience in language access will make him a tremendous asset to the LAAC. His dedication to public service and commitment to ensuring diversity and inclusion in the provision of government services,

will further OLA's mission to provide meaningful access to LEP individuals, a right bestowed to every community member in Hawaii.

Therefore, HDOT respectfully requests your favorable consideration in confirming the appointment of Mr. Randall Landry II to the LAAC.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

GM-682

Submitted on: 4/7/2022 12:14:54 PM

Testimony for HTH on 4/8/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Williams	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Daniel Williams and I am writing in support of Randall Landry's nomination to the Language Access Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, for RANDALL LANDRY II.

I have worked with Randall at the Department of Transportation for since 2018 and have seen his dedication, empathy and perserverance on a daily basis and wholly endorse him for this position.

Randall's respect for people and experience in civil rights advocacy make him a qualified candidate and the State of Hawaii will greatly benefit from his participation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

GM-682

Submitted on: 4/7/2022 12:24:58 PM

Testimony for HTH on 4/8/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
LiSa Teri Chang	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is LiSa Teri Chang, and I am writing in support of Randall Landry's nomination to the Language Access Advisory Council.

I am currently working with Randall at the Hawai'i Department of Transportation, Office of Civil Rights. Randall is a vital part of our office, and the work that he does benefits so many. He is experienced and well-versed in Civil Rights Advocacy. Also, he is always willing to help outside the scope of his work. Randall is an excellent and qualified candidate for this Advisory council.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify!

TESTIMONY OF **MORRIS M. ATTA**
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
APRIL 8, 2022
1:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 225 & VIDEOCONFERENCE

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 682
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LANGUAGE
ACCESS ADVISORY COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE, **RANDALL**
LANDRY II, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2025.

Chairperson Keohokalole and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 682, submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Language Access Advisory Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, **RANDALL LANDRY II**, for a term to expire 06-30-2025. I **strongly support** this measure.

Mr. Landry has extensive experience in State government roles at the Department of Transportation, most notably as the Civil Rights Specialist. In that role, he has demonstrated a comprehensive and in-depth knowledge of the serious language access challenges facing vulnerable populations in Hawaii. Mr. Landry's compassion for the difficulties and ordeals experienced by non-English speaking persons seeking a fair chance to create a new life is truly commendable and inspiring. His considerable pertinent experience will make him a valuable addition to the Language Access Advisory Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of **RANDALL LANDRY II**, and GM 682.



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GM-682

Submitted on: 4/7/2022 1:08:14 PM

Testimony for HTH on 4/8/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Curtis Motoyama	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

My name is Curtis Motoyama and I am writing in support of Randall Landry's nomination to the Language Access Advisory Council.

Randall and I are coworkers at the Hawaii Department of Transportation Office of Civil Rights.

Randall's respect for people and experience in civil rights advocacy make him a qualified candidate. The Language Access Advisory Council will benefit from Randall's professionalism and knowledge of the subject matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.