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The Honorable Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services  
The Thirty-Second Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawai'i  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator San Buenaventura and Committee Members:

**SUBJECT:** GM 559 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee John Beebe

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities **STRONGLY SUPPORTS**  
**GM 559** to confirm the nomination of John Beebe, for a second term to expire June 30, 2026.

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 developmental disability supports are represented. The law specifically requires that 60 percent of the membership of the Council be composed of individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD), their parents, or family members. Mr. Beebe meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

Mr. Beebe is a father of children with Autism. He is currently serving as a Commander in the United States Coast Guard. He is recognized for his diplomatic skills, relationship building, creativity, and positive energy. Not only is Mr. Beebe, currently a DD Council member, he is also the current Chair of our Council.

The Council is pleased with Mr. Beebe's nomination to continue to serve on the Council and looks forward to his contributions to improve the quality of life for individuals with I/DD.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our **strong support for GM 559** to confirm John Beebe to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Daintry Bartoldus  
Executive Administrator