

John Houston Beebe

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A written statement that addresses the following questions:

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities?

My two youngest children ages 6 and 8 have special needs. My six year old son is nonverbal autistic.

(2) How do you perceive the role and responsibilities of a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities?

I have been on the council since 2018 and served as Vice Chair and now Chair. My responsibilities are to educate, advocate, promote awareness and work within the structures outlined under Federal and State laws to accomplish that.

(3) Given your understanding of the role and responsibilities of a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise, or knowledge that would aid in your decision-making ability as a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Aloha, please refer to my Bio and Resume'

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

Make positive, permanent change for people with Developmental Disabilities and also provide hope and support for their families and the staff of the Council who work at this daily.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and that would make you stand out. How would these qualities benefit the State Council on Developmental Disabilities?

I am a positive communicator, recognized leader and visionary. I have served on numerous councils, task forces and in several leadership positions at both a federal and state level. I bring this experience and wisdom to the Council.

(6) Name one previous experience that would make you stand out. How would this benefit the State Council on Developmental Disabilities?

I have served as the Vice Chair and now Chair for the past year of the Council.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interests that could arise during your service on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities? How would you overcome any possible conflicts of interest?

I do not have any conflicts at present and I do not foresee any in the future. I would refer to State and Federal Ethics guidance if a conflict presented itself.



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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