

GM-607

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Josh Ige	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

The Honorable Joy San Buenaventura, Chair

Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Thirty third Legislature

State Capitol, State of Hawai‘i

Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

Dear Senator San Buenaventura and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 607 - Gubernatorial Nominee, Josh Ige

I, Josh Ige, **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 607**, the confirmation of myself to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities for a term to expire 06-30-2028.

I am a strong self-advocate. I believe in setting a great example to others. I participate in my community. I strive to teach others about healthy eating habits on the island of Lanai. I teach others to speak up for themselves. I am committed to working for people with disabilities and I like to make people feel good about themselves. I am serious about my commitment. I am also a member of Self-Advocacy Advisory Council(SAAC).

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in **strong support of GM 607**.

Sincerely,

Josh Ige, Self-Advocate



**STATE OF HAWAII
KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAII
STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
'A'UNIKE MOKU'ĀPUNI NO KA NĀ KĀWAI KULA**

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March 24, 2025

The Honorable Senator Joy A San Buenaventura, Chair
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
The Thirty-Third Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator San Buenaventura and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM607 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Joshua Ige

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM607** to confirm the nomination of Joshua Ige for a term to expire June 30, 2028.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402 - DD Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the stakeholders are represented and engaged in the development and implementation of a comprehensive system of services and supports for individuals with DD. The Governor's Nominee meets all the Federal Requirements for Council membership.

Mr. Ige is a self-advocate and meets the Federal requirement of individuals with DD as members of the Council. On the island of Lāna'i, Mr. Ige is the chair of the Lāna'i Chapter of the Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council. He provides leadership and is a role model for other self-advocates to get involved by participating in committees and community activities. Mr. Ige is a pillar of his community and has worked hard to educate people on eating and living healthier lives. He also serves on his church board and volunteers making and delivering meals. We believe his re-appointment will allow him to continue to bring his valued perspective to our council.

We are pleased with Mr. Ige's nomination to be reappointed to continue serving on the Council. We appreciate the opportunity to convey our **strong support for GM 607** confirmation of Joshua Ige's appointment to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Executive Administrator

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Testimony for HHS on 3/24/2025 1:00:00 PM

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Hawaii Self Advocacy Advisory Council	Testifying for Hawaii Self-Advocacy Advisory Council	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Hawaii Self-advocacy advisory council stands in support of Joshua Ige on GM607

1. Why do you wish to be a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.
To help other people with other needs
2. What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.
Lanai sacc member
3. Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities as 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, and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the board.

To attend my meeting and speak other things new update at lanai

4. What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?
Recognizing how hard I work
5. Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.
 1. Hard working
 2. Willing to learn
 3. New skills
6. Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a member.
I take care myself
7. Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. How would you overcome conflicts of interest?
I don't understand that question but I can ask the hawaii state council staff to support