



The Senate Ka 'Aha Kenekoa

STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

February 19th, 2025

Aloha Alysha Kim:

Congratulations on your nomination to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. To assist the Hawaii State Senate with its confirmation process, we request that you submit the following information to our office no later than February 21st, 2025, to ensure that we proceed in a timely manner:

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

Through my personal and professional experiences, I feel a deep sense of kuleana to individuals with developmental disabilities and to advocate for their rights to make choices about their own lives, to participate fully in their communities, and to access the support and services they need to thrive. This firm commitment to inclusivity and self-determination is what drives me to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

2. What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

It is my understanding that members of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities act as a voice for people with developmental disabilities by advising state policymakers, agencies, and service providers on topics related to their needs and rights. Additionally, members collaborate and innovate together to improve current systems and policies across the state of Hawaii in order to ensure equitable and high-quality services and opportunities are afforded to individuals with developmental disabilities throughout their lifetime.

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.

For over 16 years, I've dedicated my career to empowering individuals with developmental disabilities. My professional experience ranges from providing Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services to individuals with ASD in the home, community, and school, and leadership roles like

my current position as the Administrator of the Hawaii State Department of Education's Intensive Program Support Section. Coupled with my Master's in Education with a focus in Curriculum, Instruction, and ABA, my experience has cultivated extensive expertise in intellectual and developmental disabilities, ABA principles, disability rights law, organizational behavior, and special education.

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

Should I be confirmed as a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, I hope to establish strong partnerships with fellow council members, individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, service providers, state agencies, and community organizations. Through these collaborations, I hope to be part of an initiative that can unify our voices and drive systemic change across Hawaii that prioritizes equitable access and self-determination for individuals with developmental disabilities.

5. Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I am a collaborative leader, effective barrier breaker, and strategic systems thinker who aspires to contribute to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities by leveraging these strengths to prioritize and actualize sustainable and impactful outcomes for individuals with developmental disabilities.

6. Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a member.

Witnessing the impact of advocacy at a previous Day at the Capitol event hosted by the State Council on Developmental Disabilities has shaped my values and underscored the power of the voices of individuals with disabilities and their families. Should I be confirmed as a council member, I will prioritize listening to and championing the voices of the individuals we serve.

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 do not foresee any possible conflicts of interest as a potential member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Should a conflict of interest ever arise in the future, I would immediately disclose the concern with the appropriate parties and work with them to identify potential solutions that maintain objectivity, transparency, and integrity.

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Please be aware that testimony submitted to committees – including your responses to the above questions - is posted on the Legislature's website; you may wish to remind individuals who intend to submit testimony on your behalf of the public nature of the testimony.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Here is the link to your nomination on the State Capitol website:

[Measure Status Details for GM 608](#)

Mahalo,

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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: GM608 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Alysha Kim

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM608** to confirm the nomination of Alysha Kim 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.

Alysha Kim's appointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement for a representative of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. She is currently the Administrator of the Department of Education's Intensive Program Support Section. We look forward to Mrs. Kim's continued contributions to increasing coordination and collaboration between the Council and DoE. Her work with school-aged individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and her extensive knowledge of the DoE system will bring a valuable perspective to the Council and our mission.

We are pleased with Alysha Kim's nomination to be appointed to continue serving on the Council. We appreciate the opportunity to convey our **strong support for GM 608** confirmation of Alysha Kim'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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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 Alysha Kim on GM608.

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

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Alysha Kim	Individual	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

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