

**GM-609**

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Raymond Mamea	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

The Honorable Joy San Buenaventura, Chair

Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Thirty third Legislature

State Capitol, State of Hawaii

Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator San Buenaventura and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 609 - Gubernatorial Nominee, Raymond Mamea

I, Raymond Mamea, **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 609**, 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 how to get help in their lives for their disability. 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). I believe that I will be a great asset to the Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities because I am a living example of someone with a disability doing my best to help others with disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony in **strong support of GM 609**.

Sincerely,

Raymond Mamea, Self-Advocate



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**KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAII**  
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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: GM609 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Raymond Mamea

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM609** to confirm the nomination of Raymond Mamea 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.

The law specifically requires that not less than 60 percent of the Council's membership be comprised of individuals with DD, parents, immediate relatives, or guardians. Additionally, each Council shall include representatives of relevant State entities, including State entities that administer funds provided under Federal laws related to individuals with disabilities.

The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership. Mr. Mamea's appointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement for representatives of individuals with DD.

Raymond Mamea has been an advocate for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities for years. He is an active member of our Self Advocate Advisory Council and has participated in our annual day at the capitol events. He is a strong advocate, and his lived experience will be a valuable perspective for the Council.

We are pleased with Raymond Mamea's nomination to be appointed to continue serving on the Council. We appreciate the opportunity to convey our **strong support for GM 609** confirmation of Raymond Mamea's appointment to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Executive Administrator

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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 Raymond Mamea on GM 609

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Comments:

I have known Raymond Mamea since childhood. We both attended the same Elementary school. He has a very kind heart and he would make a great impact as part of the DD Council. I recomend him highly.