



DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 640

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board

Gubernatorial Nominee Ed Chevy
For a term to expire June 30, 2019

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Mr. Ed Chevy to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board. The Board is a seventeen-member board, of which a majority are people with disabilities, their families, or caregivers.

Mr. Chevy's nomination is a reappointment. He currently serves as an active member of our Standing Committee on Communication Access.

Mr. Chevy is being appointed in the capacity of a consumer, representing individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. He has been a very active member of the deaf community for years as a part of the Hawaii Services on Deafness, the Aloha State Association of the Deaf, and a deaf musical troupe. Mr. Chevy is a user of American Sign Language and has contributed to our Board's responsibility to credential and test sign language interpreters under state law. He assisted the Board develop a series of American Sign Language videos on the Americans with Disabilities Act for deaf and hard of hearing persons on their rights using sign language interpreters. He also provided valuable knowledge as the Board develops and improves its continuing education program for American Sign Language Interpreters.

We believe that Mr. Chevy will continue to be an asset to the Board and recommend your confirmation of his nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

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Executive Director

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Comments: I strongly support the appointment of Ed Chevy to the Disability and Communication Board. Thank you for opportunity to submit testimony in support.

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Re: Testimony Submittal to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB)

To: Senate Committee on Health

Please find my letter of interest to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB).

As a citizen, growing up Deaf in America, I have made most of my life, using diverse skills and talents to prove that Deaf can do anything but hear. I choose to use my deafness to my advantage, achieving things that most people, with or without the ability to hear, only aspire to.

I represent and work with 2,000 Hawaii Deaf and Hard of Hearing community and I remain very active in educating and entertaining young deaf and hard of hearing pupils in the Pacific Rim.

I am interested in serving on DCAB because I use sign language interpreters and I am interested in DCAB's role in credentialing interpreters, advocacy and legislation.

Thank you for considering my interest to remain on the Board.

Ed Chevy

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