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The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SCR 153/SR 95 - Requesting the Department of Health to Review and Analyze All Oral Health Initiatives Currently Underway in the State, Including the Centers for Disease Control Program, and Prepare a Progress Report on Each Initiative

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS THE INTENT OF SCR153/SR 95**. The concurrent resolution requests the Department of Health (DOH) to review and analyze all oral health initiatives currently underway in the State, including the Centers for Disease Control Program, and prepare a progress report on each initiative.

The Council cannot emphasize enough the importance of oral health that includes comprehensive dental care services (preventive, restorative, prosthetic, and emergency services) for people with DD. We recognize how oral health, or the lack thereof, affects all aspects (emotional, psychological, and social) of our lives.

We are aware that the DOH Family Health Services Division, Oral Health Program is responsible for statewide surveillance, planning, and prevention. In 2013, they received a cooperative agreement from the Centers for Disease Control that assists State health departments to build and maintain effective public health capacity to implement, evaluate, and disseminate best practices to prevent oral disease and improve oral health for the State population.

In light of the above, the Council defers to DOH regarding its capacity to carry out the scope of activities described in SCR153/SR 95.

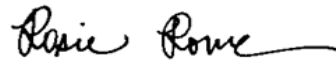
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Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting the intent of
SCR153/SR 95**

Sincerely,

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Waynette K.Y. Cabral, M.S.W.
Executive Administrator

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Rosie Rowe
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