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May 12, 2020

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Health
Thirtieth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 595 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Victoria Murray

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 595** to confirm the nomination of Victoria Murray for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

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 law specifically requires that not less than 60 percent of the membership of the Council 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, including the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 701 et seq.); Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.); Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.); and Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 701 et seq. and 1396 et seq.); Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; State Protection and Advocacy system; and representatives, at all times, of local and non-governmental agencies, and private nonprofit groups concerned with services for individuals with DD in the State.

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

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For nearly a year she has been attending the Council meetings and providing valuable input for our Mission and Vision statements.

Ms. Murray's appointment to the Council would assist us to achieve our 2017-2021 State Plan goal addressing self-advocacy and self-determination that states, "Self-advocates have the supports needed to build a statewide self-advocacy network that helps individuals have the life they want through leadership, education, and full participation in the community." We look forward to Ms. Murray's appointment to the Council and the numerous contributions she will make representing individuals with DD.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 595** to confirm Victoria Murray to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



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Date: May 11, 2020

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Re: GM 595 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on
Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, VICTORIA MURRAY

On behalf of our organization we unconditionally support the appointment of Victoria Murray to service on the Hawai'i State Council on Develoepmental Disabilities to complete the term ending 6/30/2020.

Ms. Murray embodies the knowledge, skills, and attributes to serve on the Council as a self-advocate representing Hawai'i island.

Her ability to generalize her personal life experiences and her empathy for others makes her the perfect representative on behalf of her community.

In the last three years Ms. Murray has actively worked on building her "toolkit" to achieve a role to advocate on behalf of others. She is the Title V AMCHP Youth Advocate, has co-trained on transitioning to adulthood with myself, and has completed the Hilopa'a Operation Leadership training series.

We look forward to her contribution to the Council and to our state.

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The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Committee Chair
The Honorable Senator Stanley Chang, Committee Vice Chair
The Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
State Capitol Conference Room 229
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Re: GM 595 and GM 596, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, **VICTORIA MURRAY**
Notice of Hearing: Monday, 5/12/2020 9:30 AM

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members.

I am retired Hawaii State Senator Brickwood Galuteria and, although it feels a bit strange to be addressing you from this side of the table, I'm very pleased to submit testimony in **STRONG SUPPORT** of GM 595, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, **VICTORIA MURRAY**, for a term to expire 06-30-2020 and GM 596, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, **VICTORIA MURRAY**, for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

As you know, I am the proud parent of Shawn Galuteria, a man with Down's Syndrome, who sat with us on the Senate floor year in and year out representing his community during DD Day at the Capitol. Obviously, I have great interest in finding self-advocates, like Shawn, who are committed to improving the quality of life for individuals with Developmental Disabilities. We believe Victoria Murray is a qualified candidate for appointment to the DD Council.

Victoria is an active member of the DD community and as an individual on the autism spectrum, will provide a valuable perspective in reviewing policy issues relating to people with disabilities. Self-advocates, like Victoria, provide important knowledge, experience, and skills that individuals, organizations, and government agencies need to effectively support the needs of and enhance the lives of people with DD. To promote this participation, it is critical to acknowledge the important role that self-advocates play in developing leadership skills and increasing people's pride, influence, and opportunities.

In confirming Victoria Murray to a seat on The Council on Developmental Disabilities, you are selecting someone who is highly motivated and intensely interested in joining a dynamic, well-informed group that can lead DD policymaking into the 21st century.

Mahalo for your kind consideration and thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of GM 595 and GM 596, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, **VICTORIA MURRAY**. My best to you and the Committee, and where possible, please share my Aloha with former colleagues. Malama for now.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Brickwood Galuteria', written in a cursive style.

Brickwood Galuteria
Hawaii State Senator (Ret.)

Questionnaire for Victoria Murray
GM 595 and GM 596
Hearing Date: 5/12/20

- (1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

I want to be a member of the Board since I want people with special needs to have a positive outlook on life and to have a chance to live their life because I believe that people with special needs are more than just their challenges.

- (2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

Advocate for social and political changes, to promote and collaborate with other agencies so that parents and individuals with special needs can have the care and services that they need provide to them.

- (3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

I know how it feels to have special needs since I have high functioning autism. I know the challenges that a child growing up with special needs goes through, and my job is to build up self- esteem and encourage them to go beyond their challenges and to shine through. Often most people are too focused on who they are that they miss who they will become.

- (4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, 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.

Great listener, good communication skills, intuitive, proactive, able to learn what I need to help provide a great service to these people like me who have special needs and need that extra help to be able to lead their own lives.

- (5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

To find more proactive approaches for people with special needs. Give people with special needs courage. To give them the tools that they need to lead a better life. To be proactive in learning about the different types of services, what things I have to read in order to become a social worker and service provider to people with special needs.

- (6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

Lifelong learner, kind, able to analyze documents, articles and websites to bring the best and accurate information so that I can help people with special needs.

- (7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

SPIN Conference, Legislative Form

- (8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

No, I don't think so and I will take myself out of the meetings if there is.