



GOV. MSG. NO. 035

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February 10, 2012

The Honorable Shan Tsutsui, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Tsutsui and Members of the Senate,

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawai'i State Constitution, I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration and confirmation, the following nomination to the **State Council on Developmental Disabilities**:

<u>STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES</u>	<u>TERM TO EXPIRE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Louise Iwaishi	6/30/2016	Reappointment

Sincerely,

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Governor, State of Hawai'i



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**Senate Committee on Human Services**

**G.M. 635, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, LOUISE IWAISHI, for a term to expire 06-30-2016**

**Testimony of Loretta J. Fuddy, A.C.S.W., M.P.H.  
Director of Health  
February 28, 2012**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health (DOH) strongly supports the nomination of  
2 Louise Iwaishi, M.D. to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DDC) for a term to  
3 expire 06-30-2016.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** Louise Iwaishi, M.D., is being recommended by the Department of Health  
6 to serve as a member of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities as mandated by Hawaii  
7 Revised Statutes 333 E-4. Dr. Iwaishi is the Medical Director for the Family Health Services Division  
8 of the Department. She also serves as the principal investigator for the Leadership Education in  
9 Neurodevelopmental and Other Related Disabilities (LEND) Program and faculty member under the  
10 Pediatrics Department of the John A. Burns School of Medicine.

11 In addition to these duties, Dr. Iwaishi is the Chief of Pediatrics at Shriners Hospital. She has a long  
12 history as a dedicated physician, children's advocate and a strong supporter of families in caring for  
13 their children. Dr. Iwaishi continues to have an extensive role in training pediatricians in providing care  
14 for individuals with developmental disabilities.

1 Dr. Iwaishi's commitment to families with a developmentally disabled child was recognized by her  
2 actions during an earthquake and power outage on Oahu which cut telephone and electricity to homes  
3 and left traffic lights inoperable. Realizing the consequences of the power outage, Dr. Iwaishi made a  
4 home visit to check on a child living at home who was dependent on a ventilator. The battery of the  
5 ventilator had only one hour of power remaining. With time being critical, she helped place the child in  
6 a wheelchair along with all the life sustaining medical equipment and stopped traffic as the mother  
7 pushed the wheelchair and they proceeded to walk to Kapiolani Hospital. Needless to say, her caring  
8 and dedication to our community is reflected in her actions.

9 Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of Dr. Louise Iwaishi who brings a  
10 tremendous wealth of knowledge, clinical experience and dedication for individuals with developmental  
11 and intellectual disabilities and their families to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

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February 23, 2012

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Human Services Committee  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Human Services Committee:

My name is Danette Wong Tomiyasu, Chief of the Department of Health, Family Health Services Division. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 635 to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Louise Kido Iwaishi, M.D. serves as the Medical Director for the Family Health Services Division for over seven years. As Medical Director, Dr. Iwaishi provides medical oversight and direction for the Division's three branches that include the Maternal and Child Health Branch, the Women, Infant and Children's Branch, and the Children with Special Health Needs Branch. She also serves as the principal investigator for the Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Other Related Disabilities (LEND); faculty of the University of Hawaii John A. Burns School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics; and Director of Pediatric Education at Shriners Hospital for Children. Dr. Iwaishi was also a recent past president of the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter and participates on a variety of community advisory committees and task forces.

Dr. Iwaishi brings critical expertise, strong commitment, and dedication to individuals and their families with developmental disabilities and to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Louise Kido Iwasih, M.D. to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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Danette Wong Tomiyasu  
Chief, Family Health Services Division



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February 28, 2012

The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
Senate Committee on Human Services  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawaii  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senators Chun Oakland and Ihara and Members of the Committee:

**SUBJECT:** GM 635 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Louise Iwaishi

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 635** to confirm the nomination of Louise Iwaishi for a term to expire June 30, 2016.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the players involved in the development, implementation, and use of DD supports are represented. The law specifically requires that 60 percent of the membership of the Council be comprised of individuals with DD, their parents, or family members. Additionally, the following are required to be on the Council: relevant State entities; State entities that administer funds provided under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; the Older Americans Act of 1965; Titles V and XIX of the Social Security Act; the Protection and Advocacy Agency; the Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research, and Service; local and non-governmental agencies, and private non-profit groups concerned with services for individuals with DD.

Dr. Iwaishi was first appointed to the Council in July 2009. Her reappointment would continue to fulfill the Federal requirement for a representative of Title V (Maternal Child Health) of the Social Security Act. The Maternal and Child Health program has provided a foundation for ensuring the health of mothers, women, children and youth, including children and youth with special health care needs and their families.

Since her appointment in 2009, Dr. Iwaishi has been an active Council member. She currently serves as Co-Chair of the Council's Health and Early Childhood Committee that is working to increase access to medical and dental care services, and

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The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair  
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for children and youth with special health care needs and their families to have access to family-centered community-based integrated interventions and supports providing opportunities to ensure quality of life.

Her experience as a pediatrician include Director for the Maternal Child Health Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities program; Chief of Pediatrics at Shriners Hospitals for Children; part-time Medical Director of the Department of Health Family Health Services Division; past medical director of Waimano Training School and Hospital, Kapiolani Birth Defects Clinic, and Kapiolani Pediatric Clinic. The Council is fortunate to have Dr. Iwaishi's wealth of knowledge and experience to assist us in our activities to improve health and developmental outcomes for individuals with DD, and for the provision of appropriate early intervention services to infants and toddlers with special needs

The Council is pleased with Dr. Iwaishi's nomination to serve a second term on the Council and looks forward to her continued contributions in its State Plan initiatives.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 635** to confirm Louise Iwaishi to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

  
Liz Ann Salvador  
Chair

  
Waynette K.Y. Cabral, MSW  
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Date of Hearing: February 21, 2012

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair  
Senate Human Services Committee  
Twenty-Sixth Legislature  
State Capitol  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Chun Oakland and Members of the Human Services Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 635 in the nomination of Dr. Louise Iwaishi for a second 4 year term to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have known Dr. Iwaishi for more than 30 years as a student, faculty colleague, President of the Hawai'i Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and now Chair of the Dept of Pediatrics at the John A. Burns School of Medicine. Dr. Iwaishi is one of the most visible and well known child advocates in the community, particularly for children with special health care needs. She combines medical knowledge with social needs, cultural competencies and an extremely high dedication to advocacy for children. Her work in this state is a legacy for future generations of pediatricians to follow.

I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Dr. Louise Iwaishi.

Sincerely,

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