

GM578

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, MAUREEN BATES, for a term to expire 06-30-2019.

Report Title: State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Current Referral: CPH

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

I would like to be a member because the State Council on Developmental Disabilities Board is comprised of self-advocates and stakeholders aligned with empowering adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to be active and respected citizens in our community, and because this Board's work is still necessary to ensure fair and equal access under federal laws in order to effect self-determination and independence for our citizenry.

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

To prepare for and attend meetings associated with the Board's assigned responsibilities, presentations on information associated with assigned/accepted responsibilities, and to add value to the membership through building knowledge, resources, and effecting changes that fulfill the mission of the Council. The responsibilities that I understand are part of the member responsibilities I anticipate supporting include ensuring our State administers our federal funding under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and as amended by WIOA. I particularly want to support the Board to increase rates of gainful and competitive employability of Hawaii's residents with disabilities.

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

I have maintained national certification as a Rehabilitation Counselor since 2001 to continue to learn about best practices and community needs to support and protect consumers. I have gained experience working statewide in mental health services, homeless services, and employment services for individuals with disabilities, and understand State, federal, and local regulations. I am interested and adept at learning about changes to regulations, as well as advocating on behalf of needed changes identified by consumers. I am committed to listening to consumer's and their family's advocacy to resolve barriers to independence and self-determination. I am also committed to ensuring informed choices by consumers and their advocates and being transparent as well as accessible to consumers.

(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.

As the VRA at DVR I will be able to provide updates readily on our fiscal status with regards to use of federal and state funding under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and as amended by WIOA. I have been an advocate most of my adult life as I grew up in a family with a sibling with intellectual disabilities and another sibling with mental health diagnosis and learned to be

supportive of them, and reinforce their networks of support. Working since 1992 in the field of social services with adults with disabilities, I have gained insights into how to better effect changes and offer supports for self-determination of consumers. I am committed to practicing ethical standards for service delivery, learning about best practices, and analyzing community needs to support informed choices and fiscal responsibility as reflected in my continued certification as a Rehabilitation Counselor since 2001.

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

I hope to reinforce the work of the Board, bring fiscal soundness to our DVR services, managing DVR's Order of Selection that limits access to needed supports for our consumers who want and need assistance in gaining competitive employment, and reinforce healthy partnerships to maximize federal dollars statewide for employability of our consumers and citizens.

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

I listen, I am trustworthy, and I look for creative strategies to attain identified goals. I will use my listening qualities to better understand community needs and challenges with providing needed resources/supports. I will gather information to also understand regulations and opportunities to improve upon fiscal management entrusted to DVR through federal and state funding. I will be transparent and also share my knowledge to gain insight into consumers' preferences and barriers for self-determination. I will build and reinforce partnerships to ensure needed resources are accessible.

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

I have worked as a volunteer on the State's Rehabilitation Council for DVR from 2000-2003 when I was employed with Goodwill Industries of Hawaii and understand how to collaborate with Board members to fulfill my responsibilities. I have experience in fund raising and grant writing, as well as fiscal management that I intend to utilize to the benefit of the Board and DVR. My career in social services in Hawaii since 1998 has built upon my experience and commitment to working with children and adults with disabilities, stakeholders and employers to reinforce full participation of all our citizenry in our community.

(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?

If and when any conflicts of interest arise, I would overcome these by first confirming with Board members these may exist, need for refraining from votes when/if applicable, and being transparent in providing information that may be perceived as biased or representative of conflicts of interest. I will

also work to maintain my understanding of ethical and best practices to ensure I am attentive to possible conflicts of interest prior to these being presented and plan accordingly for supporting the Board and my assigned responsibilities.



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The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection
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Twenty-Ninth Legislature
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Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 578 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Governatorial Nominee Maureen Bates

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 578** to confirm the nomination of Maureen Bates for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

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 agencies are required to be on the Council: Department of Health; the agencies 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; agencies and private non-profit organizations concerned with services to individuals with DD. The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership.

Ms. Bates is the Administrator of the Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). Her appointment on the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement to have a representative of the State entity that administers funds under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

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Her experience and position as Administrator for DVR would assist the Council in addressing its State Plan Employment Goal, "Individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities have increased access to and opportunities for the education, training, and support services that they need to succeed in the labor market." and help us to achieve competitive employment for individuals with DD.

The Council is pleased with the nomination of Ms. Bates and welcomes the opportunity to work with her. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 578** to confirm Maureen Bates to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



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TO: The Honorable Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection & Health

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

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Hearing: Wednesday, March 7, 2018, 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

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Ms. Bates holds a Master's degree in Philosophy and Education and received a certificate in psychiatric vocational rehabilitation from Boston University. She keeps herself updated by taking continuing education courses on related vocational rehabilitation and professional development. She is a certified rehabilitation counselor and licensed mental health counselor.

Please consider Maureen Bates to be confirmed to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

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The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
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SUBJECT: GM 578 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
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I am submitting testimony in strong support of **GM 578** to confirm the nomination of Maureen Bates to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD).

As the former Executive Administrator (retired on December 31, 2017) of the State Council on DD, I understand the Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402 - DD Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000) of having a representative of the agency that administers funds under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Ms. Bates as the Administrator for the Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) would provide the connection between the Council's State Plan activities under transition and employment and DVR's activities under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA).

Ms. Bates' appointment would enable the Council to forge ahead in implementing its State Plan activities to collaborate with DVR to provide information to students with a disability ages 14 years to 22 years about the pre-employment training services under WIOA, and about transition and post-secondary education programs statewide.

Thank you for the opportunity to convey my strong support to confirm Maureen Bates to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

March 5, 2018

Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection & Health

RE: GM 578 - Maureen Bates, Strong Support of Nomination to State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Dear Senator Baker and Committee Members:

I am honored to provide this recommendation and letter of support for Maureen Bates nomination to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have known Maureen professionally for almost 20 years, and have watched her career as well as worked alongside of Maureen on numerous projects relating to people with disabilities.

Maureen has held several leadership positions with increasing responsibility during the time that I have known her. She has achieved a high level of success which demonstrates evidence of her leadership within our community. Maureen is a multi-talented individual who will serve the State Planning Council well. Not only does she bring a wide array of talent and leadership, but Maureen demonstrates the personal commitment to work alongside all she comes into contact with. She always impresses me by how much she truly cares and values each individual she works with.

Maureen has the ability to strategize at a high level as well as operationalize and implement for success. She considers the long and short term issues, and can easily identify where strategic directions that will produce long term outcomes. She has a proven track record of delivering on goals and commitments and is a truly nice and generous individual.

Thank you for your consideration of this outstanding leader.

Laura D. Smith
President/CEO

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