

GM608

Measure Title:	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, RYAN PALACIO, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.
Report Title:	State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Current Referral:	CPH



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March 16th, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter of recommendation for Ryan Palacio for the nomination to State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I have known Ryan for approximately 12 years while he participated at Friendship House. Ryan has always been active with the community through Friendship House as well as Special Olympics. Ryan takes great pride in activities to serve his community and I believe this opportunity will allow him to continue to increase his advocacy skills.

Ryan is a great support for his fellow members and I believe this opportunity will allow him to grow personally and take his community integration to a whole new level. I support Ryan's nomination to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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To the Honorable Senator Baker,

I have known Ryan Palacio since he first became a member of Friendship House, 13 years ago. Since that time, I have been able to work with him in different capacities, doing clerical projects in the communications unit, gardening and landscaping on the Clubhouse grounds, and prepping and serving meals in the kitchen and dining room. I have also witnessed the effort that he has put into improving his interpersonal skills so that he can communicate better with his peers and family.

Ryan is very passionate about advocating for the rights of people with disabilities, and he works relentlessly to complete things to the best of his ability. He has grown and matured over the years, and I believe that he will be an asset to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

Iris Ijima

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March 29, 2018

The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection,
and Health
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State Capitol
State of Hawai'i
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 608 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Ryan Palacio

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 608** to confirm the nomination of Ryan Palacio for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402) 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.

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

Mr. Palacio is a soft-spoken individual who wants to be involved with systems change to help others. He has reminded community members to stop asking what is wrong with someone, like the homeless, instead ask "what happened to him", this way you can try to find solutions. He is a member of Friendship House on Kauai and is a member of the Hawai'i Self-Advocacy Advisory Council (SAAC).

We look forward to Mr. Palacio's contributions to the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to express our **strong support for GM 608** to confirm Ryan Palacio to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daintry Bartoldus". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daintry Bartoldus
Executive Administrator

GM-608

Submitted on: 3/27/2018 7:37:42 PM

Testimony for CPH on 3/29/2018 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Self Advocates	Testifying for Hawaii Self Advocacy Advisory Council (non-profit organization)	Support	Yes

Comments:

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TO: The Honorable Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
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SUBJECT: GM 608– State Council on Developmental Disabilities
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HEARING: Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Thursday, March 29, 2018, 9:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229

Aloha Senator Baker, Senator Tokuda and members of the Committee. I am submitting testimony in strong support of **GM 608** to confirm the nomination of Ryan Palacio 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 individuals with DD represented on the Council. Mr. Palacio would be representing self-advocates on Kauai. His appointment to the DD Council would enable him to bring issues and concerns of other self-advocates living on Kauai before the Council.

From my understanding, he has become involved with the Kauai Self-Advocacy group, participates in its activities, and is engaged in recruiting other self-advocates to be members of the group. His voice and participation on the Council would assist the Council in implementing its 2017-2021 State Plan in the areas of community supports and employment for persons with DD.

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