

# GM610

Measure Title:	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, PATRICIA MORRISSEY, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.
Report Title:	State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Current Referral:	CPH

**GM-610**

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

Comments:



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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 610 and GM 611 - State Council on Developmental  
Disabilities Gubernatorial Nominee Patricia Morrissey

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 610 and GM 611** to confirm the nomination of Patricia Morrissey for a term to expire June 30, 2018 and June 30, 2022 respectfully.

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.

Dr. Morrissey is the Director of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, Center on Disability Studies. Her appointment would fulfill the requirement for a representative of the University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research and Service.

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Dr. Patricia Morrissey was the President of the U.S. International Council on Disabilities (2014-2016). In March and July 2015, she was part of a team that provided disability policy training in Istanbul to Iranian activists. She was Commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (ADD) from August 2001 till January 2009. Prior to that position, Dr. Morrissey was a senior associate at Booz Allen Hamilton where she provided consulting services to federal agencies, especially on accessibility in technology.

Dr. Morrissey came to Washington, D.C. in 1976. Her career includes stints in both the public and private sector. She worked for the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions for five years prior to joining Booz Allen. She played a central role in the drafting of major disability legislation – the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997, the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act Amendments of 1996 and 2000, the Rehabilitation Act amendments of 1998, the Assistive Technology Act of 1998, the Education of the Deaf Act Amendments of 1998 and the Ticket to Work and Work Incentive Improvement Act of 1999.

Her knowledge of national trends and best practices in disabilities will help the Council build capacity within the service provider network to improve the service delivery system. Additionally, her research background has provided the Council with data and trends to prepare us to pursue Federal grants and other alternate sources of funding.

We look forward to Dr. Morrissey's valuable contributions toward the mission and activities of the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to express our strong support for **GM 610 and GM 611** to confirm Dr. Patricia Morrissey to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



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Executive Administrator

**GM-610**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Louis Erteschik	Testifying for Hawaii Disability Rights Center	Support	No

Comments:

I have known Pat for years. I started with HDRC as a staff attorney in 2003 and can recall working with her when she was the Commissioner in Washington DC who oversaw some of our programs. She was excellent. We supported her efforts to transition to her current position at the Center on Disability Studies and have enjoyed a tremendous working relationship. I cannot imagine anyone more qualified to serve on the DD Council than her.

March 20, 2018

To: Boards and Commissions  
Office of the Governor, State of Hawaii

From: Dr. JoAnn Yuen, Ed.D., Associate Director  
Center on Disability Studies, College of Education  
Member, Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities (2009-2018)

RE: Dr. Patricia Morrissey, Ph.D., Director, Applicant  
Letter of Recommendation  
Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities

As a member of Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DDC) it is an honor to submit a letter of recommendation for Dr. Patricia Morrissey. Her contributions to federal legislation are outstanding and she will be an invaluable resource to the DD Council. As a person with a disability, Dr. Morrissey played a central role in the drafting of major disability legislation in the 1990s:

- the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990;
- the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Amendments of 1997;
- the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act Amendments of 1996 and 2000;
- the Rehabilitation Act amendments of 1998;
- the Assistive Technology Act of 1998;
- the Education of the Deaf Act Amendments of 1998;
- and the Ticket to Work and Work Incentive Improvement Act of 1999

Her contributions to the federal government are also commendable, and she served as Commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities (2001-2009). Dr. Morrissey was a member of the U.S. Delegation to a United Nations Committee while it drafted the Convention on Civil Rights for Persons with Disabilities. In addition to serving on the Government Affairs Committee of the Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America, she is the president of Board of the United States International Council on Disabilities.

Most recently Dr. Morrissey was appointed the director of the Center on Disability Studies at the University of Hawaii Manoa. She may have lived most of her life on the East Coast of the United States, but she has found a home in Hawaii, reconnected with old friends and has made lots of new friends, especially self-advocates. Please confirm Dr. Morrissey as a member of the DD Council.

March 29, 2018

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 610 and GM 611– State Council on Developmental Disabilities  
Gubernatorial Nominee Patricia Morrissey

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 610 and GM 611** to confirm the nomination of Patricia Morrissey 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 University Centers for Excellence in DD Education, Research and Service (UCEDD). The University of Hawaii Center on Disability Studies (CDS) as the UCEDD is an integral part of the "DD Network" that includes DD Council and Hawaii Disability Rights Center as the state's Protection and Advocacy agency. These three agencies have distinct roles and responsibilities under the DD Act to work in collaborative partnerships with individuals with DD, families of individuals with DD, and public and private agencies and providers to develop a comprehensive system of person-centered services and supports.

I have known Dr. Morrissey since 2001 when she became the Commissioner of the Administration on DD within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Her wealth of experience in federal legislation (DD Act, Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, Rehabilitation Act, Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Act), national and international policy development and working with diverse populations will be a great asset to the DD Council in formulating state policy that promotes and embraces cultural diversity, self-determination, inclusion and integration for persons with DD and their families. Furthermore, Dr. Morrissey's appointment to the DD Council would strengthen existing partnerships as well as establish new relationships in the disability community.

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

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The Honorable Jill N. Tokuda  
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