

GM630

Measure Title:	Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, Gubernatorial Nominee, MICHELLE PESTEL-MAGA, for a term to expire 06-30-2022.
Report Title:	State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Current Referral:	CPH



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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
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Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Senator Baker and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 630 – State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Michelle Pestel-Maga

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 630** to confirm the nomination of Michelle Pestel-Maga for a second term to expire June 30, 2022.

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 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.

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The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership. Ms. Pestel-Maga's appointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement for parent representatives on the Council. She is a parent of Anya, with special needs, who attends elementary school in the Honolulu District. Her advocacy on behalf of Anya and many other children to require health insurance coverage of orthodontic treatment for orofacial anomalies came to fruition in 2015 as Act 213, Session Laws of Hawaii. Act 213 is also referred to as Anya's Law. Ms. Pestel-Maga has continued her advocacy in this area with current legislation, SB 738 which expands the pool of orthodontists who are eligible to perform medically necessary orthodontic services for treatment of certain orofacial anomalies covered by health insurance.

The Council looks forward to Ms. Pestel-Maga's knowledge of the early intervention and early childhood system, and legislative advocacy experience to encourage, empower and mentor other parents to advocate on behalf of their children.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our **strong support for GM 630** to confirm the appointment of Michelle Pestel-Maga to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,



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Executive Administrator

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Submitted on: 3/27/2018 7:35:10 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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Submitted on: 3/27/2018 12:23:03 PM

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

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary Hirose	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair

Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair

Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health

Twenty-Eighth Legislature

State Capitol

Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

My name is Mary Hirose. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 630 for consideration and confirmation of Michelle Pestel-Maga to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have known Ms.

Pestel-Maga for many years. Our daughters all share a love for figure skating. In the time I have known Michelle, I have found her to be passionate, tireless, and generous. She sincerely and deeply cares for every person she comes in contact with and works to ensure that each person feels heard respected and valued. She has taught me so much about children with different abilities and what the parents of these children face day in and day out Michelle is an asset to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Michelle Pestel-Maga to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Mahalo

Mary Hirose

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March 27, 2018

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Jill N Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

My name is Cathy Higa, I am a mother of a child born with cleft lip and palate as well as a board member of Lifetime of Smiles Hawaii support group. I am writing to you to express strong support for Governor's Message 630 for consideration and confirmation of Michelle Pestel-Maga to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have known Ms. Pestel-Maga for 8 years and we currently serve as one of the primary support families in the Lifetime of Smiles Hawaii support group. She is one of my dearest friends and I do believe Ms. Pestel-Maga is an individual who is a perfect fit for DD council.

Ms. Pestel-Maga is an advocate who is very knowledgeable, provides strong leadership, support and guidance and strives to create a better community for all our keiki/families. She was our strongest supporter for Bill SB 306 / HB 174 Relating to Health aka "Anya's Law" 3 years ago, and took the lead for our group in the amendment for bill SB738 which will increase the number of orthodontists eligible to perform the medically necessary orthodontic services. Without this bill and amendment, many families with individuals born with oral facial anomalies would struggle to provide these medically necessary treatments or go without treatments. So I would like to ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Michelle Pestel-Maga to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 630 for consideration and confirmation of Michelle Pestel-Maga to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

Cathy Higa
Parent / Lifetime of Smiles Hawaii

March 26, 2018

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Jill N Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jason Maga, Chair of the Hawaii Early Intervention Coordinating Council. I am writing to you to express strong support for Governor's Message 630 for consideration and confirmation of Michelle Pestel-Maga to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have had the pleasure to know Mrs. Pestel-Maga for over 14 years, and to have been married to her for the past 9 years. During this time I have witnessed, first hand, her dedication and support for individuals with disabilities, including our daughter, Anya Maga. Here are some examples:

- She was instrumental in the passing of Act 213 (15) - House Bill 174 HD2 SD1 CD1, also known as "Anya's Law" that requires health insurance coverage of medically necessary orthodontic treatment of orofacial anomalies.
- She has been the acting President of the "Lifetime of Smiles" support group for families with children that have orofacial anomalies for over 3 years.
- She has been a champion for our daughter Anya, by actively engaging the DOE through IEP meetings and discussions with Anya's IEP team to ensure Anya obtains all the necessary supports she needs to succeed.

I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Michelle Pestel-Maga to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

Jason Maga

Date of Hearing – March 29, 2018

Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Chair
Senator Jill N. Tokuda, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Chair Baker, Vice Chair Tokuda and Members of the Committee:

My name is Bobbie-Jo Moniz-Tadeo and I am the Vice Chair of the Hawaii Early Intervention Coordinating Council (HEICC). The HEICC is established as required by state law (HRS §321-353) and federal law Part C of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) to advise and assist the Department of Health regarding early intervention services within the State of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 630 for consideration and confirmation of Michelle Pestel-Maga to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have known Ms. Pestel-Maga as a active parent who has been in support of the HEICC since 2013. She has been able to provide information and experience from a family's perspective in young children with disabilities. In my opinion, Ms. Pestel-Maga would be able to advocate, build capacity and systemic change while serving on the council since she has this knowledge and experience, and the passion and dedication to promoting successful outcomes for individuals with disabilities and their families.

I ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Michelle Pestel-Maga to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

Bobbie-Jo Moniz-Tadeo, Ed.D.

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HEICC Vice Chair

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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 630– State Council on Developmental Disabilities
Gubernatorial Nominee Michelle Pestel-Maga

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 630** to confirm the nomination of Michelle Pestel-Maga 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 parents represented on the Council. Ms. Pestel-Maga is a parent of a young daughter with special needs. She is a current parent representative on the Council, and has been serving as Co-Chair to the Council's Health and Children and Youth Committee.

Ms. Pestel-Maga was instrumental in advocating for and mobilizing parents and health care professionals in getting legislation passed during the 2015 Legislative Session that provided access to orthodontic treatment for children with orofacial anomalies. Act 213 became "Anya's law" named after her daughter, Anya who was also a significant advocate for the bill's passage. Ms. Pestel-Maga is a mentor to other parents in advocating for appropriate educational services from the Department of Education. Her reappointment to the Council will enable the Council to work with parents of children with disabilities to pursue timely services and supports.

Thank you for the opportunity to convey my strong support to confirm Michelle Pestel-Maga to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.