

## GOV. MSG. NO. 356

### EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

LINDA LINGLE GOVERNOR

February 5, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President and Members of the Senate Twenty-Fourth State Legislature State Capitol, Room 409 Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Sirs and Mesdames:

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:** 

David F. Fray

Term to Expire: 6/30/2012

Sincerely,

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In reply, please refer to:

### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

## GM 356, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE DAVID F. FRAY TO THE STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06/30/2012

# Testimony of Chiyome Leinaala Fukino, M.D. Director of Health March 31, 2008

- 1 Department's Position: Gubernatorial nomination of Dr. David Fray for consideration and
- 2 confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities for a term to expire 06/30/2012.
- 3 Fiscal Implications: None
- 4 Purpose and Justification: The Department strongly supports the Gubernatorial nomination of
- 5 Dr. David Fray to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. Dr. Fray has been the Chief of the
- 6 Developmental Disabilities Division (DDD), Department of Health, Hawaii since December 2002, and
- 7 is responsible for the administration of the DDD, Home and Community Based Services Waiver
- 8 Program, certification of adult foster homes, quality assurance and improvement, and implementation of
- 9 self-determination.
- 10 Dr. Fray's experience in developmental disabilities, public health and dentistry, make him an excellent
- candidate for membership to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.
- 12 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 356.



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March 31, 2008

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair Senate Committee on Health Twenty-Fourth Legislature State of Hawaii State Capitol Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Ige and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: GM 356 - State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Gubernatorial Nominee David F. Fray

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM 356** to confirm the nomination of **David F. Fray** for a term to expire on June 30, 2012.

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 (DOH); 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. Fray is Chief of the DD Division, DOH. As Chief, he is responsible for the administration of the DD Division, community-based programs, certification of adult foster homes and DD domiciliary homes for individuals with DD; quality improvement; implementation of self-determination; and compliance with the Makin Settlement Agreement.

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He represents DOH as the Designated State Agency on the Council and is a member of the Council's Executive, and Employment and Education Committees. His involvement fosters ongoing communication and collaboration with the Council. Dr. Fray's experience in DD and his representation of DOH enhances coordination of services and supports for individuals with DD.

The Council fully endorses Dr. Fray's nomination to the Council. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in strong support for **GM 356** confirming David F. Fray to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

Waynette K.Y. Cabral Executive Administrator

### UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I AT MĀNOA

John A. Burns School of Medicine **Department of Pediatrics** 

February 28, 2008

I am pleased to write a letter of recommendation for Dr. David Fray, the Chief of the State Developmental Disabilities Division, to serve on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have been able to work with Dr. Fray as part of presentations around aspects of developmental disabilities (DD) in my work with the University of Hawaii, as part of his Leadership team in his Division (I am his medical director), and in meetings with providers and advocates for people with DD.

Dr. Fray is one of the major experts around people with developmental disabilities in the State in many ways. He has a deep understanding of the medical and dental concerns. He is one of the most knowledgeable experts about the systems of care, not just of his own Division, but also around Medicare/Medicaid, mental health, vocational rehabilitation, early intervention and school systems. He is connected to national experts and trends around DD

He has passion for the work that he does. He hopes to continue to not just improve medical and dental supports for people with DD, but employment opportunities and self determination decision capacities for this important segment of our population in Hawaii. I support Dr. Fray without hesitation or any reserve, he has been an excellent and dynamic leader in our disability community.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Okamoto M.D.

Director, Developmental Behavioral Pediatrics

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Department of Pediatrics

John A. Burns School of Medicine

Date: March 25, 2008

Re:

To: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Senator David Ige, Chair

Senator Carol Fukunaga, Vice Chair

Fr: Leolinda Parlin, State Coordinator for Family Voices of Hawai'i

GM 356 – Support for confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities,

Gubernatorial Nominee, DAVID F. FRAY

On behalf of Family Voices of Hawai'i, I support GM 356.

As an organization, Family Voices is a national grass roots organization of family of friends of child with special health care needs. In Hawai'i, we operate the federally funded Hilopa'a Family to Family Health Information Center.

Over the last 5 years I have come to know and respect Dr. David Fray as a champion for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. He personifies the phrase Servant Leader. He is not your stereotypical bureaucrat. He makes himself available to the people he serves. Dr. Fray has been known to meet with self advocates and families at night and on the weekends to hear their concerns; address needs; and or sometimes just to plain "talk story". In this field, he has what it takes, Passion, Purpose and Persistence. He has served the State Council on Developmental Disabilities well, and through this confirmation, he will be able to further affect and implement the goals of the Council's strategic plan.

As the Chief of the Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Division we have seen how his leadership has planted the seeds of transformation. We've witnessed over the last few years the following:

- 1. Elimination of the Wait List of Services
- 2. Settlement of the Makin Consent Decrees
- 3. Marked increase of the division's budget to an appropriate level
- 4. Substantial increase in access to services for children and youth
- 5. Increase in the number of provider agencies to serve individuals with developmental disabilities

As parents and friends of children with special health care needs, we are always mindful of the special role that consumers have in their relationship with professional partners. Dr. Fray has always insured that there is a place at the table for self advocates and family members. He truly honors the concept of family professional partnership. I consider Dr. Fray a friend and an asset to our state.

Thank you for time and consideration in supporting GM 356.





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The Honorable David Y. Ige Chair, Senate Health Committee Hawaii State Capitol, Room 215 415 S. Beretania Street Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: Appointment of David Fray to the State Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities – **SUPPORT**.

Dear Senator Ige,

On behalf of Easter Seals Hawaii, I would like to **SUPPORT** the appointment of Dr. David Fray to the State Planning Council on Developmental Disabilities.

As Chief of the Department of Health Developmental Disabilities Division, Dr. Fray is committed to the support of persons with mental retardation and developmental disabilities to choose and achieve their individual goals. He has also led the charge to obtain several grants, and spearheaded numerous policy and procedural changes to enhance the lives of people with disabilities or special needs and their families in Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity in supporting Dr. David Fray to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

Norman T. Kawakami SR VP of Operations

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