



## DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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### TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

#### Governor's Message 643

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication Access Board

Gubernatorial Nominee Yolanda Phelan  
For a term to expire June 30, 2018

This testimony is in support of the nomination of Ms. Yolanda Phelan to serve on the Disability and Communication Access Board. The Board is a seventeen-member board, of which a majority are people with disabilities, their families, or caregivers.

Ms. Phelan was appointed as an interim member on July 1, 2014 to fill a vacancy. We are supporting her nomination for the remainder of the four-year term.

Ms. Phelan is a person who represents individuals who are blind or who have low vision. She is very active in the community with organizations such as Ho'opono, Hawaii Association of the Blind, and on the Deaf/Blind Task Force as well as with consumer groups advocating for better transit services.

Since joining the Board less than a year ago, Ms. Phelan sits on the Legislative Committee and has been very active with participation on various issues and has perfect attendance. Ms. Phelan also contributes to emergency preparedness efforts for persons with disabilities.

We believe that Ms. Phelan will continue to be an asset to the Board and recommend your confirmation of her nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

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| Lynn Murakami-Akatsuka | Individual          | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: I strongly support the appointment of Yolanda Phelan to the Disability and Communication Access Board. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support.

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