



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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April 19, 2015

MEMORANDUM:

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Rachael S. Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: **G.M. 878 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARK TRAVALINO for a term to expire 06-30-2016.**

Hearing: Monday, April 20, 2015, 1:15 p.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the nomination of Mr. Mark Travalino to the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC). Mr. Travalino is seeking an appointment for his first term on the SRC.

Mr. Mark Travalino is a Field Representative with Local 368 of the Laborer's International Union of North America. He is being nominated for the SRC position representing disability advocacy groups.

Mr. Travalino has been in his current position since 1987 where in this capacity he addresses work related injuries and the vocational rehabilitation needs of union members in the normal course of business.

He will bring to the SRC his perspective representing union members as they experienced the vocational rehabilitation process in their attempts to return to work. Vocational Rehabilitation takes into account a holistic approach and Mr. Travalino will add to discussions as the SRC guides our Division of Vocational Rehabilitation to provide for the needs of both the participants we serve as well as those of business and labor.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this committee.

April 18, 2015

Honorable Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland, chair and members of the Human Services Committee

RE: GM 878 and 879

Hearing:

DATE: Monday, April 20, 2015
TIME: 1:15 pm
PLACE: Conference Room 229
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415 South Beretania Street

I wish to support the nominations of Michele KU and Mark Travalino for seats on the State Rehabilitation Council(SRC). As the current Chair of the SRC, I have spent eight years promoting and advocating for persons with disabilities to be able to offer their talents to the businesses of Hawaii. The purpose of the SRC is to work in partnership with the State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (VRA) and to insure the voice of the recipients is heard by the VRA. I know both Mark Travalino and Michele Ku to be responsible professionals in their own fields and to work tirelessly to serve the people in Hawaii. Please give them your confirmation.

Thank you ,

Gretchen Lawson, Chair
State Rehabilitation Council