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

RE: Support for Dr. Louise Iwaishi on the State Council on Developmental Disabilities

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

My name is Kenneth Nakamura. I am the Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the John A. Burns School of Medicine. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of Governor's Message 684 for consideration and confirmation of Louise Iwaishi to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities. I have known Dr. Iwaishi since the late '70's and can attest to her experience, dedication and community connections in the field of developmental disabilities. This combination of qualities makes her an optimal candidate for this position and I strongly support her nomination. I cannot think of any other personal locally that would be a better fit.

l ask for your Committee's favorable consideration to confirm Dr. Iwaishi to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

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