

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 516

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred Governor's Message No. 516, submitting for
study and consideration the nomination of:

LANGUAGE ACCESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

G.M. No. 516 APHIRAK BAMRUNGRUAN,
for a term to expire 06-30-2020,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and
statement submitted by the nominee and finds Aphirak Bamrungruan
to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the
Language Access Advisory Council.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the
nomination of Aphirak Bamrungruan from the Department of Health,
Department of Human Services, Office of Language Access, and
twelve individuals.

Your Committee finds that Mr. Bamrungruan is presently the
Project Manager for the Limited English Proficient Project within
the Department of Human Services and has the practical and
administrative experience of managing state department-wide
efforts to improve language access. Your Committee further finds
that Mr. Bamrungruan has worked with state and federal agencies on
language compliance, and is currently a strong advisor to the
Office of Language Access. In his personal statement,
Mr. Bamrungruan indicated that he hopes to provide insight so that
all entities have a better understanding of language access law in



addition to meaningful access to services, programs, and activities for individuals with limited English proficiency. Mr. Bamrungruan is originally from Thailand and learned English as a second language. In addition to many other accomplishments, Mr. Bamrungruan has prior experience as a licensed attorney practicing immigration and family law, which is valuable to the Language Access Advisory Council because it provided Mr. Bamrungruan with an astute understanding of Hawaii's language access law and its intersection with relevant federal law. Your Committee finds that Mr. Bamrungruan's personal background, as well as his legal expertise and experience with increasing language access for limited English proficient individuals by implementing large-scale programs and policies, demonstrates his ability to advance the goals of the Office of Language Access.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,


ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Ninth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
CPH
Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">GM 516</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">CPH</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">3/10/17</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)	/			
CHANG, Stanley				/
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les				/
KIDANI, Michelle N.	/			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	/			
TOTAL	5			2
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive; text-align: center;">Clarence K. Nishihara</div>				
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