

GM738

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, DIANE TERADA, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Report Title: State Rehabilitation Council

Description:

Companion:

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Introducer(s):



CATHOLIC CHARITIES HAWAII

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF GM 738: DIANE TERADA

TO: Senator Josh Green, Chair; Senator Stanley Chang, Vice Chair; and Members, Committee on Human Services

FROM: Terrence L. Walsh, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer

Hearing: Wednesday, April 5, 2017; 2:45 PM; CR 016

Chair Green, Vice Chair Chang, and Members of the Committee on Human Services:

It is our great pleasure to strongly support the nomination of Diane Terada to the State Rehabilitation Council. I am Terry Walsh, with Catholic Charities Hawai'i.

Catholic Charities Hawai'i (CCH) is a tax exempt, non-profit agency that has been providing social services in Hawai'i for over 60 years. Our mission is to provide services and advocacy for the most vulnerable in Hawai'i.

Diane Terada has dedicated 17 years at Catholic Charities Hawaii (CCH) to providing high quality services to enable individuals to realize their full potential, be self-reliant, and to live in safe and secure environments. Employment is a critical issue for many Catholic Charities Hawaii's clients—from seniors who need to supplement their social security to homeless individuals to people with developmental disabilities, etc. Her work as the Division Administrator for one of CCH's four divisions has given her a wide breadth of knowledge of the needs and strengths of elders and persons with disabilities. She has developed a creative new program to help fill the need for long term care assistance for elders by targeting DD/ID consumers for training to become in-home chore workers. What a win-win solution to the needs for employment and senior care.

Diane would be a strong asset to the State Rehabilitation Council, within the Department of Human Services. We strongly urge you to support her confirmation.

Please contact our Legislative Liaison, Betty Lou Larson, at 373-0356 or bettylou.larson@catholiccharitieshawaii.org, if you have any questions.

