

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3901

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 23 2026

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 569

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2026
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 569, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL

G.M. No. 569 CYNTHIA MEW
for a term to expire 06-30-2028,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by Cynthia Mew for service on the State Rehabilitation Council.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Cynthia Mew from the Department of Human Services.

Your Committee finds that Ms. Mew's experience, knowledge, and long-standing dedication to students with disabilities qualify her to serve on the State Rehabilitation Council as the representative of the state educational agency responsible for the public education of students with disabilities. Your Committee notes that Ms. Mew has served as a State Special Education Resource Teacher with the Department of Education since 2017, where she supports students with disabilities as they plan for post-school outcomes. Previously, Ms. Mew served as an Autism Consultant Resource Teacher, Evaluation Specialist, and State Special Education Literacy Resource Teacher, with the Department of Education, contributing to statewide education data reporting,

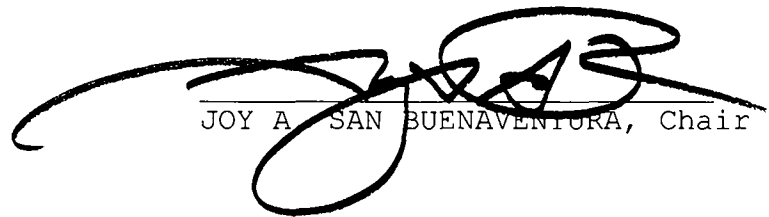
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professional development, and program evaluation. Your Committee further notes that Ms. Mew has been serving as an interim member of the State Rehabilitation Council, contributing to council discussions on collaboration between the Department of Education and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Department of Human Services in service delivery and transition planning. Your Committee finds that Ms. Mew has a thorough understanding of the role and responsibilities of the council's members and her knowledge and expertise will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the council. Your Committee therefore recommends that Cynthia Mew be appointed to the State Rehabilitation Council based on her experience, knowledge, and commitment to public service.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Health and Human Services 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 Health and Human
Services,




JOY A. SAN BUENAVENTURA, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Advise and Consent

Governor's Message No.:* 569	Committee Referral: HHS	Date: 3/2/2020		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision.				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A. (C)	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K. (VC)	✓			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	✓			
KEOHOKALOPE, Jarrett				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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