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April 8, 2026

The Honorable Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services  
The Thirty-Third Legislature  
State Capitol  
State of Hawai'i  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair San Buenaventura and Committee Members:

**SUBJECT:** GM553 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, gubernatorial nominee, Anne Chipchase

The Hawaii State Council on Developmental Disabilities **STRONGLY SUPPORTS GM553**, which is submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, gubernatorial nominee, ANNE CHIPCHASE, for a term to expire 06-30-2029.

The Council's Federal mandate (P.L.106-402 - DD Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000) is clear in determining the composition of this body to ensure that all the stakeholders are represented and engaged in the development and implementation of a comprehensive system of services and supports for individuals with DD.

The Governor's nominee meets all the Federal requirements for Council membership. Ms. Chipchase's reappointment to the Council would fulfill the Federal requirement for a representative of the State Protection and Advocacy (P&A) system. Hawaii Disability Rights Center (HDRC) is the Council's sister agency as both entities fall under P.L. 106-402. Both agencies have distinct roles under the federal law, the Council responsible for systems advocacy, and HDRC responsible for protecting the legal and human rights of individuals with Developmental Disabilities (DD). We look forward to Ms. Chipchase's continued contributions to increase coordination and collaboration between the Council and HDRC. She has been instrumental in establishing community programs for individuals with disabilities to promote the practice of self-advocacy and determination. Her efforts in advocating for disability rights will continue providing valuable insights to the Council to continue the support of our population of individuals with DD.

We appreciate the opportunity to express our **strong support for GM553** to confirm the appointment of Anne Chipchase to continue on the board of the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daintry Bartoldus".

Daintry Bartoldus  
Executive Administrator

**GM-553**

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Testimony for HHS on 4/8/2026 1:00:00 PM

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Comments:

We are in strong support of this nomination . Anne is an advocate at HDRC and has served with distinction on the DD Council for the past few years. She has developed excellent working relations with her colleagues there and has kept me informed of Council activities. We heartily endorse her confirmation and urge favorable action by the Committee.