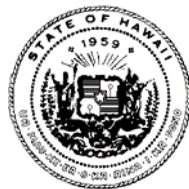


JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA



RYAN I. YAMANE
DIRECTOR
KA LUNA HO'OKELE

JOSEPH CAMPOS II
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
KA HOPE LUNA HO'OKELE

STATE OF HAWAII
KA MOKU'ĀINA O HAWAI'I
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
KA 'OIHANA MĀLAMA LAWELawe KANAKA
Office of the Director
P. O. Box 339
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809-0339

TRISTA SPEER
DEPUTY DIRECTOR
KA HOPE LUNA HO'OKELE

April 12, 2026

TO: The Honorable Senator Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

FROM: Ryan I. Yamane, Director
Lea Dias, Administrator, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

SUBJECT: **GM 567 – RELATING TO CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JAMES MONTGOMERY, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2027.**

Hearing: Monday, April 13, 2026, 1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 225 & Via Videoconference, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS), on behalf of the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR), strongly supports the confirmation of James "Monty" Montgomery to the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC).

PURPOSE: The SRC was established by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended. The SRC works in partnership with the DHS Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) to review, analyze, and advise on services that address the employment needs of individuals with disabilities in Hawai'i.

Mr. Montgomery is seeking appointment to the SRC as a representative of business, industry and labor per section 348-8(a)(5), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), established under section 796d of 29 U.S. Code § 725, et seq.

With years of experience as Director of the Business Department & Director of Talent Management at Naval Supply Systems Command-Fleet Logistics Center Pearl Harbor- Joint Base

Pearl Harbor Hickam, Mr. Montgomery has promoted the Equal Employment and Opportunity program and has been a partner with DVR for many years, employing individuals with disabilities in competitive, integrated employment. This makes him an ideal member for the SRC.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong support of Mr. Montgomery's nomination to the State Rehabilitation Council.