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Measure Title: Rehabilitation Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, ROLAND PRIETO, for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

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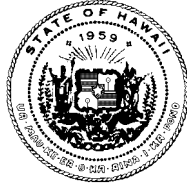
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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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October 29, 2013

MEMORANDUM:

TO: The Honorable Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senate Committee on Human Services

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **G.M. 26 - Gubernatorial Nomination of Roland Prieto to the State
Rehabilitation Council**

Hearing: Tuesday, October, 29, 2013; 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

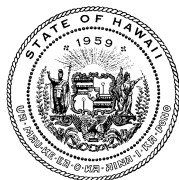
The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports the nomination of Mr. Roland Prieto to the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC).

Mr. Roland Prieto is seeking an appointment for his first term to the SRC. Mr. Prieto is currently the Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program for the County of Maui, Office of Economic Development. His experience with workforce development and other community development programs will provide the Council with insight on community needs and employment issues. He has the experience and knowledge of the importance and need for training and services allocated to individuals with disabilities for their ultimate quality of life. Additionally, Mr. Prieto is involved with youth programs in Maui County and the needs of individuals with diverse backgrounds, including individuals with disabilities.

Mr. Prieto will bring to the SCR his belief that people with disabilities can achieve a healthy life of quality and community integration given the right opportunities. He will provide representation to the SRC from the Work Force Development Council and Maui County.

The DHS requests a favorable consideration of Mr. Ronald Prieto's nomination to the State Rehabilitation Council.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony to this Committee.



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**GM 26 - ROLAND PRIETO,
AS A MEMBER OF THE STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Josh Green, Vice Chair

Tuesday, October 29, 2013, 8:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Green, and Members of the Committee:

The Workforce Development Council (WDC) strongly supports the confirmation of Roland Prieto to the State Rehabilitation Council. Mr. Prieto is a member of the Workforce Development Council (WDC), representing the County of Maui, and is the Council's nominee to the State Rehabilitation Council.

The WDC is an administratively attached agency in the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations that is responsible for advising the Governor and the Legislature on workforce development to support economic development and employment opportunities in Hawaii. The WDC consists of individuals who represent both private and public agencies in the field of employment and training in Hawaii.

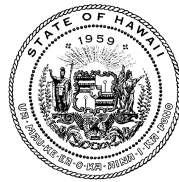
As a WDC member, Mr. Prieto participates in the statewide oversight of workforce programs and policy development for workforce strategies and goals. He is also the Executive Director for Maui County's Workforce Investment Board, a local private/public board that works in partnership with Maui County to administer federally-funded employment and training programs for low-income youth, adults, and dislocated workers of Maui County.

In his dual capacities as a WDC member and County workforce administrator, he has a unique set of perspectives that encompass statewide considerations for policy development and local realities in which these policies are implemented.

Mr. Prieto's unique experience with employment and training programs will be valuable assets to the State Rehabilitation Council. His participation also will enrich the WDC and strengthen the collaborations between the two Councils to maximize services to persons with disabilities.

We appreciate the consideration of the Committee & thank you for this opportunity to testify.

On behalf of the Workforce Development Council,
Marian Tsuji
Chair



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**GM 26 --IN SUPPORT OF NOMINEE,
ROLAND PRIETO,
AS A MEMBER OF THE STATE REHABILITATION COUNCIL**

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, October 29, 2013, 8:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

Chair Oakland, Vice Chair Josh Green, and Members of the Committee:

As the Interim Executive Director for the State Workforce Development Council (WDC), I am writing in support of Roland Prieto's confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council. Mr. Prieto is the WDC's nominee to the State Rehabilitation Council.

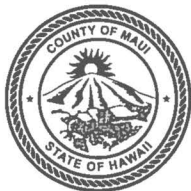
The WDC is a 31-member public-private board, administratively attached to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, that advises the State on various workforce policies and issues. Two Mayors are members of the WDC, including Mr. Prieto, who represents the Maui County Mayor, Alan Arakawa.

Mr. Prieto also serves as the Executive Director for Maui County's Workforce Investment Board, which is a local private/public board working in partnership with Maui County to administer federally-funded employment and training programs for low-income youth, adults, and dislocated workers on Maui County. Persons with disabilities are among the target groups within these programs. Our Department, as grantee for the funds, works closely with him and other Counties for the administration and implementation of these programs.

Maui County also is a site for a federal demonstration program administered by our Department that is designed to increase employment prospects for persons with disabilities. The program focuses on development of networks among businesses and community agencies to address public misperceptions and barriers and promote the hiring of persons with disabilities.

These experiences give Mr. Prieto the capacity to be a vital contributor to the State Rehabilitation Council. His participation has the added benefit of cross-pollinating the programs under his direct responsibility to enhance services to the target group and wider community.

For these reasons, I ask for your support of his confirmation and thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Oct. 22, 2013

Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland
Chair, Human Services Committee
Hawaii State Capital

Re: GM 26: Support for Roland Prieto's nomination to the **State Rehabilitation Council**

Dear Senator Chun-Oakland,

I am writing to support the nomination of Roland Prieto to the **State Rehabilitation Council (SRC)**.

Mr. Prieto is currently serving as the Executive Director of the Workforce Investment Board for Maui County. His office resides under the Maui County Office of Economic Development. In the last 2 ½ years I have been the director of this department, Mr. Prieto has shown exemplary service in his position. He is well-versed and knowledgeable in workforce development issues and the federal programs they encompass. He currently serves as the liaison between the WDC and the SRC. He is very conscientious and competent in carrying out all his duties. He possesses a calm and thoughtful demeanor that enables him to work well with diverse groups and committees.

Mr. Prieto would be an asset to the SRC, and I wholeheartedly recommend his confirmation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teena M. Rasmussen".

Teena M. Rasmussen
Director

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Senator Susan Chun Oakland
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Honorable Susan Chun Oakland,

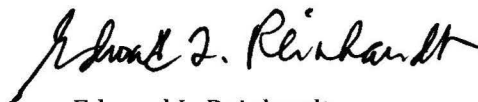
Recommendation of Mr. Roland Prieto for Nomination to the State Rehabilitation Council

Please accept this letter as a recommendation and endorsement of Roland Prieto to the State Rehabilitation Council. As a church leader in the community with a membership of over 6,000 members, I was happy to learn of Mr. Roland Prieto's nomination to the State Rehabilitation Council. It has been my pleasure to work with Mr. Prieto for many years as a leader in the community.

Mr. Prieto's position with the County of Maui as the Executive Director, of the Maui County Workforce Investment Board, Office of Economic Development will be a great asset on this Council as he is able to represent the Neighbor Island perspective as a member of this council. He is a faithful member of the Kahului Ward of the Kahului Hawaii Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He does a great job in working with our youth and adult members, which promotes service to those that are in need of assistance within our community.

Roland exemplifies the virtues and qualities of an outstanding citizen in the community, he is recognized as a leader and truly leads by example. It is my pleasure to make this recommendation on his behalf.

Sincerely,



Edward L. Reinhardt
Stake President
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From: Paul Macdonald <kamava33@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 26, 2013 10:42 PM
To: HMS Testimony
Subject: State Rehabilitation Council Nomination

Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland,
Human Services Committee Chair

Dear Senator Chun-Oakland,

I am writing you to express my support for the nomination of Roland Prieto to the State Rehabilitation Council. My association with Roland over the past several years has extended from coaching youth sports, many & varied community service events, to serving together on the leadership team of our local church congregation. Roland possesses great leadership skills, and is a very effective communicator. I know he'll be a valued asset to the council in addition to bringing a high level of integrity and professionalism. I can without reservation recommend Roland Prieto for this appointment. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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October 25, 2013

Senator Suzanne Chun-Oakland
Chair Human Services Committee
Senatorial District 13
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 226
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: Testimony of Roland V. Prieto to the Senate Committee on Human Services for consideration and confirmation to the State Rehabilitation Council
G.M. 26

Honorable Suzanne Chun-Oakland:

Chair Chun-Oakland and members of the Committee, first of all, thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today. Secondly, I would like to express my gratitude to Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me to the State Rehabilitation Council along with the support from the State's Workforce Development Council. Finally, I would especially like to extend my sincere mahalo to everyone that submitted letters of support on my behalf and anyone that may be present to lend me their support and aloha.

I have worked in the public sector for a relative short span of 7 years as an appointee to both the Honorable Mayor Alan Arakawa and Charmaine Tavares. I have worked as a program specialist in the Community Development Block Grant program providing compliance monitoring for 4 ½ years on several community projects. Presently, as the current Executive Director to the Maui County Workforce Investment Board, I administer and provide oversight to the Workforce Investment Act programs for the County of Maui.

In addition to my work for the County, I am a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. As an active church member for five years, I have held various leadership positions. My roles and responsibilities allowed me to provide services and assistance to those in need both within our church and the community not only because I have to, but because I want to. The leadership of our church continues to encourage service to our community and I take this counsel to heart.

I believe that the diverse foundations I was able to establish as a servant to the County and to my church will help me in my service as a member of the State Rehabilitation Council. My work experience provides me with the potential technical and administrative skills that are necessary for government work. My church experience provides me with the compassion I feel is necessary to want to help those in need. I feel, by bringing these qualities together, I hope to be a strong and productive member and leader to the council.

It is my goal to be a proactive member of the council versus just making an appearance at meetings. With the economic challenges the State and Country faces at this time, the council may not be able to resolve the many issues that are before us but I will do my best to provide my insight and perspective on issues that I hope will insure quality services to those participants of the various Vocational Rehabilitation programs.

In closing, I would like to thank the Committee once again for your consideration and hope to gain your support of my nomination. At this time, I am more than happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.