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

Report Title: State Rehabilitation Council

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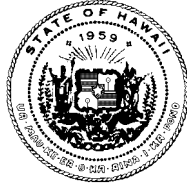
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October 29, 2013

**MEMORANDUM:**

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

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **G.M. 27 - Gubernatorial Nomination of John Kuwaye 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. John Kuwaye to the State Rehabilitation Council (SRC).

Mr. John Kuwaye is seeking an appointment for his first term to the SRC. Mr. Kuwaye's background and education is in Theology, Speech and Foreign Language Education, with a focus on English as a Second Language and children with disabilities. Mr. Kuwaye's current employment is with a community rehabilitation partner, Abilities Unlimited, providing orientation and mobility instruction to individuals with disabilities.

Mr. Kuwaye has both professional and personal experience living with and seeking employment as an individual with a disability. He is committed to exemplifying a positive empowerment model to the individuals he works with and meets in his daily life. Mr. Kuwaye's commitment to his disabled peers shows itself in his self determination to seek

avenues of educating himself through advocacy and the Council's work. He is a living example that people with disabilities can achieve a life of quality and community integration equal to their non-disabled peers given the right opportunities.

Mr. Kuwaye will provide representation to the SRC as a consumer served by Vocational Rehabilitation Division and Oahu.

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

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