

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH  
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**TESTIMONY  
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# DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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## TESTIMONY TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Governor's Message 8  
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability and Communication  
Access Board  
Gubernatorial Nominee Pauline Victoria Aughe

The Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB) supports the nomination of Pauline Victoria Aughe to the Board, appointment to June 30, 2015. Mrs. Aughe resides on the Island of Hawaii, and is a consumer (person with a disability) who fulfills the category requirement.

Mrs. Aughe has an employment background in California that emphasizes her computer/IT skills as well as her work as a Disability Program Navigator and advisor for several years in the arena of job development and placement of persons with disabilities seeking employment.

Mrs. Aughe has already participated in one DCAB meeting and has expressed interest in serving on our Standing Committee on Parking as a user of the disabled persons parking program.

We welcome her participation and input, and recommend your confirmation of her nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCINE WAI  
Executive Director

October 29, 2013

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Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Disability Communication  
Access Board, Gubernatorial Nominee, PAULINE V. AUGHE, for a term that expires  
on June 30, 2015.

To the members of this committee, thank you for the opportunity to appear  
before you today.

I would like to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me. I  
truly consider this an honor and privilege to be considered as a member of the  
Disability Communication Access Board. I also would like to extend a warm thank  
you to everyone who submitted letters of support on my behalf.

When the civil rights fight and the passage of the Americans with  
Disabilities Act was occurring, I was a child unaware of the great heroes willing to  
unite to create more opportunities for people like me. As I moved through life as a  
person with a disability, I became acutely aware of the tangible and invisible barriers  
that people with disabilities face.

As I reached out for the help I needed, I was grateful for the agencies,  
services and policies put in place so that I could get the support I required in order to  
continue growing and contributing as an adult with a disability in society. I know that  
these opportunities would not be there if it were not for the courage and hard work  
that my predecessors contributed to make my life better.

I am so very grateful for all that has been accomplished in the civil rights of  
people with disabilities. And I know that there is a long way to go. I believe my  
experiences on both sides of programs and policies as a recipient and provider have  
gifted me with varied perspectives. As a user of the services and policies, I received  
benefits, but also saw where improvements could be made. As a former Disability  
Program Navigator with the City of Sunnyvale in California, I was able to create  
systems change that allowed for more seamless services. In this position, I worked  
with local, state and national levels, able to bring my experiences and ideas from the  
ground floor to affect system change from the top down.

After 3 years as the Disability Program Navigator, my family moved to the  
Big Island of Hawaii. After settling in, I felt called to continue contributing to my  
community. In 2010, as a self-advocate, I began producing and hosting a show on  
NaLeo O Hawaii (our local public access station) on disability resources and issues.  
In 2011, I joined the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities and the Board of

Directors of Full Life and most recently, Aloha Independent Living Hawai'i. I am also an Inspirational Speaker and host of a web TV lifestyle talk show that focuses on issues related to people with disabilities. All of these experiences have given me a broader and more diverse view of the needs of people with disabilities.

It is important that DCAB has members with professional knowledge and experience to support the legislation, rules, policies, procedures and plans influencing the civil rights or service needs of people with disabilities. And it's important that DCAB also includes members that are driven beyond policies and systems. At the center of the policies and systems are real people that are impacted by the decisions DCAB and other policy-making entities make. I believe I possess the skills and experience that provide this balanced perspective.

It would be an honor to be a member of DCAB as a systems change agent and a person with a disability. It would be an honor to contribute my personal experiences and ideas that would affect generations to come.

In closing, I extend my deepest appreciation for the strides of progress this committee has made. I'd also like to recognize and thank those who have submitted letters of support. Thank you for your time and consideration of my nomination.

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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

**RE: Mrs. Pauline Aughe's Nomination to the Board of  
the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB)**

Honorable Josh Green:


Aloha!

As the organizer for Abled Hawai'i Artists, an all-volunteer organization supporting artists with disabilities, it is my pleasure to recommend Pauline Aughe as a board member of the Disability and Community Access Board.

A self-advocate and motivational speaker, Pauline Aughe is passionate about accessibility and community building. She has served as our annual art festival emcee since July 2012.

I feel that Ms Aughe would be a strong addition to the Disability and Communication Access Board.

With warm aloha,

  
Mar Ortaleza  
Organizer

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**RE: Mrs. Pauline Aughe's Nomination to the Board of the Disability and  
Communication Access Board (DCAB)**

Honorable Josh Green:

As the Executive Director of Full Life, a Hawai'i nonprofit supporting individuals with developmental disabilities, it is my pleasure to recommend Pauline Aughe as a board member of the Disability and Community Access Board.

Ms. Aughe is a strong advocate for persons with disabilities. She has the knowledge and experience required to provide advice and recommendations on legislation and policies relating to the rights and needs of persons with disabilities.

She served on the Mayor's Committee for Accessible Architecture and has personal experience regarding the needs for building designs that provide for equal access.

Ms. Aughe has served as a Full Life Board Director since October 2011 contributing her skills, expertise and advice regarding policies, procedures, marketing and outreach.

I feel that Ms Aughe would be a strong addition to the Disability and Communication Access Board.

With warm aloha,

Stone Wolfson

Executive Director

October 24, 2013

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the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB)**

Honorable Josh Green:

Mrs. Pauline Aughe is being considered for appointment to the Board of the Disability and Communication Access Board (DCAB). Over the past three years I have served closely with her on a number of projects that directly concern programs for persons who have disabilities and I feel she would make an excellent Board member.

I currently serve with Mrs. Aughe on the Hawaii County Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities, which provides insights and advice to the Hawaii County Mayor on issues and programs that affect those who have disabilities who live in Hawai'i County. Mrs. Aughe's knowledge and experience has helped the Committee offer useful and positive advice to the Mayor.

While I was working as a peer advocate with the Hawaii Disability Rights Center, I collaborated with her and several other persons on a video that she produced about accessible housing that was aired on the local public access TV station, Nā Leo 'O Hawai'i. Mrs. Aughe has also volunteered her time with other persons with disabilities by participating in "access walks" in National, State and County Parks on the Big Island to look at ways to improve access and inclusion of people with various types of disabilities in our public parks. Access walks have been conducted in a number of public

parks, including Volcanoes National Park, Lava Tree State Park and the County Panaewa Zoo.

Pauline Aughe, who is disabled herself, has a knowledgeable and well-rounded view of the challenges and possibilities that face persons with disabilities. She is a great listener and works well with others. She is a person of high integrity and moral character.

I know she would be a valuable contributor to the Disability and Communication Access Board and I wish to support her nomination to the Board

With sincere regards,

Chris S. Cholas