EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22-06 STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended in 1998, Public Law No. 105-220 ensures that the federal government plays a leadership role in promoting the employment of individuals with disabilities, and in assisting States in fulfilling the aspirations of such individuals with disabilities for meaningful and gainful employment and independent living; and

WHEREAS, the Rehabilitation Act of 1998 was amended by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 that establishes the Centers for Independent Living, and

WHEREAS, to receive federal assistance under Title VII of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Public Law 93-112, as amended, 29 USC 796 et seq., a State must establish and maintain a Statewide Independent Living Council (SILC) consistent with the requirements set forth in 29 U.S.C.A. § 796d; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 29 U.S.C.A § 796d(a), the SILC shall not be established as an entity within a state agency; and

WHEREAS, the Statewide Independent Living Council of Hawaii (SILC of Hawaii) was established in 1998 as a nonprofit organization under the Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3). Executive Order No. 11-18 named the SILC of Hawaii, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, as the entity to serve as the State's SILC pursuant to the 29 U.S.C.A. § 796d; and

WHEREAS, this Executive Order is necessary to reflect the language of the current federal law.

NOW THEREFORE:

The Department of Human Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services is deemed the Designated State Entity to fulfill all obligations outlined in 45 C.F.R. §§ 1329.11-12; and

SILC of Hawaii continues to be the designated entity to serve as the State's Statewide Independent Living Council to meet the requirements of 29 U.S.C.A. § 796d.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Hawai`i to be affixed. DONE at the State Capitol, Honolulu, State of Hawai`i, this <u>19th</u> day of <u>October</u>, 2022.

DAVID Y. IG

Governor of Hawaii

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Melissa J. Kolonie

Deputy Attorney General

Dated: __10/13/2022