




HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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March 18, 2021

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Speaker Scott K. Saiki 

SUBJECT: **Establishment of a Special Committee to Consider Miscellaneous Communication Nos. 1001 and 1002**

The purpose of this memorandum is to establish a Special Committee to Consider Miscellaneous Communication Nos. 1001 and 1002 pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of the House of Representatives, State of Hawaii, 31st Legislature, 2021 – 2022.

The establishment of this Special Committee is in response to two petitions ("Petitions") received by the House:

1. Miscellaneous Communication No. 1001 from Mike Golojuch, Sr. on behalf of Concerned Democrats of House District 42 dated March 6, 2021; and
2. Miscellaneous Communication No. 1002 from Carolyn Martinez Golojuch dated March 8, 2021.

The Petitions indicate concerns regarding Representative Sharon Har's conduct and request that the House investigate whether Representative Har's conduct violates the House Code of Legislative Conduct (Rule 62).

Rule 14 authorizes the Speaker to appoint special committees for special or temporary purposes to consider and report on special or temporary matters referred to it. Rule 14 states:

Rule 14. Special Committee

- 14.1 The Speaker may appoint special committees for special or temporary purposes to consider and report on such special or temporary matters referred to it.

- 14.2 Special committees shall consist of not less than three members each, unless otherwise ordered by the House, to serve until discharged or until finally reporting on such matters referred to them.
- 14.3 Meetings of special committees shall be conducted in the same manner as provided for standing committees.
- 14.4 Special committees shall report upon matters referred to them within the time prescribed under the appointment of the special committees, unless further time is given by vote of the House.

Pursuant to Rule 14, I hereby appoint the following members to the Special Committee:

Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair
Representative Mark M. Nakashima, Vice Chair
Representative Linda Ichiyama
Representative Scot Z. Matayoshi
Representative Lauren Matsumoto
Representative Amy A. Perruso

In carrying out its duties, the House and the Special Committee shall follow these procedures to address the aforementioned matter unless the House otherwise determines:

- Rule 1. The Speaker shall carry out the requirements of Rule 46.2 in a timely manner.
- Rule 2. When a petition or communication is filed, the Chief Clerk shall report it to the Speaker who shall then, provided the petition or communication sets forth facts sufficient to warrant review, appoint a special committee to consider the matter, and refer it to the special committee.
- Rule 3. The member who is the subject of the matter (hereinafter "affected member") may continue to exercise the member's legislative functions while the matter is pending.
- Rule 4. The Special Committee shall convene as soon as practicable after a matter has been referred to it and, after notifying the affected member, shall investigate the matter. The Special Committee shall review relevant written documentation and other evidence submitted by the petitioner and affected member. At the discretion of the Chair of the Special Committee, the Special Committee may conduct hearings where the petitioner and the affected member, or their respective attorneys, shall each be provided an opportunity to make statements and answer

questions from the Special Committee. Any hearings shall be open to the public, for which notice of at least forty-eight hours shall be provided.

Rule 5. The Special Committee shall consider evidence that is clear and convincing.

Rule 6. Upon conclusion of its investigation, the Special Committee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the House, at which time the House shall affirm or reject the report or take such other action as it determines.

If you have any questions, please contact my office.