

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3792

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 28 2006

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 310

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 310, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS APPEALS BOARD

G.M. No. 310 ROLAND QUOK FONG THOM,
for a term to expire 6-30-2010,

begs leave to report as follows:

Upon review of background information submitted by the nominee, your Committee finds that ROLAND QUOK FONG THOM is a graduate of Punahou School who earned an Artium Baccalaureus degree in Economic from the University of California at Berkeley and a Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law in New York. He is the director of the law firm of Char, Hamilton, Campbell & Thom, where he has practiced for over the past twenty-five years. Mr. Thom previously practiced law and is a former partner in the law firm of Cades, Schutte, Fleming & Wright, served as a deputy corporation counsel for the City and County of Honolulu, and served as a Captain in the United States Army.

Testimony in support of the nominee was submitted by the Director of Labor and Industrial Relations, the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, the Building Industry of Hawaii, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, Ayabe, Chong, Nishimoto, Sia & Nakamura, and fourteen individuals, including former Board Chairs Nadao Yoshinaga, E. John McConnell, and Frank Yap, Jr.



Your Committee diligently questioned the nominee regarding his opinion of the state of the workers' compensation system and his ideas for the system's reform. Your Committee finds the nominee to be a highly qualified individual with valuable experience and believes his enthusiasm and willingness to serve will make him an asset to the Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor,



BRIAN KANNO, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Third Legislature
 State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
 Committee on Labor
 (Advise and Consent)

Governor's Message No.:* GM 310	Committee Referral: LBR	Date: <i>4/27/06</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision.				
The Recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent (2340) <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent (2345)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
KANNO, BRIAN (C)	✓			
IHARA, JR., LES (VC)	✓			
TANIGUCHI, BRIAN T.				✓
SLOM, SAM	✓			
TOTAL	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>[Signature]</i>				
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