

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 322

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 322, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION (PUC)

G.M. No. 322      LESLIE HARUO KONDO,  
for a term to expire 6-30-2014,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee, and finds Leslie Haruo Kondo to have the necessary qualifications to be nominated to serve as a Commissioner on the Public Utilities Commission.

Testimony in support of Mr. Kondo's nomination was submitted by the Public Utilities Commission; the Legal Counsel of the Public Utilities Commission; the Office of the Corporation Counsel, County of Hawai'i; and nine private individuals.

Mr. Kondo received his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from Northwestern University and received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Upon graduation from law school, he served as a Law Clerk for Chief Justice Herman T.F. Lum at the Hawaii Supreme Court, and then served as an Associate Attorney at the private law firms of McCorriston Miho Miller Mukai and Tom & Petrus, and finally as Partner at Chun & Nagatani. In February 2003, he left private practice to serve as the Director of the Office of Information Practices where he administered the

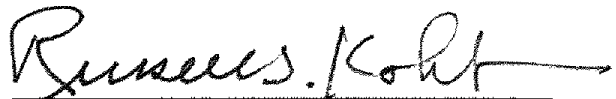


State's public records and open meetings laws. Mr. Kondo is a member of the Hawaii State Bar Association and currently serves as a Director for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Hawaii.

Mr. Kondo has been serving as Commissioner for the Public Utilities Commission since July 2007. Since his appointment, he has demonstrated a strong desire to learn about the issues presented to the Public Utilities Commission, and he has the education, experience, and commitment to assist the Commission in regulating franchised or certificated public service companies operating in the State. He has worked tirelessly to understand and analyze the regulatory issues that currently face the Commission, closely reviewing docket records, clarifying issues with staff and parties, and attending training programs, meetings, and briefings. Mr. Kondo's demonstrated commitment to and professional experience in law will prove to be a valuable asset for the Public Utilities Commission.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Affordable Housing 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 Commerce, Consumer  
Protection, and Affordable  
Housing,



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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**Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection and Affordable Housing**  
**CPH**  
**Advise and Consent**

Governor's Message No.:* <b>322</b>	Committee Referral: <b>CPH</b>	Date: <b>3/31/08</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340 <input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	✓			
IGE, David Y. (VC)	✓			
ESPERO, Will	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
SAKAMOTO, Norman	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				✓
TRIMBLE, Gordon	✓			<i>MS</i>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
<i>Will Espero</i>				
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