

PRESENTATION BY  
PATRICIA ODAN

TO THE SENATE  
COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE  
Regular Session of 2008

Monday April 14, 2008  
1:15 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON THE NOMINATION OF  
Corrine H. Akau  
WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY  
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 572

TO THE HONORABLE NORMAN SAKAMOTO, CHAIR,  
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Patricia Odan, and I thank you for the opportunity of presenting testimony in support of Corrine Akau's nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service.

I am the Departmental Personnel Officer of the Department of Transportation, where Ms. Akau has worked as the Recruitment Specialist for the department since 2005. In her present capacity, she provides technical oversight and assistance in the department's recruitment, selection, and placement activities, to assure the timely filling of vacancies.

She is a dedicated public servant, and works well with all levels of employees, management, and the public as well. She is a hard worker, and willing to assume new responsibilities when required to do so. She readily assists other programs/offices when needed, and has good working relationships with the various programs that she deals with.

With these traits, I feel Corrine would serve well on the Commission, and I strongly recommend your favorable consideration of her nomination.

PRESENTATION BY  
ALVIN KUSHIMA  
  
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My name is Alvin Kushima and I thank you for the opportunity of presenting testimony in support of Ms. Corrine H. Akau's nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. Prior to my retirement, I served as the Director of Human Resources for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

I have known Ms. Akau since December 1990 when she worked as a Personnel Management Specialist under my supervision as the Departmental Personnel Officer for the Department of Public Safety. In that capacity, she was the department's primary resource for developing, organizing, coordinating, and providing guidance and assistance in Employee Relations programs which included the Performance Appraisal (PAS) program, Service and Incentive Awards, Employee Safety, and Benefit Administration.

Ms. Akau also investigated and processed worker's compensation claims and maintained the highest level of integrity in fulfilling these responsibilities. She worked diligently and effectively with all levels of management and employees in seeking resolution to employee issues.

In addition, Ms. Akau demonstrated her willingness to work hard and undertake new challenges, throughout her employment with PSD. She was a valuable and dependable employee and team member, who completed her assignments in a diligent and conscientious fashion.

I feel these traits would be of value to any organization, and I strongly recommend your favorable consideration of her nomination.

PRESENTATION BY  
CAROLYN ROLDAN

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My name is Carolyn Roldan and I am testifying in strong support of Corrine H. Akau's nomination to the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service. I am the Secretary of the Office of Elections.

I have known Ms. Akau for 20 years and she's always maintained the highest level of integrity. She is reliable, dedicated and a hard working individual. As a Personnel Management Specialist, she demonstrated her ability to work with all levels of management in seeking solutions. She's also a team player and can work under extreme pressure.

I believe that all of these attributes would serve her well on the Hawaii Commission for National and Community Service, and urge you to favorably consider her nomination.