

GM 370

Anita Mae K. Naone



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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, INTERNATIONAL AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS**
Wednesday, February 25, 2009
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

in consideration of
GM370
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Hawai'i Sister State
Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANITA MAE K. NAONE, for a term to expire
6-30-2013**

Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Committee members:

The Department of Business, Economic Development & Tourism strongly supports the nomination of Ms. Anita Mae K. Naone to a second term to the Hawaii Sister State Committee. Ms. Naone was nominated by a Native Hawaiian cultural organization.

Members of the Hawaii Sister State Committee are responsible for developing and evaluating recommendations for all Sister-state or province relationships, and forwarding their recommendations to the Legislature. They are also responsible for periodically evaluating established sister-state relationships.

The ideal candidate for the Sister State Committee would have a broad range of international experience, including overseas travel. The candidate should also have a strong interest in, and support the development of Hawaii as an international global leader, especially through DBEDT's Office of International Affairs (OIA).

Ms. Naone is superbly qualified to be a member of the Committee. She has a distinguished career in Federal government and has served in leadership positions with a focus on affirmative employment programs for the United States Army Corp of Engineers responsible for Hawaii and the Asia-Pacific region.

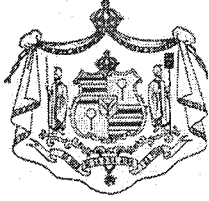
As part of her business experience, Ms. Naone has a strong background in developing and providing training programs, which will be of considerable value to the department. We see training, especially short-term training programs tailored to the overseas market, as an important means for Hawaii to build global relationships and to generate business opportunities for Hawaii businesses.

Serving as a senior staff advisor to the Commandant of the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers Pacific Ocean Division, Ms. Naone travels frequently to two countries where Hawaii enjoys Sister relationships: Japan and Korea, in addition to Guam, Palau, American Samoa, Kwajalein, the Marshall Islands and Alaska. From this experience, she has a broad view of mutual benefits that could be derived from entering into a Sister relationship with a prospective province or prefecture.

Ms. Naone has given generously of her time to serve on the boards of Hawaii organizations that have a strong focus on activities similar to that of our Office of International Affairs – education, environment and inter-governmental relations.

In summation, Ms. Naone can continue to provide outstanding service to the Hawaii Sister State Committee, and the Committee would be extremely fortunate to have her remain as a member for a second term. I urge you to give her nomination your strongest consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments.



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February 18, 2009

Senator J. Kalani English
Chair, Transportation, International, and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
Senate, Hawaii State Legislature

Members of the Transportation, International Affairs, and Intergovernmental Affairs
Committee

Dear Senator English and members of the Transportation, International, and
Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

We are pleased that Governor Linda Lingle has referred to you for confirmation Mrs. Anita M. Naone for appointment to the Hawaii Sister State Committee (ref GM370) for a new term to expire on June 30, 2013.

Two years ago, we had the honor to recommend to you confirmation of her appointment to this Committee. Our support for Mrs. Naone has not wavered. She has done an excellent job, committed to the tasks of the committee. During her appointment, the committee reviewed the present sister state agreements for currency to reinforce the partnerships with Japan, Azores, Phillipines, Korea, Taiwan, and Vietnam. Additionally, they reviewed the sister state policies of the committee, the process to implement the agreement, and revised the application for the sister state agreements.

Mrs. Naone continues to be an active member of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, and in spite of her busy schedule, planned and organized the 90th anniversary of this club, affectionately known as the "Mother" Club in the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs. This event attracted a large gathering at the Waimea Falls Park on February 15, 2009. In 2006, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs conferred its highest award upon her, that of being recognized as the Outstanding Hawaiian Civic Club member of the year.

Mrs. Naone's position as the Chief of the Equal Employment Opportunity Programs for the Pacific Area with the U.S. Army in Hawaii continues to make her the perfect candidate for this position. In that capacity, she has traveled extensively to foreign countries, in particular those in the Pacific, handling complex, people issues. She is a sensitive human being, articulate, compassionate and understanding.

We highly recommend that you confirm Mrs. Naone to be a member of the Hawaii Sister State Committee for another term. She will continue to be an asset and reflect positively on this State.

Respectfully submitted
/s/ Leimomi Khan by e-mail

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Liloliho
Chaguna wale ia pua
I ka iniki 'ala mau 'ia
Ua hule wale a noho
Hele a nohenoha
I ka nou i kō kehe
(I ka nou a kō kehe)
O beautiful 'ilima
Choice of my heart
O sweet and charming
flower
Soft and lovely to behold

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Aloha Senator J. Kalani English, Chair, and the members of the Transportation, International, and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee.

We, the members of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, are honored to continue our support for Anita Naone's appointment to the Hawaii Sister State Committee (ref GM370) for a new term to expire on June 30, 2013. As the past president of our club, she is a board member who contributes to the successful implementation of the various cultural activities throughout the year for the members of our club and the Hawaiian Community at large.

Mrs. Naone's position as the Chief of the Equal Employment Opportunity Programs for the Pacific Area with the U. S. Army in Hawaii continues to make her the perfect candidate for this position. In this capacity, she travels extensively to foreign countries, in particular those in the Pacific, handling complex, people issues. She is a good listener, articulate, compassionate and understanding.

We urge you to confirm Anita Naone to be a member of the Hawaii Sister State Committee for another term. She will always be a positive asset representing the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to provide this testimony for Anita Naone.

/s/Leatrice Maluhia Kauahi by e-mail

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Pelekikena, Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, known as the "Mother Club", founded by Prince Jonah Kuhio, December 7, 1918