

GM 476

Measure Title:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the
Advisory Board on Veterans' Services, Gubernatorial Nominee,
PATRICIA ANN WIELAND, for a term to
Expire 6-30-2013.

STATE OF HAWAII
OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES
TESTIMONY ON GM 476, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND
CONFIRMATION TO THE ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERANS' SERVICES,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **Patricia Ann Wieland**, FOR A TERM TO
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SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC
SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

April 2, 2009

Good afternoon Chair Will Espero, Vice-Chair Robert Bunda, and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.

I am Mark Moses, Director of the Office of Veterans Services (OVS). OVS is in full support of GM 476, which submits Patricia Ann Wieland for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veterans Services, for a term to expire 6-30-2013.

As a Board Member since 2007 Patricia has proven herself an important asset to the Advisory Board on Veterans Services. Her insight and input concerning veterans' issues and concerns have proven not only informative, but also vital to veterans' issues in the State of Hawaii.

Ms. Wieland works as the Coordinator for the VA Volunteers Office at the Spark Matsunaga VA Center at Tripler and has been valuable not only to the veterans' community but most of all, to the Board in incorporating programs and services to assist the veterans with their health and well being. As a veteran herself, her membership in the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary and the American Legion adds to her capability to be knowledgeable with veterans' issues.

I highly recommend that Patricia Wieland continue her membership as an Oahu member of the Advisory Board on Veterans Services. She has proven herself a most worthy and effective member of the Advisory Board,

Thank you for allowing me to present the Veterans' perspective on this issue. I will respond to any questions.

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Good afternoon Chair Will Espero, Vice-Chair Robert Bunda, and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs.

My name is Patricia Ann Wieland, and I work for the Department of Veterans Affairs as the Hawaii Voluntary Service Program Manager. I am also a current member of the Advisory Board on Veterans Services whose term will expire on September 30, 2009.

I am honored to be considered for a second term on this valuable and productive committee. I do not take this position lightly and I am ready to accept and fulfill any duties that may enhance the care and treatment of our veterans.

My diverse background in assisting our veterans, be it through my Federal employment, my 21 years in the Navy Reserves, or through my membership with several veterans service organizations, provides me the foresight I need to be a viable and useful member of this committee. My passion for our veterans is the catalyst that gives me the drive and determination to try and make significant changes in the community that will impact our veterans, and their family's, security, welfare, and health. As a member of this committee, it gives me that opportunity.

I hope this Board will find me worthy of serving another term, allowing me to further serve those who served.

Thank you for permitting me to present my testimony. I will respond to any questions you may have.