

Presentation Before the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations (JGO)

April 15, 2009

Cherie Mooy

Commission on the Status of Women

Chair Taniguchi, members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary Government Operations, thank you for this opportunity to present background about myself in your consideration of my confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women.

I was born and raised in California. I first attended the University of California at Santa Cruz receiving a Bachelor of Sociology degree, then my Bachelor Of Nursing Science degree. I was a practicing Registered Nurse from 1979 to 2005. While working full time, I again returned to school and received a Master of Nursing Education degree from California State University at San Jose.

During the course of my 26 year nursing career I worked in many capacities including Critical Care, Emergency Department, Employee Health, and as manager of a Pain Management Clinic where education was a priority. Teaching for hospital peers and the community was the consistent activity which guided my return for a degree in education. I have long believed education is key to affect change in health related issues and have been involved in Women's Health projects since 1982 through Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital, The American Heart Association, and Planned Parenthood

In 2005 I accepted the position as Nursing Instructor at Kauai Community College and became involved in community services organizations. Collaboration between the college and the community for the betterment of both is the status quo. I was the Co-Chair of The Kauai County Committee on the Status of Women from 2006-2008 and the Chair from 2008-2009. Improvement of women's health and safety were themes presented to the public free of charge in films series and lectures. Most recently we had a screening of *Patsy Mink: Ahead of the Majority* and the film director was here to discuss the film afterward. (the movie Flyer is included)

At the domestic level, equality for women and girls through advocacy and education is a strong move toward peace and conflict resolution on our islands and in our nation. Programs reaching our women youth to introduce concepts of empowerment, equality, and leadership benefit our entire society. I support the top ten priority list set forth by the Commission and the collaborative involvement of all women's groups who support women's potential by decreasing barriers.

I welcome the opportunity to work at a wider level and feel my feel my personality, education, vision, and energy give me the qualities to perform successfully in this position. I ask for your support in my nomination to the Commission of the Status of Women. Thank you.

Cherie Mooy RN, MSN Ed

**TESTIMONY OF THE
COUNTY OF KAUA'I
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE
ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2009

April 15, 2009
10 a.m.

TESTIMONY ON **GM 585**, RELATING TO GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE CHERIE A. MOOY TO THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

TO THE HONORABLE BRIAN TANIGUCHI, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Bernard P. Carvalho, Jr., Mayor, providing testimony in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Cherie A. Mooy to the Commission on the Status of Women for a term to expire June 30, 2010.

Ms. Mooy is an active member of the Kauai County Committee on the Status of Women and is well respected for her involvement in the community. Her experience will definitely be an asset to this Commission. I am confident that Ms. Mooy will serve well in this capacity and will provide strength to the Commission which acts as a catalyst for positive change through advocacy, education, collaboration and program development.

I request your favorable consideration in confirming Ms. Mooy to this Commission and thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.

TESTIMONY OF THE
COUNTY OF KAUA'I
COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
CHAIR LISA ELLEN SMITH

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I submit this testimony as the Chair of the Kaua'i County Committee on the Status of Women in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Cherie A. Mooy to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Ms. Mooy is the immediate past chair of the Kauai County Committee on the Status of Women and has been a dedicated and outstanding active member. Most recently, we acknowledge the outstanding job she did in coordinating the program for "Women History Month" in March 2009. She arranged for the showing of a locally produced documentary highlighting Patsy Mink to be shown at the Kaua'i Community College Performing Arts Center. Ms. Mooy will advocate for the best interest and education of issues relating to women's rights and serves as a positive role model for others in the community.

Therefore, I submit my testimony in strong support of the confirmation of Ms. Mooy to this Commission and thank you for this opportunity.

**Testimony on GM 585
Gubernatorial Nominee, Cherie Mooy
Commission on the Status of Women**

**COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
Senator Brian Taniguchi, Chair
Senator Dwight Takamine, Vice Chair**

**Wednesday, April 15, 2009 10:00 a.m.
Conference Room 16, State Capitol**

My name is Sharon Ferguson-Quick and as Executive Director of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women, I'm providing written testimony of support for gubernatorial nominee Cherie Mooy. I strongly support this nominee's confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women.

The Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women established in 1964 by Hawaii Revised Statute 367, has laid out as its primary purpose to ensure equality for women and girls in the State of Hawaii by acting as a catalyst for change through advocacy, education, collaboration and program development and research. The foundation of its work as a statewide network and governmental and community resource dedicated to addressing the broad scope of issues impacting the status of women in Hawaii is its Commissioners. These women, during the Commission's forty-five year history have worked to ensure we continue to strive to remove the barriers that impede women and girls reach their full potential.

I would like to make a strong recommendation for Chere Mooy to fill the position as Commission representative for Kauai. Ms. Mooy has served as a very active member of the Kauai County Committee on the Status of Women, including sitting as their Committee Chair. She has complete her term with the committee and it would be a great asset to have her step into the Commissioner position and provide continuity to that group while strengthening the bonds of support from the state Commission to the women of Kauai.

I strongly support this nomination and request Ms. Mooy's name be submitted to the Legislature for confirmation.

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UNIVERSITY of HAWAII*
KAUA'I
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

February 25, 2009

Dear State Committee of the Status of Women:

I'm delighted to recommend Cherie Mooy to be the representative on the island of Kauai for the State Committee of the Status of Women. As you are aware, Cherie has been a member of Kauai SCW since 2005 and chair for the last 3years. In that position she has put on a number of events, including a film series for the community in September for Women's Health month and again in March for Women's History month. Currently, she is coordinating the showing of *Ahead of the Majority*, the documentary of Patsy Mink, first woman from Hawaii to go to Congress, at Kaua'i Community College on Wed. Mar. 4 at 6:00 pm. She has arranged for Kim Bassford, producer, to come from Honolulu to introduce the film that night. She has also been involved with "equal pay activities" as well as family planning support.

In addition to her fine work as a member of the Kaua'i Community College Nursing Program, Cherie is active in the community not only as part of the CSW but also with the YWCA in their Domestic Violence Awareness week. It is without hesitation that I recommend Cherie to the Kaua'i representative of CSW. Should you need further information, please contact me at 808 245-8210.

Sincerely,

Helen A. Cox
Chancellor

**TESTIMONY OF THE
COUNTY OF KAUA'I
COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
MEMBER CHARLENE ULII CASTOR**

**MEASURE: GM 585
DATE: 15 April 2009
TIME OF HEARING: 10:00AM
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE: CHERIE A. MOOY**

I hereby submit this testimony as a member of the Kaua'i County Committee on the Status of Women in support of Gubernatorial Nominee Cherie A. Mooy to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Ms. Mooy is the past chair of the Kaua'i County Committee on the Status of Women and has been a very dedicated and outstanding member. Ms. Mooy will be our liaison to voice concerns and support issues to allow our County of Kaua'i to more align with core values of our State and increase our awareness of bills being presented to Hawaii State relating to women's rights. Ms. Mooy will serve as a positive role model for other women in the community.

I strongly submit and support the confirmation of Ms. Mooy to this Commission. Thank you for the opportunity.

Subject Recommendation of Cherie Mooy for Status of Women Commission on Kauai

Senate JGO Committee:

It is my privilege to recommend Cherie Mooy to be the representative on the island of Kauai for your organization., Cherie is an active member of the AAUW (American Association of University Women) of Kauai. She is a liaison for AAUW and the Kauai Community College and an instructor in nursing at the college. She is coordinating the showing of Ahead of the Majority, the documentary of Patsy Mink, first woman from Hawaii to go to Congress, at her college on Wed. Mar. 4 at 6:00 pm. She has arranged for Kim Bassford, producer, to come from Honolulu to introduce the film that night. She has also arranged for our AAUW branch to have an informational table in the lobby that evening. She will be an asset to your organization. I highly recommend her for your consideration.

With Aloha, Jane Asher, Pres. AAUW---Kauai