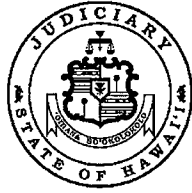


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The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

**Testimony to the Twenty-Fifth State Legislature, Regular Session of 2010
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations**

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair
Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Bill No. And Title: Governor's Message No. 295, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Victims Advocate, Hawaii State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision, Gubernatorial Nominee, DENNIS M. DUNN, for a term to expire on June 30, 2014.

Purpose: The purpose of this message is to confirm Dennis M. Dunn as the Victims Advocate for the Hawaii State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports the confirmation of Mr. Dennis M. Dunn as the Victims Advocate for the Hawaii State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision. Mr. Dunn has the experience, knowledge, and skills to represent victims on the State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision.

Mr. Dunn is currently the Director of the Victim Witness Assistance Division of the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and has held this position since 1985. Mr. Dunn has also served on the Domestic Violence Task Force on Oahu from 1993 to 2004, and has



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been an advisory board member for the Missing Child Center, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, and the Sex Abuse Treatment Center. Mr. Dunn has also served on the Kailua Neighborhood Board and several other boards and commissions.

Under Act 93 (SLH 2009), Hawaii joined the new Interstate Compact for Juveniles. Act 93 (SLH 2009), also established a state-level council, known as the State Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. Act 93 (SLH 2009), requires the gubernatorial appointment of a compact administrator and victim advocate for the State Council.

Act 93 (SLH 2009), places the State Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles administratively under the judiciary. The Judiciary supports the appointment of Mr. Dunn as the victim advocate for the State Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles and feels that Mr. Dunn's experience and knowledge will be a valuable asset.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 295.