

GM296

March 4, 2010

Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi
Chairman
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature, Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

RE: GM 296 and GM 297, Gubernatorial Nomination of
Wendell Kikuchi, Compact Administrator, Interstate
Compact for Juveniles

Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Dear Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations,

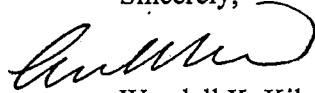
My name is Wendell Kikuchi and I have 33 years of professional and administrative service with the Judiciary, in the State of Hawaii. I am currently the Deputy Chief Court Administrator for the Client Services Division, First Circuit, and have served in this capacity for the past 5 years.

I have been the interim Compact Administrator for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles since July of 2009, and have served in the capacity of Deputy Compact Administrator for the Interstate Compact on Juveniles since 2005.

In 2009, Hawaii enacted the New Interstate Compact for Juveniles which will eventually replace the current Interstate Compact on Juveniles. As the Deputy Compact Administrator for the old Interstate Compact on Juveniles, and the Interim Compact Administrator for the new compact, I have been actively involved with the implementation of the new compact for the State of Hawaii and with the creation and operation of the Hawaii State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision. In December 2009, the Hawaii State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision unanimously elected me as the Commissioner to represent Hawaii at the National Meeting of the Interstate Commission, held in December, 2009. During this meeting, I actively worked with commissioners from around the nation to develop rules which will govern all states in the implementation of the new compact.

I am asking for your favorable consideration of my confirmation as the Compact Administrator so that I may continue my work as the Compact Administrator and member of the State Council to ensure that Hawaii is able to complete the transition from the old compact to the new compact and to solidify the function and role of the State Council in the State of Hawaii.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wendell K. Kikuchi', written in a cursive style.

Wendell K. Kikuchi

Attachment

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BACKGROUND SUMMARY

- Progressive, innovative and proactive approach in the administration and management of government; with a realization of the need to retain stability in the Judiciary as an institution
- Twenty (20) years of administrative level experience in the Judiciary, State of Hawaii
- Thirty-two (32) years of dedicated and loyal professional/administrative service in the Judiciary, State of Hawaii
- Extensive experience in an array of court programs and services in the First Judicial Circuit
- Knowledgeable and highly skilled in the management of court operations at the Division and Branch levels of government

EXPERIENCES

Deputy Chief Court Administrator II (January 2005 - present)
First Judicial Circuit, Ka'ahumanu Hale

Overall administrative responsibility of Client Services Division of the First Judicial Circuit. Planning, organizing, directing, and coordinating all program services within the Division. Provide direction and guidance to Division administrators and assist the Chief Court Administrator II on decisions affecting the Division, especially with operational, personnel and budgetary matters.

Accomplishments:

- Drastically improved all facets of juvenile services at the detention facility from facility repairs to management, personnel and programs.

- Juvenile Client Services Branch development of a valid risk/need assessment instrument that will improve our reliability of assessing juvenile offenders.
- Supported legislative funding for Detention Home, Juvenile Sex Offender Unit, Custody Unit and Interagency Council of Intermediate Sanction.
- Development of various relocation and reorganization plans for Adult Client Services Branch to improve the delivery of services in spite of limited office space available at Ka'ahumanu Hale.
- Successfully promoted the expansion of the HOPE Project to the general supervision sections of Adult Client Services Branch, to insure that research can be administered fairly and results valid.

Court Administrator II (June 2003 – December 2005)
Ewa/Pearl City District Court, First Judicial Circuit

Managed and administered the overall operations and services provided by Ewa and Waianae District Courts.

Accomplishments:

- Chaired and staffed a committee to standardize all legal and operational court forms for the District Courts of which were eventually used by the JIMS Forms Committee in their development of the Traffic Module.
- Instituted a policy of customer first oriented services.

Juvenile Probation Administrator (August 1995 – July 2003)
First Judicial Circuit, Ka'ahumanu Hale

Plan, organize, coordinate, and direct the operations of the various sections of the branch. Provide direction, guidance, and consultation to section supervisors and employees. Represent Family Court in

various task forces, multi-agency committees and planning groups.

Accomplishments:

- Spearheaded a committee to extensively update the Children and Youth Services Branch Policies and Procedures Manual which was created in 1977.
- Obtained \$300,000 of Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funds to provide seed monies in the establishment of the Juvenile Sex Offender Unit.

Court Administrator II (March 1990 – July 1995)
Family Court of the First Circuit, Ka'ahumanu Hale

Administer and manage the court operations and support personnel for the Family Court of the First Circuit. Plan and establish guidelines and procedures for the proper and expeditious processing of legal documents. Insure that court hearings are administered as efficiently and accessibly as possible. Analyze and seek solutions to needs and problems of the courts.

Accomplishments:

- Drafted Operational Policy and Procedures for all staff in the Family Court of the First Circuit with the implementation of Juvenile Statistical Information System (JUSTIS).

Program Specialist VI (September 1988 – 1990)
Family Court of the First Circuit, Ka'ahumanu Hale

Plan and assist the Family Court Director in the development and evaluation of court programs. Prepare, negotiate, and evaluate agreements of Purchase of Service Contracts with vendors providing juvenile counseling and treatment services. Draft legislative testimonies and represent the Director at legislative hearings.

Accomplishments:

- Drafted a grant proposal for Juvenile Intensive Probation Services which \$350,000 was awarded for the Project.
- Drafted a grant proposal for a comprehensive Substance Abuse Testing Program of which \$150,000 was awarded.

EDUCATION

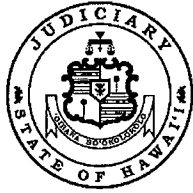
University of Hawaii, Manoa Campus, Hi.
Masters of Social Work Degree (1977)

University of Hawaii, Manoa Campus, Hi.
Bachelor's of Sociology

OTHER EDUCATION

The National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges: College of Juvenile and Family Law, Reno, Nevada; Basic Juvenile Justice Management Institute (Five Day Course)

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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

by

Glennard H.B. Fong
Chief Court Administrator
First Circuit

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Bill No. And Title: Governor's Message No. 296, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Compact Administrator, Interstate Compact for Juveniles, Gubernatorial Nominee, WENDELL K. KIKUCHI, for a term to expire on June 30, 2010.

Purpose: The purpose of this message is to confirm Wendell K. Kikuchi as the Compact Administrator for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary supports the confirmation of Mr. Wendell Kikuchi as the Compact Administrator for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles. Mr. Kikuchi has the experience, knowledge, and skills to operate the Interstate Compact for Juveniles for the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Kikuchi is currently the Deputy Chief Court Administrator of the Client Services Division, First Circuit, and has served as the Deputy Compact Administrator for the Interstate Compact on Juveniles since January, 2005.



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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 Hawaii State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision. Act 93, (SLH 2009), requires the gubernatorial appointment of the compact administrator and victim advocate for the State Council.

Act 93 (SLH 2009), places the Hawaii State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision administratively under the judiciary, and the Judiciary has supported Hawaii's transition to the new Compact. Under Mr. Kikuchi's leadership and management, Hawaii has taken important steps to ensure successful implementation of the new Compact in Hawaii and he will continue to assist Hawaii in meeting Compact goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 297.



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TESTIMONY

TO: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and
and Government Operations

FROM: Martha Torney, MA
Program Development Officer
Office of Youth Services

RE: NOMINATION OF WENDELL K. KIKUCHI TO THE INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR
JUVENILES
HEARING: Tuesday, March 9, 2010; 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Room 016

I am submitting this testimony in support of Interstate Compact for Juveniles Gubernatorial Nominee Wendell K. Kikuchi. In the past, Mr. Kikuchi has represented the State of Hawaii in national forums on the Interstate Compact for Juveniles and is very knowledgeable in its application.

The Interstate Compact allows juveniles under the supervision of the Family Courts or the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility to participate in Mainland treatment programs and move with their families while continued supervision is provided by the receiving state. It is important component of the rehabilitation and reintegration process. Given his past experience and extensive knowledge of its use, I believe Mr. Kikuchi is the best candidate to represent the State of Hawaii as a member of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles.