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The Judiciary, State of Hawaii

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Senate Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations**

The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Dwight Y. Takamine, Vice Chair
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Bill No. And Title: Governor's Message No. 297, 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, 2014.

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.

Under Act 93 (SLH 2009), Hawaii joined the new Interstate Compact for Juveniles.



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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.