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Measure Title:

Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Council for Interstate
Adult Offender Supervision, Gubernatorial Nominee, DENNIS M. DUNN,
for a term to expire 6-30-2010
for a term to expire 6-30-2014

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**TESTIMONY ON CONFIRMATION FOR
NOMINEE DENNIS M. DUNN**

HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY
Max Otani, Parole Administrator

Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Robert Bunda, Vice Chair

Thursday, February 25, 2010, 1:15 p.m.
State Capital, Conference Room 229

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Bunda and Committee Members,

This testimony is being provided in support of confirmation of Dennis M. Dunn to the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision. As a current member of the Council and Deputy Compact Administrator, it has been my experience that more emphasis must be placed in maintaining the rights of victims. Mr. Dunn's vast knowledge and experience with victim's right would provide the Council the needed expertise in dealing with victim issues.

I thank you for the opportunity to testify and ask for your support in confirming Mr. Dunn.

Dennis M. Dunn
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February 24, 2010

Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 207
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Senator Espero:

Please find below my answers to the questions that you forwarded o me regarding my nomination as a member of the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision.

1. My desire to serve on the Council is rooted primarily in my desire to insure that the voice of crime victims and their concerns are heard during the formulation of policies governing the interstate transfer and supervision of adult offenders.
2. My role will to be to work cooperatively with other Council members to develop policies governing offenders transferring to and from Hawaii that will most effectively provide for public safety while insuring that meaningful supervision also can benefit offenders.
3. I believe that my 33 years of experience in crime victim services makes me well qualified to serve as the crime victims' representative on the Council. However, I have also seen the criminal justice system from the other side having once worked as a probation officer. In addition, I myself have been a criminal defendant after being arrested twice in 1968 due to my participation in demonstrations for peace and civil rights. Furthermore I am basically a compassionate person who can appreciate the rights and needs of all players in the criminal justice process. I am as concerned about the rights of the accused as I am about the rights of victims. I am also a results oriented person who works well with others to achieve mutually agreed upon objectives. I also see myself as a creative thinker who is willing to be flexible in my approach to issues and always willing to explore new or innovative ways of getting things accomplished.
4. I hope to build upon the role established by wife, Lisa, who preceded me in this role on the Council, in being a clear voice for the need to consider and incorporate the concerns of victims whenever establishing criminal justice policies.
5. I am optimistic. I always believe that we can do better in the future. I am collaborative. I work well with others and am always willing to listen to their

views. I am patient. I believe that true, meaningful, and lasting change requires long term persistent effort.

6. I have served as a victim advocate in the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu since 1979. I have been the Director for the Victim Witness Kokua Services there since 1985.
7. I do not anticipate encountering any conflicts of interest in my capacity with the Council. Should any conflict arise I am very familiar with appropriate procedures for identifying and resolving such conflict should they occur. I believe in taking a very cautious approach to handling conflicts of interest which would require me to voluntarily exclude myself if such a situation would arise.