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To: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Date: April 13, 2011
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: Conference Room 016, State Capitol

From: Dwight Takamine, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

GM 589 – LINDA H KRIEGER

Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission

The Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission (HCRC) is administratively attached to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. The DLIR strongly supports the statutory civil rights enforcement mandate of the HCRC. If confirmed, nominee Linda H. Krieger will make a substantial contribution to the work and success of the HCRC in its important mission.

The criteria for selection to serve as a commissioner on the HCRC, under H.R.S. §368-2(a), includes knowledge and experience in civil rights matters as well as demonstrated commitment to the civil rights of all individuals.

Linda Krieger is a civil rights expert. For over twenty years she worked as a civil rights attorney, first for the Employment Law Center of the Legal Aid Society of San Francisco, then for fifteen years as an attorney with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. She is currently a professor at the University of Hawai'i William S. Richardson School of Law and the Director of the law school's Ulu Lehua Scholars Program. Professor Krieger returned home to Hawai'i in 2007, after teaching at Stanford, Harvard and the University of California at Berkeley. She has taught, written, and spoken extensively on civil rights.

Linda Krieger has worked in civil rights enforcement and in the academy. She has a firm grasp of the law, in practice and theory, and a deep and demonstrated commitment to civil rights. She will be an asset to the HCRC and the state. The DLIR urges favorable consideration of her nomination.

APRIL 4, 2011

TO: HON. CLAYTON HEE, CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR

FROM: JACY L. YOUN

SUBJECT: GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE GM589 (2011): NOMINATION OF LINDA H. KRIEGER TO THE HAWAII CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

I am writing in *strong support* of the nomination of Linda Hamilton Krieger to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission. I have had the privilege and honor of working with and for Linda, and firmly believe she would be a tremendous asset to the Commission.

Linda is a tireless advocate for civil rights and social justice, and her background and experience makes her an ideal commission member. She has successfully balanced a distinguished legal career with a thriving family life and still finds the time to mentor and nurture her students at the William S. Richardson School of Law. My first year of law school coincided with Linda's first year back to Hawaii, and my time at WSRS� would have been much different were it not for her guidance and leadership. She has been a constant reminder that the virtuous thing to do is to stand up for others who cannot stand for themselves, and I am honored to have learned so much from her. I strongly believe that her wisdom and integrity would be a great contribution to the Commission.

I could write endlessly about how incredibly bright, fair, and compassionate Linda is, but I am sure that after meeting her, you will have come to the same conclusion on your own. Instead, I thank you for your consideration, and I respectfully urge your Committee's confirmation of Linda H. Krieger to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission.

Sincerely,

Jacy L. Youn