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**TESTIMONY**



*The Judiciary, State of Hawaii*

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor**

Senator Clayton Hee, Chair  
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair  
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**Bill No. and Title:** Governor's Message No. 734. In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 6, of the Hawaii State Constitution, submission for consideration and confirmation the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee Janice Yamada as the Compact Administrator for the Interstate Commission for Juveniles and to the State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision for a term to expire on 6/30/2014.

**Purpose:** submission for consideration and confirmation the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee Janice Yamada as the Compact Administrator for the Interstate Commission for Juveniles and to the State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision for a term to expire on 6/30/2014.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary strongly supports the confirmation of Ms. Janice Yamada for a three-year term as the Compact Administrator for the Interstate Commission for Juveniles and to the State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision. Ms. Yamada is currently the Deputy Chief Court Administrator for the First Circuit and has served as the Compact Administrator for the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision and on the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision since January 2007. She has been instrumental in the development of the Adult Offender Compact in the State of Hawaii and has the knowledge and skills to represent Hawaii in matters of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles. As the juvenile compact is in its first year of implementation, the State of Hawaii would benefit from her experience of the implementation of the Adult Compact in the State of Hawaii, as the Juvenile Compact is modeled after the Adult Offender Interstate Compact.



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The Interstate Commission for Juveniles is the governing body of the Interstate Compact for Juveniles, through means of joint and cooperative action among the compacting states, preserves child welfare and promotes public safety interests of citizens, including victims of juvenile offenders, by providing enhanced accountability, enforcement, visibility and communication in the return of juveniles who have left their state of residence without permission and in the cooperative supervision of delinquent juveniles who travel or relocate across state lines. It monitors and enforces the compliance with the rules governing the appointment of Interstate Commission members such as Ms. Yamada. It also establishes a state-level council, known as the State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision, with representation from all branches of government and victim groups to heighten awareness of the compact's activities. Under Ms. Yamada's leadership and management, Hawaii will be able to fulfill its responsibilities to preserve child welfare and promote public safety.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony on this matter.