

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 18 2012

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 598

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 598, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

DEFENDER COUNCIL

G.M. No. 598 MICHAEL SOONG,
for a term to expire 6-30-2015,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee and finds Michael Soong to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to serve on the Defender Council.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Michael Soong from one individual.

Mr. Soong earned his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Southwestern School of Law in Los Angeles, California. He has nearly twenty-five years of experience in criminal law as a defense attorney and a criminal prosecutor. He currently is a private criminal defense attorney in Lihue and previously served eight years as the elected County Prosecutor for the County of Kauai as well as a Deputy Public Defender.

Given his criminal law experience and skills, your Committee finds that Mr. Soong possesses the integrity, professionalism, and strong work ethic to be an effective member of the Defender Council. His service will assist the Office of the Public



Defender in achieving its mission of providing zealous and effective representation of indigent persons charged with criminal offenses.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,

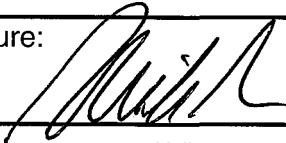
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CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Governor's Message No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
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<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its decision				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advise and Consent 2340		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Advise and Consent 2345		
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted		<input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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