

GM 660

Submitting for consideration and
confirmation to the Correctional Industries
Advisory Committee, Gubernatorial Nominee,
THOMAS SING,
for a term to expire 6-30-2016.

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GOVERNOR



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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 660, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION OF
THOMAS SING
TO THE CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

by
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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Government Operations, Military Affairs
Senator Will Espero, Chair
Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Thursday, April 12, 2012; 2:45 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Chair Espero, Vice Chair Kidani, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) strongly supports the nomination of Thomas Sing to the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee, term expiration of June 30, 2016.

Mr. Sing has considerable labor, Hawaiian cultural, and employment experience in the community. It has been a pleasure for Correctional Industries to work with Mr. Sing in the past year, in evaluating and assessing where Correctional Industries should be. Mr. Sing believes in our vision of employing inmates and preparing them for transition back to the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Mr. Sing's nomination.

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April 10, 2012

The Honorable Will Espero
Hawai'i State Capitol
415 S. Beretania Street
Room 231
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha Chairperson Espero:

This is a Letter of Support for Mr. Tom Sing who wants to continue serving on the Hawai'i Parole Board. I strongly believe Mr. Sing has demonstrated through his past service that he is passionate and committed to the duties and expectations of the Office. He played a significant role in getting the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs at its 2010 convention to pass out a Resolution supporting programs to help prisoner transition back into the community and reconnect with their families (attached Exhibit 1). I believe that his future service to the Board's work will be no different. He is a good, gracious and thoughtful man; diligent in all he does; a quiet and trusted leader. Please allow him another term on the Board.

With Sincere Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert K. Lindsey".

Robert K. Lindsey
Trustee, Hawai'i Island
Office of Hawaiian Affairs

Handwritten initials, possibly "RKL", in cursive script.

TO: Will Espero, Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety.

FROM: Thomas Sing

- (1) I believe in helping people straighten out their troubled life. As a member of the present State Correction Board, there is a wide range of troubled adults in prison. As a union official I see this situation in organized labor, (Printing Industry). Newspaper and Commercial Printing.
- (2) I have helped employees in the Printing industry to earn a decent paying occupation plus a pension to retire on. In the printing industry there are different classifications, General Worker, Apprentice Bindery, apprentice electronic Imaging, and apprentice Pressman. After serving their apprentice they then become a journeyman which is the top of the scale.

Besides wages, other benefits include Vacations, Sick leave, Severance pay, Holidays, Death in the family, Pension plan, Medical plan, Drug Plan, Dental plan, Group Life Insurance, Maternity leave.

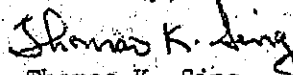
There are employees that had a former prison background.

I have served with Boards and Commissions under two (2) Mayors, and four (4) Governors.

As Chairman, my biggest accomplishment in Honolulu on the Civil Service Commission was when three (3) police captains appealed as there was only one (1) police major on Oahu. After hearing their appeals, and as chairman of the Commission, I signed the order where today there are about 28 police majors.

- (3) During my term of service, I hope to reduce the prison population and hope that the prisoners can learn a trade and not return to prison.
- (4) I do not see any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during my service on the Correctional Industries Advisory Committee. Based on my background. If there was a conflict of interest I would resign.

Sincerely,


Thomas K. Sing