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State of Hawaii
Senate Committee on Human Services
Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland, Chair
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair

GM 525 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on Fatherhood,
Gubernatorial Nominee, WALTER YOSHIMITSU, for a term to expire 6-30-2015.
Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 2011
1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 016

Aloha Chair Chun Oakland, Vice Chair Ihara and Members of the Committee:

My name is C. Mike Kido and I support the nomination of Walter Yoshimitsu as the Commission on Fatherhood.

I have had the privilege of working with Mr. Yoshimitsu as an associate at the Estate of James Campbell and have known him since 1990. He is a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Mr. Yoshimitsu is a native of Kauai who became a Catholic his last year at Cleveland State University, and was ordained a deacon in 1984. He has served as a deacon in his home parish of St. John Vianney Parish in Kailua since his ordination.

He is currently a Manager of Diocesan Services, a position and office that was created for him in 2000 after the deacon retired that year as administrator of governmental services at the Estate of James Campbell.

Mr. Yoshimitsu was recently appointed as the chancellor of the Diocese of Honolulu effective March 31, 2012. He will oversee the diocesan archives and to be responsible for all official diocesan documents.

Some of Mr. Yoshimitsu's other jobs are:

- Administrator of St. Stephen Diocesan Center, responsible for the marketing, budgeting and maintenance of the facility as an office complex, a clergy and religious residence, and a retreat and conference center. As administrator, he has directed major renovations of offices, meeting spaces and dormitories.
- Acting director of the Hawaii Catholic Conference, responsible for the formation of the diocese's public policy, the positions and actions it takes in the arenas of society and

politics. He has been a lobbyist and spokesman on same-sex marriage, physician-assisted suicide and other issues at the state capitol.

- Coordinator of youth and young adult ministry in the diocese and the Diocesan Youth and Young Adult Board, a responsibility that emerged from his chairmanship of the committee to implement proposals of the Synod 2000.
- Diocesan coordinator of Diocesan Prison Ministry, overseeing volunteers, spiritual programs for inmates, and the transition of inmates back into society.
- Director of the diocesan Respect Life Office and, with his wife, one of the coordinators of its Natural Family Planning education.
- Chairman of the diocesan Planning and Building Commission
- Member of the Diocesan Finance and Investment Committees
- Member of the Bishop's Administrative Advisory Council.

His experiences make him particularly qualified for this position and I would like to kindly ask for your favorable consideration. Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for Walter Yoshimitsu as the Commission on Fatherhood.