



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
April 10, 2013
10:00 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

in consideration of
GM 728

Testimony in SUPPORT of Gubernatorial Nominee:

Rep. Marilyn B. Lee
To the
Commission on the Status of Women

Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor:

I humbly submit my testimony in support of the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, former Representative Marilyn B. Lee, to the Commission on the Status of Women. I had the privilege of working with Rep. Lee in the State House of Representatives and value her service and dedication, notably her work for women and families.

Rep. Lee has extensive experience as a former Co-Chair of the Hawaii Women's Legislative Caucus with a successful record of advocating on women's issues. As a registered nurse, Rep. Lee provided valuable knowledge of women's health matters to colleagues. Rep. Lee also served as the Co-Chair of the Kupuna Caucus where she continued to exhibit her strong leadership skills on behalf of seniors. Rep. Lee is a positive force in the community, actively advocating for the public good.

Given her demonstrated commitment to public service, along with her extensive experience and leadership, Rep. Lee would be a valuable asset to any organization. I respectfully request that you confirm Marilyn B. Lee to the Commission on the Status of Women. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda Ichiyama
State Representative, District 32

Representative Linda Ichiyama
District 32 – Moanalua, Salt Lake & Aliamanu
State Capitol – Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Phone: 586-6220 - Fax: 586-6221
E-Mail: repichiyama@capitol.hawaii.gov

HAWAII
STATE
COMMISSION
ON THE
STATUS
OF
WOMEN



Chair
LESLIE WILKINS

COMMISSIONERS:

ELENA CABATU
ADRIENNE KING
CARMILLE LIM
AMY MONK
LISA ELLEN SMITH
CAROL ANNE PHILIPS

Executive Director
Cathy Betts, JD

Email:
DHS.HSCSW@hawaii.gov
Visit us at:
humanservices.hawaii.gov
/hscsw/

235 S. Beretania #407
Honolulu, HI 96813
Phone: 808-586-5758
FAX: 808-586-5756

April 10, 2013

Testimony in Support of GM 728

To: Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
Honorable Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Cathy Betts, Executive Director, Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women

Re: Testimony in Support of GM 728, Nomination of Marilyn Lee

The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women is in strong support of GM 728, for the consideration and confirmation of Marilyn Lee to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Marilyn Lee has extensive background and experience in advocating for the women and girls of Hawaii. As a former state representative, Marilyn tirelessly advocated for policies that would benefit Hawai'i's women, girls and working families. Marilyn was elected to the Hawai'i State Legislature in 1996 and served for 16 years. She held various leadership positions, including co-chair of the Women's Legislative Caucus and Majority Floor Leader. She has served on her Neighborhood Board for ten years, serving as chair for four of those years. She also serves as Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative to the Mililani Mauka Neighborhood Board 35. Her dedication to her community is evident and for this dedication, she has been recognized by several community organizations. Marilyn has a sincere passion for public interest work and cares deeply about her community.

I strongly support her confirmation to the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women. She would bring with her a strong dedication to women's issues and a wealth of experience.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Cathy Betts
Executive Director
Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women



STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

P. O. Box 339
Honolulu, Hawaii 96809-0339

April 10, 2013

TO: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FROM: Patricia McManaman, Director

SUBJECT: **G.M. 728 – GUBERNATORIAL NOMINATION OF MARILYN B. LEE TO
THE HAWAII STATE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

Hearing: Wednesday, April 10, 2013
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is in strong support of Ms. Marilyn Lee's confirmation as a member of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women. The mission of the Commission, which is administratively attached to the DHS, is to advocate for the fair treatment of women in our society, educate our community about the rights of women, and to strengthen the role of women in our State. Ms. Lee will be the Oahu representative if she is confirmed.

Ms. Lee brings to the Commission extraordinary skills honed as a legislator, administrator, educator, and nurse. These skills coupled with Ms. Lee's strong commitment to advancing the rights of women and girls will help the Commission to fulfill its mandate to strengthen the role of women and promote the interests of girls residing in Hawaii.

Ms. Lee's numerous community awards underscore the significant role she has played in advancing the rights of women and girls throughout her career including

awards from the Hawaii Women Lawyers, Women's Legislative Network, and Planned Parenthood of Hawaii.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I urge you to confirm Ms. Lee as a member of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women.



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF HAWAII
STATE CAPITOL
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96813

April 5, 2013

The Honorable Clayton Hee
Chair, Committee on Judiciary and Labor
State Capitol, Room 407
Honolulu, HI 96813

GM 728: Testimony in Support of Marilyn B. Lee

I am writing to express my support for Marilyn Lee for a position on the Commission on the Status of Women. I have known Marilyn since 2001 when I first started working for her in her capitol office. She is an excellent choice for the Commission on the Status of Women.

For six sessions as one of her staff and another six years as her colleague in the House, I can personally vouch for her commitment to finally bringing social and political equality to women in Hawaii, the United States and all over the world. She has tirelessly worked to be sure issues that disproportionately affect women were given the same attention as the other concerns that come before us at the Legislature.

Marilyn will bring a wealth of relevant experience to the Commission. In addition to her 16 years in the House, she is a mother of four and a registered nurse. She has served in numerous community organizations from the Mililani Neighborhood Board to the Lions Club. Her passion for involvement in the world around her is unquenchable.

I unreservedly endorse Marilyn for this position. Mahalo for reading my testimony.

Karl Rhoads - Chair, Committee on Judiciary
District 29: Kalihi, Palama, Iwilei, Chinatown
State Capitol, Room 326 - Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Phone: 586-6180
E-Mail: reprhoads@capitol.hawaii.gov
Lee Testimony 040413 / Miscellaneous 2013



THE SEX ABUSE TREATMENT CENTER

A Program of Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children

Executive Director
Adriana Ramelli

Advisory Board

President
Mimi Beams

Vice President
Peter Van Zile

Joanne H. Arizumi

Mark J. Bennett

Andre Bisquera

Marilyn Carlsmith

Senator
Suzanne Chun Oakland

DATE: April 10, 2013

TO: The Honorable Clayton Hee, Chair
The Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

FROM: Adriana Ramelli, Executive Director
The Sex Abuse Treatment Center

RE: G.M. 728
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women, Gubernatorial Nominee, MARILYN LEE, for a term to expire 6-30-2017.

Monica Cobb-Adams

Donne Dawson

Dennis Dunn

Councilmember
Carol Fukunaga

David I. Haverly

Linda Jameson

Michael P. Matsumoto

Phyllis Muraoka

Gidget Ruscetta

Good morning Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor. My name is Adriana Ramelli and I am the Executive Director of the Sex Abuse Treatment Center (SATC), a program of the Kapi'olani Medical Center for Women & Children (KMCWC), an affiliate of Hawai'i Pacific Health.

SATC strongly supports the nomination of Marilyn Lee to the Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women (HSCSW).

Ms. Lee's professional experience and public service demonstrate a deep commitment to issues affecting women. As a state representative from 1996 to 2012, she strongly and consistently sponsored and supported numerous bills to enhance the lives and rights of women and families in our community.

Ms. Lee's dedicated leadership successfully advanced legislation directly affecting sexual assault survivors. For example, when she served as co-chair of the Women's Legislative Caucus, her efforts helped establish the statewide victim notification system, which provides victims of crime, family members, and concerned members of the public with information regarding an offender's custody or parole status. Additionally, she has been a tireless advocate for the rights of sexual assault survivors to access emergency contraception at all Hawai'i hospitals.

We are very thankful for the support Ms. Lee has given to sexual assault survivors over the years.

SATC is confident that Ms. Lee's knowledge, experience, and compassion will be a great asset to HSCSW and we urge you to support her nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

hee2 - Kathleen

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Friday, April 05, 2013 11:45 PM
To: JDLTestimony
Cc: Lardizabal@local368.org
Subject: Submitted testimony for GM728 on Apr 10, 2013 10:00AM

GM728

Submitted on: 4/5/2013

Testimony for JDL on Apr 10, 2013 10:00AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Al Lardizabal	Hawaii Laborers' Union	Support	No

Comments: Ms. Lee will bring to the Commission on the Status of Women many years of legislative experience and knowledge of the issues facing women. She understands how to get things done. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

4/5/13

Testimony of Marilyn B. Lee to the Senate Committee on Judiciary

GM 728 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women, Gubernatorial Nominee, Marilyn B. Lee, for a term to expire 6/30/2017

Chair Hee and members of the Committee on Judiciary,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

I would like to thank Governor Neil Abercrombie for nominating me, and deem it an honor to be considered as a member of the Commission on the Status of Women.

I would also like to thank those who submitted testimony in favor of my nomination.

I have lived in Hawaii for 33 years, and was married to my late husband, who was born and raised here, for 45 years. I raised my four children here, and have lived at the same address in Mililani Town for 33 years.

I am a graduate of the Syracuse University School of Nursing, and began my nursing career in the United States Navy. I also served as Nurse for the American Institute in Taiwan where my husband was assigned as a Foreign Service Officer.

I was employed at Wahiawa General Hospital for 25 years, serving as manager of the Medical Surgical Unit, and Nursing Supervisor. In 1995, I wrote and defended a certificate of need creating a Medicare Certified Home Health Agency, which is still serving the community.

I have been very active in the community, and have served as Chair of Neighborhood Board 25, President of the PTSA, served on SCBM and SCC committees, and many other community groups.

I was elected to the Legislature in 1996, and served 16 years.

During my Legislative career, I served as Majority Floor leader, and later as Vice chair of the Committee on Finance, as well as several other Committees. I served as Co-Chair of the Women's Legislative Caucus for most of my years in the Legislature, and worked closely with many women's groups in the community, and with my counterparts in the Senate. I also served as co-chair of the Kupuna Caucus for many years.

I was elected as President of the Women's Network of the National Conference of State Legislatures. I was also selected as a Fleming Fellow, traveling abroad to Japan and China under their auspices to interact with women leaders. I was also selected to attend the Foreign Policy Institute of the Center for Women Policy Studies in Washington, DC.

Since leaving the legislature, I have been appointed to the Neighborhood Board 25, and was appointed by the Mayor to serve on the CDBG committee. I was also recently appointed to the Board of the Missing Children's Center.

I continue to serve as a member of the Board of the Friends of Mililani Public Library, President of Central Oahu Caregiver Support Group, and am active in Soroptimists and Lions.

I am dedicated to improving the status of Women and girls in our community, and in helping to educate the community at large about the needs of this community. I am especially interested in the needs of women approaching retirement age, who have served as caregivers and subsequently lost their spouse. Many suffer in silence from financial distress, and isolation. This population has not received sufficient attention in our state. On the other hand, I am passionate about educating the young about the history of women's rights in Hawaii and the nation.

I believe my experience and interests will be an asset to the Commission on the Status of Women and to the State of Hawaii. My heart is in Hawaii, and I intend to remain here for the rest of my days.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify .

With Aloha, Marilyn B. Lee

hee2 - Kathleen

From: Marion Poirier [mpoirier808@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 06, 2013 10:33 AM
To: JDLTestimony
Subject: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. In Room 016

Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. In Room 016

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Re: Governor's Message 728
Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women, Gubernatorial Nominee, Marilyn Lee for a term to expire 6/30/17.

CHAIR HEE AND VICE CHAIR SHIMABUKURO AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR:

TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT

My name is Marion Poirier, and it is my personal pleasure to strongly support the confirmation of Ms. Marilyn Lee, R.N. for the Commission on the Status on Women without reservation.

I have known Marilyn since the 1970's in Mililani as a friend, neighbor, and in our wife and mother roles. Marilyn was not only stellar in these roles, but she expanded them to the community interfaces of President of the PTG and the Neighborhood Board. She always sought out ways to expand her horizons as a woman. She is a leader in the Caregivers Support Group, which emanates from Waihiawa General Hospital. Noteworthy is the fact that Marilyn also worked for many years at that hospital in various capacities.

Later, Marilyn became our State Representative. Her professional work background is that of a registered nurse and former Navy nurse. She focused on women's issues post haste in her legislative role, always seeking out ways to address their health and welfare. She also was a leader in the Legislative Women's Caucus. As you know, that group is very influential. Marilyn's legacy lives on.

In summary, Marilyn Lee is highly qualified. As demonstrated by her history of influence and focus on women's issues, she would be a significant asset to the Commission on the Status of Women. Please look favorably on her appointment to this important role.

Thank you very much for consideration of my strongly supportive testimony.

Marion Poirier, M.A., R. N.
Health Care Consultant
Member, Hawaii Health Authority
Former Executive Director of Various Non-Profit Organizations Special Interest: Psychiatric-Mental Health

Marion Poirier
From my iPad

April 4, 2013

TO: Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

Chair Senator Clayton Hee
Vice Chair Senator Maile Shimabukuro

Senator Mike Gabbard, Member
Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Member
Senator Sam Slom

FROM: Sally Little

RE: Testimony for GM 728, Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women, Gubernatorial Nominee, Marilyn Lee, for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 10:00 am in Conference Room 016

It is with great pleasure that I am submitting testimony in favor of the consideration and confirmation of Marilyn Lee as a commissioner to the Commission on the Status of Women.

I have known Marilyn Lee for over 27 years. We served together on the Mililani Neighborhood Board and are members of a variety of community organizations. She was a welcome face during our time of need at the Wahiawa General Hospital. I served as her community representative during one of her terms of office. Our children have grown up together.

As a former commissioner on the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women I am well aware of the need for diversity of perspective on the commission. As a health professional and former State representative, Marilyn Lee brings a different perspective to the commission. This perspective manifests itself in supporting issues of concern for elderly women. At one point in time and this may continue to be the case, the largest population growth in the State of Hawaii was women over the age of 80 years. This vulnerable population may continue to serve as caregivers, have limited financial resources, and suffer social isolation. Marilyn Lee has supported these women through the Kupuna Caucus in the State Legislature.

The mission of the Commission on the Status of Women is to improve the status and well-being of women and girls. With Marilyn Lee as a commissioner I am assured that the commission will be inclusive of women of all ages.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony for Marilyn Lee.

April 7, 2013

TO: Judicial Committee

FROM: Brenda Nakahara

SUBJECT: Confirmation of Marilyn Lee to the Commission on the Status of Women

The women and children of Hawaii deserve to be represented by Marilyn Lee on the Commission on the Status of Women and Children. Her lifelong commitment to bettering the lives of families is well documented in the countless hours she has volunteered in Hawaii's communities and in the legislation she has championed on behalf of women and youth. She is well-respected in the Mililani community where she has raised her family and has been actively involved in community affairs for as long as I have lived here.

Marilyn Lee's distinguished career as a registered nurse and as a legislator have been attained through hard work, patience and humor. What makes her stand out among others, however, is that she is truly a humble public servant. Her generosity is sincere, and extends well beyond the Mililani community. In 2000, when Waialua High School sought donations to participate in NASA's FIRST Robotics Competition, Marilyn Lee was the first public official to make a personal donation, even though Waialua was not in her district. Waialua went on to become the first school from Hawaii to become champions in the Western Regional Competition and continues to excel in annual robotics events.

Marilyn Lee is a gracious and nurturing, well-read intellectual, with a proactive, forward thinking approach to problem solving. Hawaii needs more people of her character and perspective if we are to successfully solve the problems affecting women and children in Hawaii. She was recently presented with the Hawaii's Women Lawyers Lifetime Achievement Award for her lifelong quest to better the lives of all those she serves. I urge the Judicial Committee to confirm the nomination of Marilyn Lee to the Commission on the Status of Women and Children. She is the standard by which all other public servants can be measured.

Testimony to the Senate Committee on Judiciary in Support of the Confirmation of Marilyn B. Lee to the Commission on the Status of Women

GM 728 Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women, Gubernatorial Nominee, Marilyn B. Lee, for a term to expire 6/30/2017

Chair Hee and members of the Committee on Judiciary,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the confirmation of Marilyn B. Lee to the Commission on the Status of Women. I have known Marilyn Lee for many decades during her years as a nurse, as a legislator, as a community leader, and as an advocate of Hawaii's people. I have personally witnessed, through her words and actions, that protecting the rights and uplifting the status of all women is of particular importance to her. She has sought opportunities to increase her understanding of women's issues and better their lives by serving on local and national women's groups, interacting with international women leaders, and keeping informed on developments affecting women.

Marilyn Lee approaches all her commitments wholeheartedly, a tireless worker, who brings good humor, intelligence, and a broad experience to every effort she undertakes. She will be a truly outstanding and highly capable member of the Commission on the Status of Women. I urge the confirmation of Marilyn B. Lee.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

Sincerely, Lani T. Nedbalek