

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2873

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 13 2014

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 551

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 551, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY

G.M. No. 551 JOYCE MATSUMORI-HOSHIJO,
for a term to expire 6-30-2018,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee and finds Joyce Matsumori-Hoshijo to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination of Joyce Matsumori-Hoshijo from the Department of Public Safety, State Public Defender, and five individuals.

Joyce Matsumori-Hoshijo is a veteran attorney with a thorough knowledge of the State's criminal sentencing laws, as well as court proceedings. She has a private law practice, specializing in civil and criminal appeals. Ms. Matsumori-Hoshijo has twenty years of experience with the Office of the Public Defender in various trial and appellate positions, where she represented many clients before the Hawaii Paroling Authority. She received a Juris Doctor degree from the Hastings College of the Law and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, Berkley.



Joyce Matsumori-Hoshijo currently serves as a member of the Hawaii Paroling Authority and is considered a highly qualified and senior member of the Hawaii Paroling Authority's Parole Board. Colleagues describe her as hardworking, professional, well-prepared, knowledgeable, collegial, and respectful. Your Committee believes that Ms. Matsumori-Hoshijo's experience as a current member of the Hawaii Paroling Authority, professional training and education, work experience, and thoughtful approach to decision making will continue to benefit and add to the overall expertise of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs 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 Public Safety,
Intergovernmental and Military
Affairs,



WILL ESPERO, Chair



