

Hawaii Military Women's Task Force Committee  
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**COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**  
**Senator Will Espero, Chair**  
**Senator Rosalyn H. Baker, Vice Chair**

Testimony on the nomination of Ms. Rachel James to the State Advisory Board on Veteran Services *GM622*

DATE: Thursday, April 10, 2014  
TIME: 2:45 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 224

Aloha Chair Espero, Vice Chair Baker and Committee Members,

I am Ann S. Freed, member of The Hawaii Military Women's Task Force Committee and, I am in **strong support** of this appointment. I have served on the Task Force with Ms. James since it's inception in 2012. She has served as our secretary and as a dedicated member of our team, providing valuable input and helping to keep us on track.

Rachel's coordination and collaboration with both veteran service providers and community services providers gives her valuable insight and experience in addressing the concerns of Hawaii's veterans. Her diverse background, most recently working to assist veterans and active duty service members to transition to civilian life, will make her a valuable member of the Advisory Board. She currently works for Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, representing Hawaii's second district, who is a member of the House Armed Services Committee.

Rachel years of volunteerism also demonstrate her service-oriented work ethic and her belief in building community partnerships. In her position with the local non-profit, **Kuleana Microlending**, Rachel has worked with veterans to assist them in their pursuit of small business establishment and or expansion.

I wholeheartedly recommend Rachel James to serve on the State Advisory Board on Veteran Services.

Mahalo for allowing me to testify

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