

GM644

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TESTIMONY



April 14, 2014

TO: Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S. L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Judiciary

FROM: Jeanne Y. Ohta, Co-Chair

RE: GM 644 Submitting Amy Monk for consideration and confirmation to the Commission
on the Status of Women
Hearing: Monday, April 14, 2014, 10:00 a.m., Room 325

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Hawai'i State Democratic Women's Caucus (HSDWC) writes in support of the reappointment of Amy Monk to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Amy Monk has had a notable career with the United States Foreign Service and has an extensive background in community service in Hawai'i. She is currently a member of the Hawai'i Kai Neighborhood Board, an AARP Foundation Tax Aide, and is a member of the board of directors of Planned Parenthood of Hawai'i, Malama Maunalua, and the American Association of University Women (AAUW). She is also serves as the Co-Chair of HSDWC.

While serving as a commissioner with the Commission on the Status of Women, Ms. Monk met with leaders of the University of Hawai'i to educate them on the new reporting requirements of Title IX, the Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act, and the Clery Act. She also helped to organize a working group that will provide input into University of Hawai'i campus policies on sexual assault, campus violence, and student safety.

Ms. Monk has more than demonstrated her commitment to our community by her hard work and involvement in many aspects of the community. She does her homework, is knowledgeable about issues, and participates fully in the organizations that she is involved with. She has developed a broad knowledge on issues involving the city, civil rights, social justice, the advancement of women and girls, and the environment.

Her background and current work make her a valued member of the Commission on the Status of Women. We sincerely request that the committee approve her reappointment. We thank the committee for the opportunity to provide our support of this nomination.



Hawaii Women's Coalition

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Vice Chair

DATE: Monday, April 14, 2014
TIME: 10:00 am
PLACE: Conference Room 325

STRONG SUPPORT FOR GM 644 - confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women, Gubernatorial Nominee, AMY MONK, for a term to expire 6-30-2018.

Aloha Chair Hee, Vice Chair Shimabukuro and committee members,

I want to commend to you, Amy Monk for reappointment to the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women. She is a native of Hawaii, whose stellar credentials include a career in the United States Foreign Service and a history of dedicated community service in our state.

Her recent volunteerism includes service as:

- Hawaii Kai Neighborhood Board member
- AARP Tax Aide volunteer
- Malama Maunalua, environmental organization, Board of Directors
- Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, Board of Directors
- AAUW, Board of Directors
- And lastly as a commissioner on Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

Her Foreign Service positions most notably include, Consular officer, Embassy Lima, Peru; Consulate General, British Columbia, Canada; Political officer, Tokyo, Japan; Head of Consular operations, U.S. Embassy Hanoi, Vietnam; Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Programs; Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Washington, D.C, and Public Diplomacy officer for Russia, European Bureau, Washington, D.C.

She also is a strong participant in our democracy as a valued member of the Democratic Party of Hawaii and an activist for women's rights. She is currently Hawaii Kai Democratic Party district chair, a member of the DPH Women's Caucus, treasurer for the Patsy T. Mink Political Action Committee, and Co-chair of the Planned Parenthood of Hawaii Action Network. In addition she has run for office as a Candidate for House of Representatives

The Coalition is in strong support of Amy Monk's reappointment and encourages you to consent.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify,
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Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Clayton Hee, Chair
Senator Maile S.L. Shimbkuro, Vice Chair
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, HI 96873

RE: GM644 Strong Support for Nominee Amy Monk for the Commission on the Status of Women

Dear Chair Hee and Committee Members:

I am honored to write a letter of strong support for Commissioner Amy Monk for her reappointment to the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women. She has served admirably in her first term and we are so pleased she has agreed to continue her service.

As chair of the Commission, I have witnessed firsthand her commitment to advancing the status of girls and women in our state. Ms. Monk is on the pulse of issues that affect women's health, safety, and continued search for economic equity.

In addition to her dedication to the Commission, Ms. Monk is tapped by many partnering women's organizations for her leadership and activism. Since her return to Hawaii, she has made women's equality her top area of focus. Most importantly, she can always be counted upon to make an important contribution to HSCSW's programs, goals, and mission. On behalf of my sister commissioners, we lend our whole-hearted support for Ms. Monk's confirmation.

Thank you for your favorable action. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at 808-280-0376.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Wilkins".

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