

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3602**

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 12 2016

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 651

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism and International Affairs, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 651, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

HAWAI'I SISTER STATE COMMITTEE

G.M. No. 651      EDUARDO TOPENIO, JR.,  
for a term to expire 06-30-2019,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, resume, and statement submitted by the nominee and finds Eduardo Topenio, Jr., to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Hawai'i Sister State Committee.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights.

Eduardo Topenio, Jr., is currently the Administrative Assistant to the County Clerk, County of Kauai, a position he has held since January 2012. He served as Deputy County Clerk beginning May 2010. Prior thereto, he was the Banquet Manager at Princeville Hotel for 10 years. Mr. Topenio is an active volunteer for community organizations on Kauai, including the Kauai Filipino Chamber of Commerce, where he previously served as President; Kapaa Rotary; and Kauai Hospice.

Mr. Topenio has a background in tourism through his work at Princeville Hotel and from his service with the Kauai Filipino

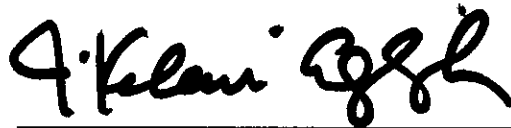
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Chamber of Commerce. Your Committee finds that this background will serve him well as a member of the Hawai'i Sister State Committee. In particular, Mr. Topenio can strengthen the State's efforts to support sister-state relationships as a prominent member of the Filipino community who speaks and understands Ilocano.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Tourism and International 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 Tourism and  
International Affairs,



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J. KALANI ENGLISH, Majority Leader



