

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3719

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NOS. 847,
848

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred Governor's Message Nos. 847 and 848, submitting for study and consideration the nominations of:

BOARD OF REGISTRATION OF THE ISLANDS OF KAUA'I AND NI'HAU

G.M. No. 847 CARL WRIGHT,
for a term to expire 06-30-2019; and

G.M. No. 848 ROSE KURITA,
for a term to expire 06-30-2020,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal histories, resumes, and statements submitted by the nominees and finds Carl Wright and Rose Kurita to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated to the Board of Registration of the Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau.

CARL WRIGHT

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the appointment of Carl Wright from the Office of Elections.

Mr. Wright currently serves as an independent software contractor for Visx Inc. His work focuses on creating desktop hardware emulation software for the development of Visx Refractive Surgery Instruments, and developing machine control software, SQL

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database and support mechanisms, and user interface and calibration software. He previously served as a Software Engineer for various companies, including Molecular Devices Inc., Sunrise Technologies, Amdahl Corporation, and International Bioaccess Systems Corp.

Mr. Wright has extensive community service involvement, including serving as President of Kilauea Farms Community Association, President of Moloa'a Valley Homeowners Association, and President of Apollo Kauai. He has also served as a member for the State Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Hawaii and Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Kauai.

Mr. Wright indicated in his statement that he is a strong proponent of the right to vote and believes that the voter registration and voting processes should be honest, fair, and transparent. His community involvement and willingness to serve on the Board of Registration of the Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau make him a qualified nominee.

ROSE KURITA

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of Rose Kurita from the Office of Elections.

Prior to her retirement in 1994, Ms. Kurita served as the Secretary to the Dean of Instruction at Kauai Community College where her main responsibilities included providing various clerical services and supervising the student helpers and clerical workers in the office. She also previously served as an office worker and travel agent for A-Plus Travel where she handled clients and sold airline tickets for local and international destinations. She also currently serves as a musician and certified piano teacher for various organizations, including Casa di Michi.

Ms. Kurita has extensive community service involvement, including serving as an Event and Program Coordinator for Kauai's Lokahi Giving Project, a Coordinator for the Salvation Army Thanksgiving Luncheon, a Historian for Family and Community Education, and a member of the Musician's Union. She has also served as a judge for various local pageants and talent competitions, a board member of the YWCA, and a contributing board member on her condominium association.



Ms. Kurita served as a Member of the Board of Registration of the Islands of Kaua'i and Ni'ihau during the 2012 Primary and General Elections and the 2014 Primary Election. She also served as the Board's Chairperson in the 2014 General Election. Her previous experience and willingness to continue to serve on the Board make her a qualified nominee.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that are attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominees, has found the nominees to be qualified for the positions to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nominations.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AGARAN,
Chair



