



GM599

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, BRIDGET KOMINE, for a term to expire 06-30-2017.

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 599
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERANS' SERVICES,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, BRIDGET KOMINE,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2017

PRESENTATION TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY
MAJOR GENERAL ARTHUR J. LOGAN
ADJUTANT GENERAL
AND DIRECTOR OF THE HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
March 24, 2016

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Espero, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

I am Major General Arthur J. Logan, State Adjutant General and the Director of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA). I am providing written testimony in **FULL SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 599, which considers and confirms Bridget Komine to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

Bridget Komine retired as a Chief Master Sergeant after 30 years of military service with the United States Air Force and the Hawaii Air National Guard. Most of her Air Guard service was as a recruiter. As a line recruiter and later as the Recruiting and Retention Superintendent, she continuously improved internal processes to accelerate the overall recruiting process. Her advice to commanders and key staff members was straight to the point and initiated improvements.

Currently, Bridget serves as the Assistant Director, US Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) for Hawaii and Guam. VETS serves veterans in several ways, including: assisting in the transition to civilian life, working with them in their search for employment and protecting their rights. VETS continues to work with local employers about veteran's employment.

Bridget is a volunteer with the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, working in the Hawaii Hires Heroes program. This program partners with private industry, government and the military to foster better job opportunities for Hawaii's veterans

Bridget Komine is an exceptional nominee to serve Advisory Board on Veterans' Services. I ask the committee to confirm her nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in **FULL SUPPORT** of Governor Message 599.

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TESTIMONY

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PRESENTATION TO THE

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

BY

MR. RONALD P. HAN, JR.
DIRECTOR OF THE STATE OFFICE OF VETERANS' SERVICES

MARCH 24, 2016

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Espero and Committee members:

I'm Ron Han, Director for the State Office of Veterans' Services (OVS). The OVS **strongly supports** the GM 600 confirmation Bridget Komine to be appointed to the State Advisory Board on Veterans' Services for a term to expire June 30, 2017.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my wholehearted support to Chief Master Sergeant Bridget Komine (USAF, Ret) for her first-term with the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services. While in her interim appointment, Bridget has attended every one of our monthly State Advisory Board Meetings and has been a strong factor promoting Veteran issues throughout the State. She is currently serving as a sub-committee chair for two committees on the Advisory Board. As the Deputy Director for the Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Services (DOL/VETS) for Hawaii and Guam, she helped to develop and sustain the Hawaii Hires Heroes (H3) Program ensuring that Veterans seeking job opportunities are connected with Veteran-friendly employers. The results of her diligent and skillful efforts enabled the lowering of the overall unemployment rate for Veterans in the State from a high of 8% two years ago to a current rate of 5.3%.

A top-notch recruiting and retention superintendent while in uniform for both the Hawaii Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserves, Bridget knows first-hand the challenges facing our men and women in uniform today. More importantly, she knows how important it is that they receive their Veterans benefits and entitlements earned because of their dedicated service and sacrifice in support of our Nation. Bridget also helped immensely in planning and supporting the State's first Women's Military and Veterans Conference in 2015 attended by close to 200 women. Her efforts ensured our Women Veterans received increased focus and attention to ensure their issues are not forgotten and addressed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Bridget Komine's confirmation and consideration.

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Ann Greenlee	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Ms Komine has served on the Advisory Board as an interim appointee. She has done an excellent job and should be continued.

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March 17, 2016

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara
Chairman
Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Government Operations and Military affairs
Hawaii State Capitol
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Subject: PSM Testimony 03-24-16 GM 599

Dear Chairman Nishihara and members of the committee

It is a privilege to support the recommendation of the Governor for nominee Bridget Komine to represent Oahu on the Advisory Board for Veterans' Services.

I have had the Opportunity of working with Bridget as a fellow member of the present Advisory Board. She has earned a high degree of respect from the current Board for her involvement and efforts to improve veteran services. Her keen interest in Veterans' issues and ability to define and offer solutions to them make her an extremely creditable representative on the Board. She has contributed significantly in addressing women's issues and setting up forums to increase involvement by women veterans.

I look forward to having Bridget as part of our Advisory Board team for the next term.

Mahalo,

Sincerely,

Jim Traxler

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Michael A Lilly	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have worked with Bridget on the Governor's Advisory Board on Veterans Services and give her my unqualified support for this appointment. If confirmed she will be a welcome addition to the Board.

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Comments:

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