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Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the Advisory Board On Veterans' Services, Gubernatorial Nominee, ANN GREENLEE, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 652
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERANS' SERVICES,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, ANN GREENLEE,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2020

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 652, which considers and confirms Ann Greenlee to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

Ann Greenlee has worked tirelessly since being appointed to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services in 2012. She has strengthened relationships between veterans and the programs of the Veterans Affairs. She strived to increase employment opportunities for Hawaii's veterans and benefits to veteran owned businesses. She was an early supporter of a veteran's home on Oahu that is moving closer to reality.

Ann Greenlee retired as brigadier general with over 32 years of military service. She served with distinction in command and key staff positions throughout her career. Her last assignment was as the Assistant Adjutant General, Air; Hawaii National Guard.

Currently, she is the Director, United States Department of Labor, Veterans Employment and Training Service (VETS) for Hawaii and Guam. VETS serves as the focal point for veteran's employment, and she directs the administration of grant programs for veteran employment initiatives.

The State of Hawaii and its veterans will be well served by her confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in **FULL SUPPORT** of Governor Message 662.

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PRESENTATION TO THE

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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 652 confirmation Ann Greenlee to be appointed to the State Advisory Board on Veterans' Services for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my wholehearted support to Brigadier General Ann Greenlee (Ret, USAF) for a second term with the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services. Ann has done an incredible job supporting the more than 121,000 Veterans across the State serving as our Chairwoman for the Advisory Board. In a demanding day to day billet as the Director for Veterans Employment and Training Services for Hawaii, Guam and Samoa, she is busily working employer issues, Veteran job fairs and Stand Down events throughout the State and Pacific to create innovative ways for Veterans to find jobs. Through her leadership and visionary efforts, the Hawaii Hires Heroes (H3) Program was established to link Veteran friendly employers with military members and Veterans. As a result of her diligent efforts, the unemployment rate for Veterans in Hawaii has hit an all-time low of under 5.3% from over 8% just a few years ago. The success of this rate can also be attributed to Ann's revamping of the previous transition assistance program for military members separating or retiring from their respective services. This new and improved program has been increased from three to five days and is mandatory for all

members with the objective of equipping every member with viable tools to make their transition out of the military less stressful.

As an original cadre member of the Hawaii Women's Military and Veterans Task Force set up by the State Legislature and approved by the Governor, Ann was instrumental in converting this task force into a permanent sub-committee under the State Advisory Board. Her expert facilitation and leadership to bring about the State's first Women's Military and Veterans Conference in 2015 attended by close to 200 women, is truly a noteworthy milestone and a foundational precedent for our State. Because of the huge success of this conference, the planning stages have been set for future symposiums to unite our Women Veterans in addressing tough issues and finding viable solutions affecting one of the fastest growing demographics in our Nation today.

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

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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 652

Dear Chairman Nishihara and members of the committee:

It is a privilege to support the recommendation of the Governor for nominee BG Ann Greenlee for a second term to represent Oahu on the Advisory Board for Veterans' Services.

I have had the Opportunity of working with Ann as a fellow member of the present Advisory Board. She serves as the Chairman and has been a very effective leader and has been instrumental in establishing our goals and objectives for this Board. Because of her unique experience and background, she provides important insight into Board obligations, matters and issues, and policy guidance to the Director of Veterans' Services.

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

Mahalo,

Sincerely,

Jim Traxler

March 21, 2016

Dear Senator Nishihara and Members of the Military Affairs Committee,

I would like to provide a letter of support for nominee Ann Greenlee's appointment to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

I have had the opportunity to work alongside Ms. Greenlee on the Advisory Board and believe that she is uniquely qualified to serve and provide input on veterans' issues because of her past military service, her veteran status, and the relationships she has cultivated in our community.

Ms. Greenlee is currently serving as the Chair of the Advisory Board and in my limited experience serving on the board she has cultivated an environment of inclusion bringing all parties that touch veteran issues and have the potential to be a part of a solution to the table.

Sincerely,

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Michael A Lilly	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have worked with Ann who has served as Chair of Governor's Advisory Board on Veterans Services and give her my unqualified support for this appointment. If confirmed she will continue to serve with distinction and be a welcome addition to the Board.

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