

GM 798

Re: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JEEN KWAK PANG, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

TESTIMONY



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G.M. No. 798
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
STATE HIGHWAY SAFETY COUNCIL, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
JEEN KWAK PANG, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2020.

Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy

The Department of Transportation **supports** Governor's Message Number 798, relating to the consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, Jeen Kwak Pang, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

During her 19 years of service with the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, Ms. Pang has gained experience trying cases where offenses have occurred on Hawaii's roadways based on her knowledge of criminal and traffic laws. She currently serves as the Division Chief of the Misdemeanor/ Traffic Division, which handles cases from parking tickets to homicides caused by motor vehicle collisions.

Ms. Pang's knowledge of the criminal justice system in relation to the City and County of Honolulu will provide a significant contribution as a member to the State Highway Safety Council.

The Department of Transportation respectfully requests that this Committee confirm Jeen Kwak Pang to the State Highway Safety Council.

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RE: G.M. 798; Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JEEN KWAK PANG, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Gabbard and members of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu ("Department") submits the following testimony in strong support of G.M. 798.

Throughout her time as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Ms. Kwak has epitomized the Department's mission, "To promote and ensure public safety and order through effective, efficient and just prosecution." Her dedication and professionalism are unquestionable. As a highly experienced deputy prosecutor—and longstanding Division Chief for the Department's Misdemeanor/Traffic Division—Ms. Kwak is exceptionally familiar with the myriad of issues that will undoubtedly come before the State Highway Safety Council. She also participates in the quarterly Statewide Traffic Commanders Meeting, further broadening her understanding of the State's traffic- and highways-related issues. All of this experience, combined with Ms. Kwak's legal knowledge and practical understanding of our courts and criminal justice system, will be of utmost value to the Council.

For all of the foregoing reasons, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of Honolulu strongly supports the confirmation of Jeen Kwak Pang to the State Highway Safety Council, pursuant to G.M. 798. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

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Senate Committee on Transportation & Energy
April 14, 2016, 2:45 p.m., Conference Room 229

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

I SUPPORT GM 798 – Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Highway Safety Council, Gubernatorial Nominee, JEEN KWAK PANG, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.

Ms. Pang has been a strong advocate for highway and traffic safety in Hawai'i for years. She has extensive experience and applied knowledge in these areas and has served as a skilled supervisor and prosecutor to address impaired driving on our roadways.

It has been my honor to work with her over the past decade on our shared initiatives to protect our island homes.

Accordingly, I SUPPORT GM 798 and this nomination. I request that your Committee recommend CONFIRMATION of this nominee.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to provide testimony on this item.

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Comments: Aloha, Jeen Kawk Pang would be a welcomed addition to the State Highway Safety Council. Her work as a Honolulu prosecutor would benefit the Council by providing important insight on traffic safety issues. Please support the confirmation of Jeen Kawk Pang. Kari Benes Co-chair, State Highway Safety Council

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