

April 10, 2017

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Honorable Members of this Committee

TESTIMONY OF EDMUND "FRED" HYUN, INTERIM CHAIRMAN

HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY IN SUPPORT OF

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 537

Aloha mai ka kou! Mahalo for the opportunity to appear before you today. I have been fortunate to have served as interim chairman of the Hawaii Paroling Authority since August of 2016. I thank Governor Ige for that opportunity and his nomination to continue serving as Chairman, working with everyone in Hawaii's Criminal Justice System and our community. I also wish to thank the current parole board members and HPA staff for their support and mentoring. Words cannot express how much their experience and assistance has helped me. Also, the late Renwick "Uncle Joe" Tassill, Aunty June and members of the Holomua Pu'u honua group who keep me grounded. Lastly, I wish to thank my wife and children and my parents for their support and understanding (and why I'm not at home as much as I used to be).

I come before this Committee ready to work and continue to address the initiatives and problems facing our prison and paroled populations. Henry Ford said "*If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you always got.*" We need change. The current board is a balanced board with a wide range of experience that helps me to promote change. Change for a WIN-WIN. Win for PSD/Corrections, Inmates, the Community and the HPA.

- Hawaii Administrative Rules (23-700-31 (b)) says once parole is denied, a hearing must be held within 11 months and that's what was **DONE**. Now the **CHANGE**,
 - The board now schedules hearings in 3, 4, 6, 8, 9 months as well as 11. It increases the number of hearings but the board is willing to do this in the interest of everyone. FY16, the board held 4,689 hearings. At the current rate since October 2016 we are projecting the number of hearings to exceed 5,100.
 - Denying parole isn't always a bad thing. It also means time to finish programs to be parole eligible. Time to save more money before you go out in the community or pay restitution. Time to secure appropriate residence or acceptance to a program.
- Hearings are not a "slam-dunk". It requires, review, study, listening, feeling and yes time. Despite the number of in person hearings, the board will host an average of 20 in person hearings a day.

- Contrary to popular belief, hearings are not all about release. There are violations, re-considerations and minimums to hear and rule on.

The responsibilities of the Chairman go beyond presiding over hearings. It is about education and preparing the community for the eventual release. *“Lock um up and throw away the key.”* We have heard this all too often. Yes, there are inmates who have to be controlled by confinement, but the greater majority of convicted felons will one day be released either by acquittals, parole or maxing out (end of sentence). It is unfortunate when inmates “max out” with no treatment or resocialization efforts. If we throw away the key, it means as a society and community we’ve given up. No hope. As parents, do we give up on our children? If we threw away the key, how many talented and community minded people would not be here in our presence today nor blessed us with their gifts (and taxes)? I cannot emphasize enough the risk and danger of locking up someone for 5,10, 20 years or more without program, treatment, education and expect them to be law abiding citizens with no risk to our community.

“Prisoners are sentenced to prison AS punishment NOT FOR punishment.”

Antone Olim, Warden

“ Be Firm but be Fair”

William Oku, Warden & Charles Yee Hoy, HYCF

It is time to remember and embrace an excerpt of Ke Aloha O Ka Haku (**Queen’s Prayer**) by Lydia Dominis (Queen Lili’uokalani):

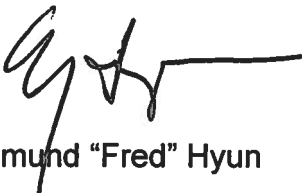
‘O Ko’u noho mihi’ana, a pa’ahao’ia
I live in sorrow imprisoned

Mai nāna ‘ino’ino. Na hewa o kanaka
Behold not with malevolence the sins of man

Aka e huekala, a ma’ema’e no
But forgive and cleanse

I am available to answer any questions the committee members may have for me.

Mahalo Piha,



Edmund “Fred” Hyun

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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GM 537 CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, EDMUND HYUN

By
Andrew Morgan
Acting Paroles & Pardons Administrator

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

As the Acting Paroles and Pardons Administrator of the Hawaii Paroling Authority, I am providing testimony in full support of the consideration and confirmation of Mr. Edmund "FRED" Hyun as Chairman of the Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA).

I have had the privilege of working for Mr. Hyun since he started in August 2016. Mr. Hyun brings a wealth of experience to our agency. Since his arrival we have worked together to address the long standing concerns of the Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA). Our agency has benefitted tremendously from his past experience in the public and private sectors. He communicates well with staff and has been able to make healthy changes for the agency.

Mr. Hyun is honest and takes the appropriate course of action on all issues as it relates to the Hawaii Paroling Authority. Mr. Hyun has the knowledge and expertise to advance the Hawaii Paroling Authority to new heights and I look forward to working with him.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on GM 537 for confirmation of Mr. Hyun as Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 537,
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND NOMINATION AS THE
CHAIRPERSON OF THE HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE EDMUND HYUN,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2020.

by
Nolan P. Espinda, Director
Department of Public Safety

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Tuesday, April 11, 2017; 1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety (PSD) **strongly supports** the nomination of Edmund (Fred) Hyun as the Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA), for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

Since his appointment as Chairperson of the HPA on August 1, 2016 to the present, Mr. Hyun has overseen 1,898 Parole Hearings. This is notable for an eight (8) month period, with 69 offenders being immediately paroled and another 496 paroled soon after hearing with added support services.

In addition, the Department has seen a positive change in momentum and communication between our and HPA's staffs, which is serving to ensure the development of better planning strategies to assist the offender population and community we serve, while ensuring public safety. Moreover, PSD management and line staff have found Mr. Hyun to be approachable, amenable to hearing suggestions and recommendations, and always willing to assist in any situation.

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Mr. Hyun's strong credentials make him an asset to the chairperson position. His education and long professional experience in various areas of Public Safety make him uniquely suited to the job. Additionally, Mr. Hyun has shown his continued interest and passion for public safety by working in related positions following his retirement from PSD in 2013 and for accepting Governor Ige's appointment to the HPA Chairperson position 8 months ago.

The Department respectfully urges this Committee's favorable consideration of Mr. Hyun's nomination as chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority and passage to the full Senate for confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



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April 10, 2017

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara
Chair of the Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 214
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Senate Bill No. GM 537, Relating to Confirmation as the Chairperson of the Hawaii
Paroling Authority

Dear Senator Nishihara,

I am in support of the confirmation of Edmund Hyun as the Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority. In the 25 years I have known and worked with Mr. Hyun in the criminal justice system, he has shown commitment to the work, organizational skills, and ability in meeting work deadlines. Mr. Hyun has the administrative skills and ability to oversee the Hawaii Paroling Authority as its Chairperson through his years of experience and various positions with the Department of Public Safety.

Mr. Hyun's experience in the criminal justice system stems over 31 years of service, as a Branch Manager for the Intake Service Center, PSD and the Adult Pretrial Section at the Honolulu, District Court. In his work capacity with the pretrial section he was the liaison to the Honolulu Police Department and the Judiciary. Mr. Hyun is a member of the Pu'uhoonua Group as well as a member of the Corrections Population Management Commission.

Mr. Hyun with his extensive experience in the Criminal Justice System, Public Safety, and the community is qualified to serve as the Chair of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sidney H. Nakamoto".

Sidney H. Nakamoto
Probation Administrator

TESTIMONY ON GM 537 RELATING TO CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
EDMUND "FRED" HYUN TO BE CHAIRPERSON OF THE HAWAII PAROLING
AUTHORITY BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS (PSM)

April 11, 2017

1:15 pm

Conference Rm. 229

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Wakai, and members of the Senate Committee on PSM, **my name is Stephen Morse. I am the Executive Director of Blueprint for Change (BFC) and am here today to support the confirmation of Fred Hyun as Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.**

Members, for the record, BFC is the fiscal, technical, and administrative support entity for seven Neighborhood Place centers statewide that provide support and strengthening services to families at risk of child abuse and neglect under a POS contract with the Department of Human Services. The several varied risk factors in the families, including homelessness or unstable housing, unemployment and low incomes, substance abuse, chronic health problems, parental incarceration, and physical disabilities.

Since July of 2015, I have had the honor of serving with Fred on an ad hoc Advisory Group called, Holomua Pu`uhonua (moving forward with Pu`uhonua), that was formed by the late Uncle Joe Tassill, a former Hawaiian Homes Commissioner, at the urging of Governor David Ige. The group was formed to explore ways in which a Pu`uhonua System (a Hawaiian Wellness System) could be established in Hawaii as stipulated in Act 117, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012. Besides Fred and I, the group was comprised of representatives from the Department of Public Safety, other service providers, ex-offenders, Hawaiian Kupuna, and former children of incarcerated parents.

From the very beginning of our group's discussions, I was impressed by Fred's wealth of knowledge and experience in working in Hawaii's corrections and social services systems. With a unique blend of compassion combined with a realistic approach to problem-solving, he brought an amazing amount of substance and clarity to our discussions. His input was critical in the working group's ability to identify the key planning elements that were needed as next steps in implementing Act 117. With this data, BFC was able to help the group secure funding from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the federal Administration for Native Americans to develop two projects related to the implementation of Pu`uhonua System. The OHA grant has given us the opportunity to develop a Strategic Plan for a Pu`uhonua System throughout the State, while the ANA funding is allowing us to develop a Hawaiian value-based training program that will serve as a core program of the Pu`uhonua System and help Native Hawaiian offenders and ex-offenders become, "E Ho`okanaka," persons of worth, by reconnecting them to their cultural roots, practices, and principles.

We believe Fred has brought that same kind of cultural understanding and compassion blended with realism to his work as the Interim Chairperson of the HPA during his tenure there. With this unique combination of knowledge, experience, and skills, we firmly believe that Fred will be a strong asset in assisting parolees to successfully reintegrate into the community and prevent the recidivism that has plagued our criminal justice system. We strongly support his confirmation.

Mahalo for allowing me to share my support for his nomination with the Committee.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Rachel L. Kailianu	Ho`omana Pono, LLC	Support	Yes

Comments: In strong support of Edmund Hyun for his nomination to Head the Paroling Authority Board.

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Comments: We STRONGLY SUPPORT the nomination of Edmund "Fred" Hyun to become the Chair of the Hawaii Paroling Authority. Mr. Hyun is the consummate professional with a long history in Public Safety & the Correctional system. Please give Mr. Hyun your advise & consent.

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Sen. Clarence Nishihara Chair; and Sen. Glenn Wakai Vice Chair; and Committee Members
Public Hearing, April 11, 2017, 1:15 p.m. Conference Room 229, State Capitol

**TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM ANONSEN,
MANAGING PARTNER/ PRINCIPAL OF THE MARITIME GROUP
IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 537**

My name is William Anonsen and I am the Managing Partner/Principal of The Maritime Group, and serve as the chair of the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management and various law enforcement organizations and non-profit organizations. I would like to express my personal support for the confirmation of Gubernatorial Nominee, Mr. Edmund (Fred) Hyun as the chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority, for a term to expire June 30, 2020.

Through my professional and personal association for the past 14 years, I've found Fred to be a dedicated individual who performs his professional and civic responsibilities with the utmost degree of commitment, pride and duty. He has the professional credentials and many characteristics necessary to make him an outstanding member of this important commission.

Fred is a leader in the community and a team player who works well with all people and is an excellent facilitator. I've witnessed first-hand on several occasions his strong analytical ability and his ability to remain committed to his principals, always with the highest degree of ethics and diplomacy in times of heated conflicting opposition. I have found him to carefully consider difficult issues, and through a structured investigative process and mindset, he develops calculated decisions that address and resolve an issue. Most important, he stands by his principals, strongly defending them skillfully and with respectful tact.

As previously demonstrated during his tenure with the Department of Public Safety, Correctional Facilities, Criminal Justice System, and military service in the Hawaii Air National Guard, I believe Fred is well qualified, and that by confirming his appointment, it will lend a sense of professional expertise on the commission. He is an individual of unquestionable integrity and fairness, and has my personal vote of confidence in this Gubernatorial appointed position.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this gubernatorial nominee

Sincerely,

William F. Anonsen

Managing Partner/Principal

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To: Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

From: Galen Yoshimoto

Date: April 11, 2017

Subject: **Governor's Message 537, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDMUND HYUN, for a term to expire 06-30-2020.**

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and the members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

I submit this testimony in **support** of the nomination of **EDMUND "FRED" HYUN** as the Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

I have had the privilege of knowing Fred for close to 50 years. I know him to be a gentleman with unquestioned integrity and ethical standards.

I first met Fred when we worked together at the Kalihi YMCA. Fred's involvement with youth continued in his professional and volunteer work and activities.

We served together in the Hawaii Air National Guard for many years where he excelled on the 201st Combat Communications Group command staff. Senior leaders trusted his judgment, staff work, and recommendations.

A review of his professional resume shows 31 years of service with the Department of Public Safety in numerous key supervisory and leadership positions. He has an extensive history of volunteer work with various government and community agencies and boards.

Edmund "Fred" Hyun will prove to be an invaluable asset to the State of Hawaii as the Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority. The combination of Fred's extensive life experiences clearly show his qualifications and temperament to serve as the Chairperson.

I ask the committee to recommend the confirmation of Edmund "Fred" Hyun as the Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

March 22, 2016

Hearing: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 1:15 p.m., in Conference Room 229

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

RE: **SUPPORT GM537** – Gubernatorial nomination of Edmund “Fred” Hyun as Chairperson of The Hawai`i Paroling Authority.

Dear Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair, Vice Chair Glenn Wakai, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

My name is Susan H. Kitsu, and I am writing testimony in strong SUPPORT of the gubernatorial nomination of Edmund “Fred” Hyun to serve as the Chairperson of The Hawai`i Paroling Authority.

I have known Fred for several years, and his education, extensive work experience, and volunteer work makes him the ideal person for this position. Fred has great knowledge of the subject matter relating to public safety, corrections, and parole. It is evident in the many organizations and positions that he has held over the decades that he is a knowledgeable leader. What is most striking about Fred’s background is his deep commitment to the betterment of Hawaii’s people. Whether he is working with our youth by coaching at McKinley High School, or supporting our adult population with mental health support, it is patently evident by his track record that Fred is deeply committed to making Hawaii a better place by investing in the future of people. With that kind of heart and commitment, he will make for a solid Chairperson of The Hawai`i Paroling Authority.

His outstanding service to our community by serving in the Hawaii State Department of Public Safety and the Hawaii Air National Guard, 201st Combat Communication Group is additional experience that further shows Fred’s commitment to bettering the community he lives in.

His character and integrity is evident by the trust and respect he has from his superiors in that he has been a candidate and awardee for many credits, awards, and distinction. He continues to humbly serve his community during his retirement by training individuals around the State on being prepared for emergencies.

One of the greatest and most important aspects of the Parole Authority is to weigh the factors and be fair, taking rehabilitation and improvement in one’s life while balancing the public’s safety. Fred has this ability and will apply his knowledge to the corrections population. He will bring a different and greater depth of leadership as the Chairperson

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Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
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I unequivocally support the Governor's nomination of Edmund "Fred" Hyun as Chairperson of The Hawai`i Paroling Authority. He will be a valuable leader, and will provide sound and decisive results.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony in strong **SUPPORT** of the gubernatorial nomination of Edmund "Fred" Hyun.

Sincerely yours,

Susan H. Kitsu

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Tuesday, April 11, 2017
Conference Room 229
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

Support for G.M. 537, Nomination of Edmund Hyun
as Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority

Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs Committee. My name is Douglas Oh and I am submitting written testimony in strong support for Governor's Message 537, in nominating Mr. Edmund "Fred" Hyun as the Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

I have known Mr. Hyun for the past 15 years as a supervisor, mentor, friend, and most recently a father figure. I first had the privilege working with Mr. Hyun in 2002 to 2009 at Akal Security, where he was a mentor, supervisor, and an advisor. I learned a lot from him during those years that has helped me develop my professional career. After he left Akal Security, we've maintained contact with each other, as he has done so with others he's met through his career in Public Safety and have met personally. Mr. Hyun will always take a call or meet with someone should they need his advice or someone to talk to. I have personally benefitted from Mr. Hyun's compassion and commitment "to helping others" (a service to the community).

In recent times, when I was at a low point of my life, Mr. Hyun took time out of his busy schedule to talk to me to be sure that I was okay and to make sure that I was on the correct path of my "life map" I laid out. I feel privileged that I was one of the many people he has found worthwhile to help and advise me throughout these years (and continues to do so).

It is my strong belief in Mr. Hyun's commitment to the Hawaii State Department of Public Safety, Hawaii Parole Authority, and the public that will serve all individuals residing and visiting the State of Hawaii. As a resident of the State of Hawaii, I strongly support Mr. Edmund "Fred" Hyun as Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

Mahalo,



Douglas Oh
Resident of McCully/Moiliili
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Honolulu, HI 96826

April 9, 2017

TO: Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

FR: Joyce K. Matsumori-Hoshijo
Hawai'i Paroling Authority, Member

RE: GM 537—Testimony in Support of the Nomination of Edmund Hyun for
Chairperson of the Hawai'i Paroling Authority
Hearing date and time: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 @ 1:15 p.m.

Dear Senator Nishihara, Senator Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for the nomination of Edmund ("Fred") Hyun for the position of Chairperson of the Hawai'i Paroling Authority (HPA).

I have been a member of the HPA since May of 2011. The parole board conducts daily hearings for minimum term, parole, and parole revocation cases. We review and render decisions in approximately three hundred cases each month.

I have worked with Fred since August of 2016 when he was appointed Interim Chairperson. During this short span of time, Fred has worked tirelessly to become well-versed in parole board policy and procedure and to develop a vision going forward. Through Fred's wealth of experience in state corrections work, he has been able to network with other corrections officials to formulate effective strategies for change. This, in turn, has improved our decision-making ability at the board level.

Over these past months, I have really come to appreciate Fred's excellent leadership skills. He is open to new ideas, adept at identifying problems, and willing to take decisive action to resolve issues. Fred is a very positive and enthusiastic person to work with on a daily basis. He is patient and respectful to everyone.

Having worked with the inmate population in the past, Fred understands the importance of balancing both the rehabilitation and punishment aspects in our decision-making. He is firm, yet fair and compassionate.

Fred cares deeply about the mission of the HPA and I truly believe that, under Fred's guidance, many meaningful changes will take place.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this letter of support.

Sincerely,
Joyce K. Matsumori-Hoshijo

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 1:15pm Room 229, for the position of Chairman of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

It is my extreme honor to offer my full and unconditional support of Edmund K.B. Hyun for the Chairman of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

I have known Fred Hyun professionally for approximately 14 years. Fred Hyun is an extremely fair, compassionate, and diligent manager. I have known him to be in very hostile and stressful situations with upper management. He has the ability to remain professional and able to handle any type of grievance or complaint. I have learned a lot throughout the years from his guidance. He has been the only administrator from the Public Safety Division throughout my career that I have seen consistently ethical, responsible, and diligent in his duties. He has a very conscientious style and it tends to leave no doubts as to the facts of his management.

I can attest that Fred Hyun is not only well-known, but well-liked with a solid reputation in our community as an active, and caring participant in numerous charitable events with a willingness to help out others in his community throughout the years.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Okazaki Jobes,
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April 9, 2017

Chair Clarence K. Nishihara and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental Affairs and Military Affairs
Subject: GM537, Appointment of Edmund K.B. Hyun

Aloha Chair Nishihara and Committee Members,

It is my great honor to support the nomination of my Air National Guard Comrade to the very critical State of Hawaii Parole Commission Chair.

A review of Edmund "Fred" Hyun's resume shows his excellent job qualifications and lifetime history with all types of citizens.

My background includes 38 years as a full-time member of the Hawaii Air National Guard, over 15 years on the Waikiki Neighborhood Board and my current position as Vice Chair of the Honolulu Neighborhood Commission.

During "Fred's" service in the Air National Guard he quickly rose to the position of Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) of the Radio Operations Branch. While most citizens look at Air National Guard and Army Guard members in their role of responding to things like Hurricane Iniki or Flying Airplanes around the world the month to month training performed by our "weekend warriors" involves the NCOIC relating to his/her members who don't just put on a uniform for a few days but bring all of their issues in with them. Be it a work issue, family dispute or illness that was affecting one of "Fred's" personnel he was always able to relate, console or act to assist them with both military and home issues. He further took his personnel management skills to as far away as South Korea during our many deployments to manage his team as well as relate to our South Korean partners.

Finally, I strongly support this appointment and feel the State of Hawaii will be well served by Edmund K.B. Hyun.

Mahalo for your consideration,



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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Max Otani	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have known "Fred" for over 30 years, working in the criminal justice system in Hawaii. His dedication to improve the system and innovated approach to address problems will be big assets for the Hawaii Paroling Authority. I strongly recommend that you confirm Fred as Chairman of the parole board. Thank you.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ken Takemoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I worked with Mr. Hyun in City & County government from 2012 to 2015, and found him to be hard working, fair, and always having the best in mind for the public good. I strongly urge you to confirm his nomination. Mahalo.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Fituina F. Tua	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support Edmund Hyun for Chairman of Hawaii Paroling Authority. His background and experience is perfectly made for this position. He understands the issues of the job and is driven to find solutions to these problematic issues. He understand systems and particularly parole and the state criminal justice system. He has a good working knowledge of community resources. More importantly, he understands people and the importance of establishing positive relationships. He has the leadership qualities and experience in managing public sector employees. He is gifted with the talent to solve problems and take on the hard, difficult issues. A noticable gift, is his passion to help and treat people fair by giving people the opportunity to improve their lot. He can also be stern and tough if it calls for. He has been a pleasure to work with and for and I truly believe the State and the system will continue to benefit under his leadership.

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De MONT R. D. CONNER	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: I STRONGLY SUPPORT the nomination of Edmund "Fred" Hyun as Chair of the Hawaii Paroling Authority. I write this personal support to express that I am the only person that will be commenting on Mr. Hyun's confirmation that could have an axe to grind. Recently, I sought the Hawaii Paroling Authority to follow STATE LAW in dealing with my status on parole. My request was turned down. Shouldn't I be upset about this? Shouldn't I be vindictive against Mr. Hyun? The answer is simply "NO"! The reason why my answer is "NO" is because Mr. Hyun has just walked into a decades old systemic practice of incoherent policy & practice with regard to the HPA. It was my case that sent Mr. Tufono into "retirement", because I caught them in their failure to follow clearly established case law. The same could happen here. Except the fact that as someone who knows Mr. Hyun, I have full faith that he will bring the HPA into line with clearly established case law, as well as State & Federal law, especially where the RIGHTS OF PAROLEES are concerned. Please provide Mr. Hyun with your advise & consent. Aloha!

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Rachel L. Kailianu	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments: In strong support for this nominee.

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Anna C. Hirai	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is my pleasure to submit my unqualified support for Edmund Hyun for the position of Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority. I have known and worked with Mr. Hyun during the years he was with the Liquor Commission, and I can honestly say that I am a better person and a better administrator because of my personal and professional relationship with Mr. Hyun. It would be difficult to think of a candidate more qualified than Mr. Hyun, who combines government institutional knowledge with the desire to achieve expertise in the Authority's kuleana. That he is able to combine these professional qualities with a positive, balanced perspective on leadership responsibility is further testament to his ability to chair the Authority going forward. Thank you for the opportunity to support Mr. Hyun's nomination.

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To Whom It May Concern:

It was a great privilege and ultimate learning experience, to work under the supervision of Edmund "Fred" Hyun, from October 2001 to December 2003, at the Hawaii Intake Service Center, in Hilo, Hawaii. As our new Branch Manager, he brought to the Pre-trial Services Unit, a tremendous amount of positive energy and much needed direction.

He perceived the "larger picture," and brought various public safety units strategically under one roof. The Sheriffs' Office, Hawaii Paroling and Intake Service Center were originally scattered in the town of Hilo.

He introduced the concept of the Intake Officers, providing valuable verified information to the court system, thereby creating a "Hub," to which other agencies might gravitate towards for assistance.

He charged the intake workers to work with pride, integrity and total respect for any institution they were to enter.

He proved to be innovative, resourceful, dependable and extremely knowledgeable about Public Safety and the Judicial System. He was open and accepting of suggestions, and encouraged feedback.

In the 'ole" School of Social Work, students are charged to obtain and work with the three priceless qualities that would result in a successful social working career; "W.E.G." being 'Warm hearted,' 'Empathetic,' and 'Genuine.' Mr. Hyun is all of that and more.

Thanks to him, for being a great teacher and mentor.

Mahalo,

Sincerely Yours,

Kauakilihuneonalani (Kili) Matsui

Alisa Hyun Christensen



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April 10, 2017 Date:

Dear Most Honorable Senate Committee:

I am writing on behalf of my father, Edmund Hyun, in support of his nomination for Chairman of the Hawaii Paroling Authority. Though now living on the mainland, I hope to one day return home with my family, knowing the state of Hawaii, that I so dearly love and hold close to my heart, has been placed in his responsible hands, given such a magnanimous task.

Words would do little justice to convey the life lessons my father has taught me. He instilled the values of family, education, financial responsibility, hard work, personal accountability, and ethics from as early as I can remember. The saying, “do what’s right, even though it’s not popular” is trite, but so true, and were words we lived by. In this society of pressure and often protest, I know he is a man who will always uphold justice and honor, two virtues many find so hard to keep in the forefront of life. If nothing else be stated or impressed, I want the Committee to understand that. There would be few who could compare to his level of service in this state and likely none who could parallel his passion and sense of duty. I cannot imagine a more suited candidate for this position. It is with utmost confidence in which I say, I know he will continue to uphold the justice system, for all intents and purposes, and will give only his best to making these islands a safer and better Hawaii nei.

Sincerely,

Alisa-Ann Hiilei Hyun Christensen
Doctor of Osteopathy

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April 10, 2017

Re: Edmund Hyun

Dear Senate Committee,

My name is George Christensen and I am writing this letter on behalf of my father-in-law, **Mr. Edmund (Fred) Hyun**, for the representative as Chairman of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

It is with great pleasure and honor to describe my father-in-law for this revered position. Without hesitation, he is one of the most profound individuals I have been a privy to encounter. Many personal attributes that effervesce him include honesty, scrupulous work ethic, and most convincingly, his compassion for the betterment and safer State of Hawaii. This is after innumerable attempts to woo him towards the State of Kentucky.

He is a proud husband, son, father, grandfather, and brother. I truly believe he would only enrich your PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS committee.

Please feel free to contact me via phone, email or mail for additional information.

Best Regards,

George C Christensen, III, DO

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arte mccollough	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Residing on the Big Island I will not be able to attend to testify, therefore, I highly endorse Mr. Fred Hyun in writing, a longtime friend for the position of Chairman of the Hawaii Paroling Authority. Altho' the number of years of friendship could matter, I feel the quality of friendship is more important, something that we both share. Not only have I been able to observe his work performance, but we have been able to do something lacking in a lot of friendships and that is to communicate with upmost honesty and integrity possible..... I have no quams whatsoever in endorsing him for this important position for which is not only applying for but has been recommended for..... If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me... arte mccollough

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Sesnita Moepono	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support Fred Hyun's nomination for Chair of the Hawaii Paroling Authority. He is smart, knowledgeable, honest, fair, a hard worker and devoted to our community. I urge you to support his nomination. Mahalo nui loa, Sesnita Moepono

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April 11, 2017

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Senate District 17
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 214
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: Mr. Edmund "Fred" Hyun's Nomination as the Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority

Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara,

I have known Mr. Hyun for several years and in getting to know him, I've learned that he is very passionate about public safety and he has a big heart for public service. In addition, I have found that Mr. Hyun is an asset to any organization he is involved with because he has a leadership style that produces collaboration and positive organizational change.

Mr. Hyun's has extensive background in public safety. He holds a master's degree in social work and has worked within the field of public safety for over 30 years. Mr. Hyun held positions within several state departments as a Youth Correctional Officer, Boys Group Home Administrator, State Juvenile Parole Administrator, Court Unit Supervisor, and as a Consultant. Over the years, Mr. Hyun has also made tremendous contributions as a leader in the community by selflessly serving with numerous agencies, committees, boards and causes that helped to improve public safety especially with our youth.

I strongly support Mr. Hyun's nomination as the Chairperson for the Hawaii Paroling Authority. He has the experience, leadership and perspective that will help the authority to complete its task set out in HRS 353-62.

Sincerely,

Tony Benabese

Tony Benabese

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Gary Y. Okuda	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am a lifelong Hawaii resident, except for a few years attending graduate school on the mainland. I personally know Edmund "Fred"Hyun. He has a distinguished career in law enforcement and public service, including corrections and social services. He brings a lifetime of experience which allows him to make the smart decisions which will affect the lives of everyone in Hawaii. Based on the decades of experience in both the public and private sectors, Fred will know when and under what circumstances parole should be granted, and when it should not be granted. Fed also has a reputation of being a fair and effective administrator and leader. Hawaii is fortunate that Fred is willing to come back into public service.

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Gerald de Heer	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Chairperson Of The Hawai'i Paroling Authority, Gubernatorial Nominee, EDMUND HYUN, for a term to expire 06-30-2020. Report Title: Chairperson Of The Hawai'i Paroling Authority Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee: Edmund 'Fred' Hyun is an outstanding nominee and I urge you to confirm. There are few candidates with Mr. Hyun's background and experience. He Will work hard for all of us, be fair-minded in execution of his responsibilities, and serve to increase public support for the authority. Thank you for your positive consideration. Aloha, Gerald de Heer

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GM 537, Re: Nominee Edmund "Fred" Hyun for Chairperson, Hawaii Paroling Authority

HEARING: Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
Tuesday, April 11, 2017; 1:15 pm
State Capitol, Room 229

Chair Nishihara, Vice-Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

I am pleased to submit this testimony in **strong support** of Edmund "Fred" Hyun as Chairperson of the Hawaii Paroling Authority. Over the past three decades, I have had the chance to work with Fred on a variety of correctional issues and have always been impressed with his intelligence, knowledge and quick wit. But mostly how he genuinely cares about what he does, whether as a line worker with incarcerated youth or an administrator of the Hawaii Intake Service Center.

As head of the Intake Service Center's Court Service Unit, Fred arrived at the cellblock each weekday at 4:00 a.m. to screen new arrestees and draft bail reports so that District Court judges could make informed release decisions. Through that work, he earned the deep respect of our law enforcement officers and the Judiciary, which was to the benefit of the Department of Public Safety as a whole. The confidence various directors had in Fred was obvious, as he would often be assigned to represent the Department on various intergovernmental committees and at public forums. In 2003, he was asked by the Governor's office to advise the new administrator of the Office of Youth Services in improving services for youth in the community and those incarcerated. And he is always willing to take a stand on issues important to him; with co-worker Milton Kotsubo, we co-authored an op-ed piece expressing our grave concerns about the practice of contracting with private corrections companies to house Hawaii inmates on the Mainland.

Fred is a man of integrity who is honest, dependable and incredibly hard-working. I respectfully request your favorable consideration of him as Chair of the Hawaii Paroling Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of this nomination.

Sincerely,


Martha Torney
Retired, Department of Public Safety

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April 7, 2017

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara
Chairperson
The Honorable Glenn Wakai
Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol, Room 214 and 216
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96814

Re: Chairperson, Hawai'i Paroling Authority
Gubernatorial Nominee, **Edmund Hyun**
GM 537

Aloha Senators Nishihara and Wakai:

Thank you very much for taking on this important responsibility of overseeing the leadership position of our Hawai'i Paroling Authority. Some may overlook the significance of this Office, but the impact on the citizens of our State are both broad and deep.

It is for this core reason, the concern for our State, that I whole heartedly support and endorse Edmund Hyun.

You are in a position of leadership, and know of many people who are or were leaders. With such experience and knowledge, you know that the true mark and distinction of great leaders is found in their character. Integrity, humility, earnestness, and work ethic are some of the cornerstones of such leaders. Edmund Hyun possesses all of these qualities.

I have personal knowledge of Mr. Hyun. I have met him, talked story with him, and broken bread with him. I can testify that he has all of the characteristics of a true leader. He will give his heart to the responsibilities of this Position. Most importantly, he add his love of Hawai'i in all of his actions.

Experience and Wisdom

Mr. Hyun's resume speaks for itself as to his accomplishments and experience. It cannot, however, give the true depth of his wisdom, and the strength of the lessons learned by his experience.

Edmund understands that the all the People of Hawai'i are affected on how we treat, view, and manage others. He is a person of true character.

I humbly ask that you allow him to take up this honor of Chairperson/Paroling Authority, State of Hawai`i..

mahalo,

/s/ Leighton K. Lee