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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 761
CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION OF SANDRA JOY EASTLACK
TO THE CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION COMMISSION

by

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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 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Good afternoon Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs.

Thank you for providing the Crime Victim Compensation Commission (the "Commission") with the opportunity to testify in strong support of Governor's Message 761, appointing Sandra Eastlack to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission Board.

The Commission was established in 1967 to mitigate the suffering and financial impact experienced by victims of violent crime by providing compensation to pay un-reimbursed crime-related expenses. In 2003, the Commission initiated the Restitution Recovery Program to serve as the clearinghouse for restitution payments collected from inmates and parolees.

The Commission is a quasi-judicial body that assists victims of violent crime by providing compensation for crime-related expenses. The Commission also administers a Restitution Recovery Project for the Justice Reinvestment Initiative to collect restitution from inmates and parolees and disburse the collected funds to crime victims. Commissioners hear appeals from administrative decisions ordering

or denying compensation and set policy for the determination of claims submitted to the Commission. Special areas of concern in the past have been the treatment of sexual assault and domestic abuse victims and enhancing the delivery of compensation services to underserved victim populations, while an ongoing concern remains the sustainable fiscal self-sufficiency of the Commission. The Commission's core mission is solely funded through special funds and federal matching VOCA funds.

Victims of violent crime who apply for compensation are often traumatized and angry about what has happened to them and frustrated about the way the criminal justice system treats victims. Commissioners must be knowledgeable about the impact of violent crime on individuals and be sensitive and compassionate in dealing with these individuals.

The Commission believes that Ms. Eastlack is highly qualified to be a Commissioner. From 2002 to 2004, Ms. Eastlack ably served on the Commission's Board. She understands the Commission's mandate and the needs of crime victims who are often still dealing with the trauma of their victimization.

Her twenty-eight years of experience serving the public and victims of sexual assault and domestic violence will help to inform her decisions as a Commission member. Her education and experience as a counselor for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault provides a desired understanding of victim needs. In addition to providing direct services to victims, she served on boards and task forces addressing domestic violence. All of these experiences will be invaluable to the Commission in its efforts to provide high quality services to Hawai'i's violent crime victims

Thank you for providing the Commission with the opportunity to testify in strong support of Governor's Message 761, appointment of Sandra Joy Eastlack to the Crime Victim Compensation Commission.

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Comments: Chairman Nishihara, Vice Chairman Wakai, and Members of the Committee: I am submitting testimony in STRONG SUPPORT of the appointment of Sandra Joy Eastlack to be a commissioner on the Crime Victim Compensation Board. I have known Sandra Joy for nearly 20 years. I met Sandra Joy when I first became a member of the state's counseling organization. Through her leadership, we were able to establish a state licensure for mental health counselors, and for this I will be forever grateful. I know Sandra Joy to be an honorable, fair-minded individual. I speak from first-hand knowledge. While I was an Assistant Administrator of Program Development for the Hawaii Department of Human Services, Social Services Division, I had the opportunity to confer with her on various administrative tasks. She was always able to offer intelligent, well thought out advice. From her experience at the State legislature, Sandra Joy was able to assist me with helpful suggestions when providing testimony to the Hawaii State Legislature. One's character is best displayed in group situations where there is confusion and strongly held differences of opinion. From my experience having worked with Sandra Joy as well as our membership in a professional organization, I have seen her demonstrate a willingness to hear all points of view, ask excellent clarifying questions, and be able to state her point of view, based on a thorough analysis of the information she had. She has shown herself to be an honest, dedicated, hard-working social service professional. I am thankful for the opportunity to have worked with Sandra Joy and to have developed and maintained a lasting friendship. Sandra Joy Eastlack will be a valuable asset to the Crime Victim Compensation Board and I ask that the committee vote to confirm her. Thank you for considering my testimony. Sincerely, John R. Hinkle Honolulu, HI 96813

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TO: The Honorable Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair, The
Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai. Vice–Chair and Members of the
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 761
Consideration and Confirmation of Sandra Eastlack to the Crime
Victim Compensation Commission

FROM: Yvonne Lefcourt , Ph.D.

I strongly support the nomination of Sandra Joy Eastlack for the Crime Victim Compensation Commission.

I have known Sandra Joy for over forty years and during that period I have found her to be a person of good sound character with impeccable integrity. I have also worked with Sandra Joy and as my supervisor I found her to always be helpful, caring and supportive. Her leadership style has been one of fairness, cooperation and a collaborative team player.

Sandra Joys' work ethic is one of exemplary quality. She is dependable, reliable and persevering. She has always willingly taken on large projects and followed through until completion with any tasks necessary to complete the project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Sandra Joy Eastlack's nomination.

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DATE: April 7, 2017

TO: The Honorable Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair, the Honorable Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

FROM: Elizabeth Bethea, PhD, LCSW

RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 761
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As a former Administrator at the State of Hawai'i, Department of Human Services, Adult and Community Care Services Branch (ACCSB), it is an honor and pleasure to provide testimony in strong support of the appointment of Sandra Joy Eastlack to the State's Crime Victim Compensation Commission (CVCC).

During my time with ACCSB, Ms. Eastlack played a critical role in the Branch's Program Development Section, which involved program and policy development, promulgation of admin rules, budget and planning, development of proposed legislation and legislative testimony, and oversight and enforcement of State- and federally-funded programs to support vulnerable kupuna and persons with disabilities statewide. Ms. Eastlack served a crucial role as the institutional memory for the Program Development Section, and was widely known as the go-to person for stakeholders throughout the state on matters pertaining to the Branch's programs and policies.

In addition to her consistently exemplary professional performance, Ms. Eastlack possesses the personal values and attributes that make her an ideal candidate for service as a Commissioner with the CVCC. She is not only one of the most committed and hard-working individuals I have ever known, but also demonstrates a strong service orientation, compassionate and effective counseling skills, humility, accountability and 100% follow through on every task to which she has committed.

As a former Commissioner with the CVCC, Ms. Eastlack is already "up to speed" and uniquely suited to begin this new role in her retirement. I strongly urge the Committee to approve Ms. Eastlack's appointment to the CVCC so that her knowledge, skills and talents can once again benefit our State and the crime victims it serves.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony in strong support.

April 10, 2017

Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Chair Senator Clarence K. Nishihara
And Members of the Committee

RE: GM 761, Nomination of Sandra Joy Eastlack

This is a letter of recommendation and in support of Sandra Joy for the Crime Victim Compensation Commission.

I have had the privilege of working with Sandra Joy as the Director of Programs for Adult and Family Services with Child and Family Service. Sandra Joy was a direct report to me when I was the Vice President of Programs and Administration and subsequently as Executive Vice President for Child and Family Service.

Sandra Joy's technical skills whether in counseling or in working with people are strong. Her role at Child and Family began as an individual and group counselor and increased to manager and director of programs. Throughout her career with Child and Family Service, Sandra Joy engaged herself completely, stepping in with all aspects of the business when needed, whether it be from conducting a counseling session, working with employers in behalf of our clients, or presenting the positive outcomes of the programs before the Board of Directors.

Another aspect Sandra Joy's strength is demonstrated in her instrumental development and establishment of the adult services area in our organization. The programs she managed ranged from domestic violence, employment services, and senior services. The domestic violence programs include protective shelter and counseling clients through the transition of gaining independence, career planning, and employment. The employment services involve counseling individuals in career planning, job search, placement, and post-placement adjustment, at the same time, working with prospective employers in behalf of our clients.

When Sandra Joy first joined Child and Family Service, the organization was a typical not-for-profit which had grown tremendously and rapidly. Therefore, she faced the challenge of providing the supporting infrastructure needed to improve the management of the programs. She was integral in making positive changes.

In the short two years that I worked with Sandra Joy, I found her always pleasant, supportive, and focused on developing workable solutions. Since then, we have continued our relationship as I find Sandra Joy to be honest, forthright, and good-humored.

Beyond her technical skills, Sandra Joy has great compassion and dedication. She is now retired and has the time, coupled with her tireless energy to be a great asset to the Commission.

For me, Sandra Joy has been a great inspiration for her tireless energy in managing a broad range of services and her ability to step into a counseling session then turn around to present the benefits of the programs to key community groups whether it be legislators or boards of directors.

I would be happy to discuss Sandra Joy's many successful attributes.

Sincerely,

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