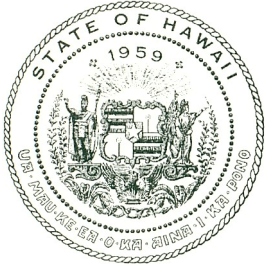


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April 12, 2017

Testimony in Support of GM 790

To: Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Cathy Betts, Executive Director
Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women

Re: Testimony in Support of GM 790, Nomination of Marilyn Lee

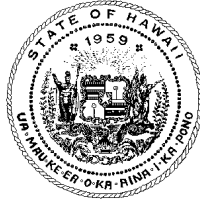
The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women is in strong support of GM 790, for the reappointment and confirmation of Marilyn Lee to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Marilyn has served on the Commission since 2013. During those years of service, Marilyn has assisted in furthering the progress and goals of the Commission, including starting various girls leadership programs in her district. Her extensive background and experience in advocating for the women and girls of Hawaii is an asset to the Commission.

As a former state representative, Marilyn tirelessly advocated for policies that would benefit Hawai'i's women, girls and working families. Marilyn was elected to the Hawai'i State Legislature in 1996 and served for 16 years. She held various leadership positions, including co-chair of the Women's Legislative Caucus and Majority Floor Leader. She has served on her Neighborhood Board for over ten years. She also serves as Mayor Kirk Caldwell's representative to the Mililani Mauka Neighborhood Board 35. Her dedication to her community is evident and for this dedication, she has been recognized by several community organizations. Marilyn has a sincere passion for public interest work and cares deeply about her community.

The Commission strongly supports her reappointment and confirmation. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 790
Consideration and Confirmation of Marilyn Lee
To the Commission on the Status of Women

Pamela Ferguson-Brey, Executive Director
Crime Victim Compensation Commission

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair

Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 9:30 a.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 016

Senator Keith-Agaran, Senator Rhoads and Members:

Thank you for providing the Crime Victim Compensation Commission ("Commission") with the opportunity to testify before you today. The Commission strongly supports Governor's Message 790, nominating Marilyn Lee to serve on the Commission on the Status of Women for a term to expire on June 30, 2021. Ms. Lee is an experienced and effective advocate for the rights of Hawaii's women and girls. Her leadership in initiatives affecting women's access to healthcare, right to equal opportunity, economic self sufficiency, and rights as crime victims make her an exceptional nominee for this position.

The purpose of the Commission on the Status of Women is to "...Aid in the implementation of its recommendations, to develop long range goals, and to coordinate research planning programming and action on the opportunities, needs, problems and contributions of women in Hawaii." (HRS§367-1) Members on the Commission are selected on the basis of "interests and knowledge in, and their ability to make contributions to, the solution of problems relating to the status of women." (HRS §367-2(d)) Marilyn Lee has demonstrated a longstanding commitment to finding solutions to seemingly intractable issues affecting women's status in the community and the state.

As a Commissioner, Ms. Lee would be charged with recommending legislative and administrative action on equal treatment and opportunities for women, encouraging a long range program of education of women in their political rights and responsibilities, as well as maintaining contacts with federal, state, local and international agencies concerned with the status of women (HRS §367-3(1-5)) A list of Ms. Lee's accomplishments in legislative arena includes her 16 years of service as a Representative in the state legislature, where she led the Hawaii Women's Legislative caucus supporting an annual package of legislation targeting a range of women's issues. In 2012 she was recognized nationally for her contribution by election to serve as president of the Women's Legislative Network, in the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The Crime Victim Compensation Commission also recognizes in Ms. Lee a valuable ally on behalf of victims of violent crime. Ms. Lee has long supported legislative initiatives that promote compassionate care for sexual assault survivors and domestic violence victims. She also introduced the victim notification bill supporting the establishment of the SAVIN (Statewide Automated Victim Notification and Information) system in Hawaii.

In short, the Commission believes that Ms. Lee's background and experience serving the community will be invaluable to the Commission on the Status of Women in its efforts to improve the lives of the women of Hawaii. The Commission strongly supports her nomination and therefore urges you to confirm Ms. Lee's appointment.

April 10, 2017

The Honorable City Council:

On behalf of the Friends of the Missing Child Center – Hawaii’s Board of Directors, we humbly submit the follow letter of testimony for Marilyn B. Lee.

Marilyn Lee has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Missing Child Center – Hawaii for over four years. She has contributed her time and efforts towards furthering the goals of this non-profit.

Marilyn has dedicated her life to providing service to the community, whether it is holding elective office, serving on boards, being an active member of community service organizations, giving of her time as a volunteer at events, or assisting with fund raising events for non-profits.

We support Marilyn B. Lee as a member of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors of the Friends of the Missing Child Center – Hawaii

Joe Allen, President
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April 11, 2017

Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor
Wednesday, April 12, 2017
9:30 a.m.

Dear Chair Keith-Agaran,

I would like to express my strong support for Marilyn Lee to be reconfirmed to the Commission on the Status of Women. As a former State Representative for 16 years, Ms. Lee has an impressive history of advocating for women, kupuna and victims' rights.

During her time serving her Mililani/Mililani Mauka community at the State Legislature, Ms. Lee served as the co-chair of the Women's Legislative Caucus. She is a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Hawaii Women Lawyers, in addition to the Outstanding Leadership Award from the NCSL Women's Network. Ms. Lee currently serves as the Oahu Commissioner for the Commission on the Status of Women. With her years of public service and dedication to serving women in the community, I hope that she is reconfirmed to the Commission to continue her work in advocating for women and girls in our state and nationally.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call my office at 586-6220.

Sincerely,

Linda Ichiyama
State Representative, District 32

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April 12, 2017

To: Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Chair and
Senator Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair and
Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Labor

From: Allicyn Tasaka, Executive Director
Hawaii Workforce Development Council

RE: GM 790 Advise and Consent, Nominee Marilyn Lee as a Nominee to the Commission on the Status of Women; term to expire June 30, 2021.

Hearing: Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 9:30a.m., Conference Room 016

POSITION: Strong Support

Good morning Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads and members of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor. I am Allicyn Tasaka and testifying as a private citizen in strong support of Marilyn Lee's confirmation to the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women for a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

Former Representative Marilyn Lee's leadership and dedication to issues affecting women, children and families were a driving force to the successful legislation being passed during her tenure in the State House. She took the time to educate other legislators about equal pay, living wage, domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, contraceptive services for sexual assault survivors, breast feeding in public places, are among the many issues that were publicly discussed under her leadership and as co-chair of the Legislative Women's Caucus.

I have known Marilyn Lee for over 20 years as a mentor and friend. Our bond was strengthened during my time as a Commissioner and Executive Director of the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women. Her professionalism, tireless efforts and caring ways helped move issues relating to women, children and families for the betterment of our community.

Marilyn received the YWCA 2016 Leader Award, Lifetime Achievement Award from Hawaii Women Lawyers in 2012, "Nurse Champion" from the Pacific Institute of Nursing, and Outstanding Leadership Award from the NCSL Women's Network. She has served as President of Soroptimist International and Vice Chair of the Mililani Neighborhood Board 25. She has served on the Board of Directors of Friends of Mililani Public Library, Friends of the Missing Child Center, and is heavily involved with Mililani Lions Club.

I urge the Committee to confirm Marilyn Lee to the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women to enable her to provide her able leadership to the organization.

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

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GM790

Submitted on: 4/8/2017

Testimony for JDL on Apr 12, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Elizabeth Bremer	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Marilyn Lee has a long record of work on behalf of women's issues and community involvement. I am pleased to support her nomination to serve on the Hawaii Commission on the Status of Women.

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GM790

Submitted on: 4/8/2017

Testimony for JDL on Apr 12, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James E. Amos	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I believe Marilyn Lee is the perfect candidate for selection to this Commission. Her background in the military, experience as a Diplomat's wife, Head of Nursing at WGH and years of accomplishment in the Hawaii Legislature position her perfectly, and will put her forth with an exceptional amount of experience and mentorship as an advocate for the protection, education and development of women and girls in Hawaii. She will be an excellent choice. Jim Amos, M.A., PHR, CNA U.S. Army Retired Consultant, Emergency Management 808 623-2226
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GM790

Submitted on: 4/7/2017

Testimony for JDL on Apr 12, 2017 09:30AM in Conference Room 016

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Marci Lopes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I would like to submit strong support for Marilyn Lee. She has been a strong advocate for victims of domestic violence and women's issues as we need her continued advocacy.

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From: [Marion Poirier](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Support for Marilyn Lee for Commission on the Status of Women
Date: Sunday, April 9, 2017 8:04:05 PM

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Members,

I am Marion Poirier, M.A., R.N., and submit this testimony in strong support of Marilyn Lee for Commissioner on the Status of Women.

Marilyn is currently involved in numerous activities and organizations. This is a reason why she would be especially valuable on the Commission. She consistently interacts with people who give her valuable education and perspectives on the Commission's interests.

As you are aware, Ms. Lee is a former state representative of long standing. Even in this capacity, she was especially active in the Women's Caucus.

On a personal note, I have know Marilyn for decades as a mom, friend, neighbor, and nurse, and hold her in the highest esteem.

Please support the nomination of Marilyn Lee as a Commissioner on the Status of Women. In my opinion, you couldn't select a better person!

Thank you very much.

Marion Poirier
From my iPad

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GM790

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Sheryl P Gardner, M.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am writing in support of the reappointment of Marilyn B. Lee to the Commission on the Status of Women. Marilyn Lee is passionate about community involvement and about advancing the status of women. During her 16 years in the Hawaii Legislature she was co-chair of the Women's Legislative Caucus. She is or recently was president of the Central O`ahu Soroptimists, a women's organization whose mission is to improve the lives of women and girls. She has incredible energy and stamina, volunteering with Mililani High School and the Mililani Library. She sits on the Mililani Neighborhood Board. She has worked on behalf of domestic violence victims and recently volunteered in the homeless count in Central O`ahu. She has been honored by Planned Parenthood and numerous other groups. Marilyn Lee is an obvious asset to the Hawaii Commission on the Status of Women, and I recommend that she be reappointed. Sheryl P. Gardner, M.D. Retired Gynecologist

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Committee on Judiciary and Labor
The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
The Honorable Karl Rhoads, Vice Chair
Hearing: Wednesday, April 12, 2017, 9:30 a.m.

GM 790 – Nomination of Marilyn Lee to Commission on the Status of Women

Testimony of Sheryll Bonilla, sdbonilla@gmail.com,
IN SUPPORT

To Chair Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair Rhoads, and Members of the Judiciary & Labor Committee:

In what possible universe is it a good thing to deprive people of access to medical care? I'm speaking, of course, of the Congressional movement to repeal Obamacare. Dentists on HDS recognize that having insurance brings patients in and enables them to have the livelihood they enjoy, and know this by discussions with their mainland peers where there may not be insurance as widely subscribed as HDS. Even doctors who may have seen their patient workload increase as a result of the PP/ACA, may be willing to say the same. So the ACA is good for bringing patients to doctors, and good for people getting the medical care they need.

How is this relevant to the nomination of Marilyn Lee to the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women? Pregnancy is a pre-existing condition. There are soon-to-be parents who may be compelled to forego changing jobs to avoid losing their current medical insurance to prevent the risk of being refused insurance at the new job. Medical coverage is very much a necessity for people, healthy or less healthy, and especially so for "women's issues".

Marilyn Lee has dedicated her life to championing the cause of betterment of women's lives. Her many years as a legislator, Navy nurse, mother, and wife of a foreign services diplomat give her valuable experience and knowledge. This equips her with the practical acumen and skills to recognize and negotiate and steer through the workings of government, non-profits organizations, and for-profit businesses, to be an effective watchperson, intervenor, and proponent for women. Her legislative records speaks for itself, and you as her former colleagues are well aware of her commitment, intelligence, and advocacy. I know Marilyn personally – no one can question her full devotion to public service and her tireless willingness to work on behalf of the community.

I humbly ask that you confirm Marilyn Lee for appointment to the Commission on the Status of Women so that she can continue her service to the *wahine o Hawaii*. Thank you.

From: [SUSAN FUJII](#)
To: [JDLTestimony](#)
Subject: Marilyn B. Lee, nominee
Date: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 7:11:17 AM

Dear chair and members of the Judiciary and Labor Committee,

Re: Marilyn B. Lee

This is a testimony for consideration and confirmation of Mrs. Marilyn B. Lee, gubernatorial nominee, to the Commission on the Status of Women. I have known Mrs. Lee for over 25 years when we worked together with a Mililani organization addressing issues impacting the safety, health, and social outcomes of youths in this growing, young community. Partnerships had been paramount to actualize goals set and projects carried through to resolve these issues. We were able to appreciate the accomplishments of the organization in setting an example how one community CAN DO.

Marilyn demonstrates a community-mindedness as a member of key organizations working for the betterment of others. Foremost Marilyn has always concerned herself for women's issues of health, social, and equal opportunity rights such as employment and education advancing women in our society. Her efforts serve to empower all of us women to move forward in our lives as well as to give back in return.

With regards to working with others, Marilyn values openness and respect and works towards consensus.

With that, I request that you strongly consider and confirm Mrs. Marilyn B. Lee to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Sincerely,
Susan Fujii

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From: [Lauhale3](#)
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Subject: Commission on the Status of Women
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Please consider Marilyn Lee for this position. Marilyn is an outstanding community leader, a former legislator, and well-suited to serve on this Commission.

Aloha,
Susan Lau

Amor fati

The Honorable Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Chair
The Honorable Karl Rhoades, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Senate
Committee on Judiciary and Labor

**Re: GM 790, Consideration for the confirmation to the Commission on
the Status of Women of MARILYN LEE.**

Wednesday, April 12, 2017
9:30 A.M.
Conference Room 016, State Capitol

Submitted By: Will Kane

I submit my testimony in **strong support** of Marilyn Lee for consideration for confirmation to the Commission on the Status of Women.

I have known Marilyn for many years, back to when she represented Mililani in the Hawai'i State House of Representatives. During that time, she was always a champion of individual rights, especially in regards to the specific issues women face on a daily basis. Her community involvement and tireless advocacy produced real results and continues to impact women today.

Even after leaving the Legislature, she has continued this work. Marilyn tirelessly serves on various boards, and volunteers with numerous organizations that work to protect the rights, and ensure equal opportunities for those women who don't always have a voice to be heard. I feel very strongly her appointment to this Commission would be an excellent decision and one that can be made knowing that an amazing person is filling that role.

I humbly ask that you confirm Marilyn Lee to the Commission on the Status of Women.

Mahalo nui Loa,
Will Kane
Mililani, HI