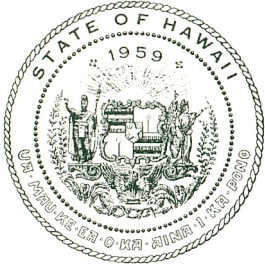


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April 12, 2017

Testimony in Support of GM 791

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 791, Nomination of Judy Kern

The Hawai'i State Commission on the Status of Women is in strong support of GM 791, for the consideration and confirmation of Judy Kern to the Commission on the Status of Women for a second term of service. Ms. Kern has honorably served on the Commission on the Status of Women since 2013.

For the last two decades, Judy Kern has worked as an advocate for some of our most vulnerable communities. She has extensive background in public health and education. Currently, Ms. Kern works as the Education and Training Coordinator for the Hawai'i State Department of Health's Public Health Emergency Preparedness (BPT/PHEP) Branch, working to collaborate and prepare for public health emergencies or disasters. She has advocated for the elderly and aging during her time as Program Specialist for the Executive Office on Aging, and also with her work for Lanakila Meals on Wheels.

Ms. Kern has served on the Commission since 2013. During those years, she has been instrumental in positioning the Commission as a vital community and state resource for women and girls. Her insight, as well as her strong passion and dedication to public interest work are benefits to the Commission and the State of Hawaii.

The Commission strongly supports the re-appointment and confirmation of Judy Kern. Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony.

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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 791 Advise and Consent, Nominee Judy Kern 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 Judy Kern's confirmation to the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women for a term to expire on June 30, 2021.

I have known Judy Kern for over 15 years as a colleague and friend. We worked together at Hawaii Meals on Meals where she displayed her commitment to serving the needs of the elderly and those who were unable to leave their homes by ensuring that they received hot meals on a daily basis.

She is a strong advocate for social justice, equality and peace. Judy has served on the women's commission since 2013 and has taken an active role in their legislative advocacy efforts and program activities.

For the past 7 years, Judy has worked at the Department of Health as the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Branch Education and Training Coordinator.

Judy has served on the Board of Directors for Hawaii Peoples' Fund, Mohala Farms, Planned Parenthood of Hawaii, and the American Friends Service Committee.

I urge the Committee to confirm Judy Kern to the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women as she has demonstrated she deserves to remain for another term.

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

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Elizabeth Kent	Individual	Support	No

Comments: It is my pleasure to submit testimony in strong support of the nomination of Judy Kern. I've worked with Judy on several projects. She is smart, hard working, and collegial. She will be an asset to the Commission. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Marci Lopes	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Judy Kern has been a tremendous advocate and I strongly support her appointment. We need her ongoing advocacy efforts to help with domestic violence issues, and all issues impacting women in Hawaii.

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