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Governor’s Message No. and Title: Governor’s Message No. 564, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Compact Administrator for the State Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles, Gubernatorial Nominee, Nathan Foo, for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

Judiciary's Position:

The Judiciary strongly supports the confirmation of Mr. Nathan Foo for a four-year term as the Compact Administrator for the State Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ). Mr. Foo is currently the Social Services Manager for the Juvenile Client Services Branch

of the First Circuit, a position which oversees all juvenile services for Family Court, First Circuit. Mr. Foo has the experience, knowledge, skills, and expertise to make decisions as compact administrator of the ICJ inclusive of 30+ years with the Judiciary. Mr. Foo is driven by vision, purpose, and the mission of the Family Court and the ICJ, to ensure the best interests of our juveniles are prioritized and not by personal alliance, agendas, or self-interests. He has skills which include outstanding organization, and a deep sense of integrity for that which he practices on a daily basis.

Prior to his current position, Mr. Foo has served as the coordinator (Program Specialist) for the Interagency Council on Intermediate Sanctions (ICIS) for the Adult Client Services Branch of the Judiciary. In Mr. Foo's previous position as coordinator for the Interagency Council of Intermediate Sanction (ICIS), for the Adult Client Services Branch of the Judiciary, Mr. Foo was able to procure and secure the necessary resources to sustain interagency and statewide training efforts rolled out through ICIS initiatives. This required the skill set and abilities to exercise diplomacy and negotiation with senior and executive level stakeholders from other departments and agencies without sacrificing the integrity of the vision and mission of ICIS. These qualities would directly benefit the Hawai'i State Council and ICJ as the stakeholders involved are at the same level as ICIS, with a variance of interests and agendas. Moving any statewide interagency initiative forward requires balancing the needs and interests of many with the clarity of vision and mission benefitting the target population.

With administrative responsibilities for Hawai'i's Interagency Council of Intermediate Sanctions, the Judiciary has supported training for judges, probation, parole and other criminal justice agencies on the compact. Under Mr. Foo's leadership and management, Hawai'i will continue to fulfill its responsibilities to promote public safety, protect the rights of victims, control movement of offenders, provide for effective tracking of offenders, and engage in the supervision and rehabilitation of offenders.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this nomination.