



*The Judiciary, State of Hawai‘i*

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Public Safety,  
Intergovernmental and Military Affairs**

The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair  
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

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State Capitol, Conference Room 229

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**Governor’s Message No. and Title:** Governor’s Message No. 565, Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Compact Administrator for the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision for a term to expire February 12, 2022.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary strongly supports the confirmation of Dwight Sakai for a four-year term as the Compact Administrator for the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision. Mr. Sakai is currently the Social Services Manager for the Adult Client Services Branch of the First Circuit. The Adult Client Services Branch provides probation and probation-related services for

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the District, Family and Circuit Courts. Mr. Sakai is currently serving as Hawai'i's Interim Compact Administrator for the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision. He has the knowledge and skills to represent Hawai'i in matters of interstate adult offender supervision.

The Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision was enacted on June 19, 2002, and currently all 50 states as well as Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands are members. It provides the day-to-day oversight of the compact between states. Besides promulgating rules to achieve the goals of the Compact, the Commission ensures an opportunity for input and timely notice to victims; provides access to information to heads of state councils, state executive, judicial and legislative branches and criminal justice administrators; and monitors and enforces compliance with the rules governing appointment of the Interstate Commission members such as Mr. Sakai. It also establishes a state-level council, known as the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, with representation from all branches of government and victim groups to heighten awareness of the Compact's activities.

With administrative responsibilities for Hawai'i's State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, the Judiciary has supported training for judges, probation, parole and other criminal justice agencies on the Compact. Under Mr. Sakai'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 testify on this nomination.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jill T. Nagamine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am a Deputy Attorney General, but for this measure I am testifying in my individual capacity.

I have known Dwight Sakai for nearly twenty years, and I strongly recommend him for the position of Compact Administrator for the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision.

I first met Dwight in a professional capacity when he represented the Volunteer Guardian Ad Litem Program and I was a Deputy Attorney General representing social workers from the Department of Human Services in child abuse and neglect cases. Dwight and I shared over a dozen mutual cases and I always relied on him to provide a spirit of mediation and realism in our negotiations. His role was unmistakably to act on behalf of the children involved in the cases, but that never prevented him from realistically assessing the strengths and weaknesses of the family dynamics involved to help in problem solving. His ability to understand complicated relationships and challenges always contributed in a very positive way to any negotiations we engaged in with the parents and extended families. His skills always moved our cases in the direction of the best interest of the children.

Over the last several years I have become Dwight's friend. As his friend, I note that one of his most remarkable qualities is his ability to listen with interest to any story, whether it is a grievance, recounting an event, or request for advice. His calm and attentive demeanor invites confidences.

He is highly qualified to fill this important post in our State, and I have no hesitation or reservation in offering my full support for his appointment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lee-Ann Brewer	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee,

My name is Lee-Ann Brewer. I am a personal friend of nominee Dwight Sakai, and I strongly support his nomination as the Compact Administrator for the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision.

I have known Dwight for over 15 years. In that time, I have witnessed his commitment to his profession as a social worker and probation officer, and his well-deserved promotion within the Judiciary.

More importantly, however, I have known Dwight to be a man of great character, strength, and humility. I believe this is why he was so successful in his job. He genuinely cares about people, is extremely smart and capable, is a very good listener, and he is able to use all of these gifts to serve the community at work and beyond. He is someone who willingly offers to help **and actually follows through**, even in situations that require long-term commitments. It is without question that he will apply his talents well as the Compact Administrator for the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision.

I humbly request that this Committee approve the nomination of Dwight Sakai as the Compact Administrator for the State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision.

Aloha,

Lee-Ann N.M. Brewer

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Andrea Armitage	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dwight Sakai is exceptionally qualified and appropriate for this job. I have known him for over 10 years. He is smart, thoughtful, very hard working, and has a great deal of integrity. I highly recommend him for the Compact Administrator.