

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 665, SUBMITTING FOR
CONSIDERATION TO THE ADVISORY BOARD ON VETERANS' SERVICES,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JAMES TRAXLER, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE
06-30-2022

PRESENTATION TO THE
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS

BY

MR. RONALD P. HAN, JR.
DIRECTOR OF STATE OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

April 12, 2018
1:15 p.m.

Good Afternoon Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and Committee members:

I am Ron Han, Director of the State Office of Veterans' Services (OVS). The OVS **strongly supports** the GM 665 consideration and confirmation of James Traxler to be appointed to the Advisory Board on Veterans' Services for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

James is a highly decorated, retired Lt Colonel with 20 years of distinguished service with the United States Army and served as an Engineer with the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Very involved in the community helping Veterans and their families, he served as a member of the Mayor's Veteran's Advisory Committee for the island of Hawaii, is the past president of the Big Isle Retired Military Association, past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12122, and an active member of the West Hawaii Veterans Council.

A strong advocate for helping Veterans, James leads by example. He is very well respected in his community and continues to accomplish great work as a current State Advisory Board on Veterans Services member.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of James Traxler's confirmation and consideration.

GM-665

Submitted on: 4/5/2018 4:41:57 PM

Testimony for PSM on 4/12/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mike Golojuch	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As the past Chair, Advisory Board on Veterans' Services, I strongly support James Traxler's appointment to the Advisory Board.

Mike Golojuch, Lt Col, USAF(Ret)

GM-665

Submitted on: 4/6/2018 7:33:32 AM

Testimony for PSM on 4/12/2018 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chelsea Fernandez	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Mr. James Traxler has been serving the Big Island community in this seat the past few years and has been successful in his support of veterans. He is a great asset to this board and veteran community. Please confirm his seat with this advisory board. Mahalo.

Han, Ronald P Jr. VBAHON

From: Wilbert Pereira <wpereira1@hawaii.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2018 11:35 AM
To: Han, Ronald P Jr. VBAHON
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reappointment for Second Term for Jim Traxler for the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services.

The purpose of this letter is to offer my strong support for Jim Traxler to serve a second term on the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services for a four year term.

As we are well aware, those who are asked to serve on our community and state boards have a thankless responsibility. They must hold high standards of integrity, be impartial and remain open-minded. Jim embodies these attributes and over the four years that I have known him, he has always been very active in the Veterans community as well as a supporter of many Veterans service providers. His experience as a Veteran and working with veterans will only add to the knowledge he can bring to the table as a sitting member.

Jim, is a man of honor and credibility and I highly recommend him for the State Advisory Board on Veterans Services. Thank you for your consideration of his reappointment.

Sincerely,
Wilbert W Pereira
Advisory Board Member.

Letter of Support for Jim Traxler, West Hawaii Board Member, For the
Appointment/Confirmation to the State Advisory Board on Veterans' Services for a 2nd Term.

I was appointed and confirmed as a Member of the State Advisory Board on Veterans' services in 2013 and have had the privilege to know and work with Jim Traxler, West Hawaii Board Member.

Jim Traxler, LTC U.S. Army (retired) Veteran, served 20 years in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with overseas assignments in Europe and Vietnam.

He is currently the Advisory Board Member for West Hawaii and an outstanding leader and team player. A true advocate for veterans, with a caring attitude as indicated by volunteering to be a mentor for the Big Island Veterans Treatment Court Program. He is very knowledgeable about veteran's needs and concerns, community resources and other services and in linking vets with the services they need. He is a valuable and true asset to the Board.

My experiences the past 3.5 years with Jim Traxler, working, observing and interacting with him has been positive; thereby, encouraging me to support his nomination/confirmation to another term on the State Advisory Board on Veterans' Services.

Sincerely,

//Signed//

Harold Bugado
State Advisory Board on Veterans'
Services, representing East Hawaii
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Cc: Jim Traxler (traxlerj@yahoo.com)
Ron Han (ronald.han@va.gov)

GOVERNOR'S STATE ADVISORY BOARD FOR VETERAN SERVICES

459 Patterson Road
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DATE: March 13, 2018

FROM: Brig Gen (Ret) Ann Greenlee, Chair
State Advisory Board on Veterans Services
459 Patterson Rd, E-Wing, Rm 1-A103
Honolulu, HI 96819

TO: Whom it May Concern

SUBJECT: Reappointment of Mr. James Traxler to the Governor's State Advisory Board of Veteran Services.

As Chair Person of the Governor's State Advisory Board of Veterans Services I am writing this letter on behalf of myself and our Board. We heartily endorse Mr. Traxler's request for reappointment to the Board for a second term. Mr. Traxler is an active and valuable member of the Board. In addition to ably representing the Veterans living in west Hawaii, he has taken on statewide responsibilities for the Board and champions the maintenance and improvement plans for the West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery. I can always count on his sage advice and considered guidance. I strongly recommend Mr. Traxler be confirmed for a second term.

ANN GREENLEE Digitally signed by ANN GREENLEE
Date: 2018.03.14 06:21:42 -10'00'

Ann Greenlee, Brig Gen, USAF (Ret)
Chair, State Advisory Board on Veterans Services

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March 23, 2018

State Boards and Commissions
Office of the Governor
Hawaii State Capitol
Honolulu, HI 96813

**Subject: Letter of Support for Lt. Col. James H. Traxler (Retired)
State Advisory Board for Veterans' Services**

This letter is in support of Lt. Colonel James H. Traxler (Retired, US Army) to serve a second term to represent West Hawaii on the State Advisory Board for Veterans' Services.

Lt. Col. Traxler has been a dedicated member of the Advisory Board for the past three years, and has much that he can continue to offer to assure that the veterans of Hawaii receive the services that this State and its citizens want for them.

During his 20 years of active military service, Lt. Col. Traxler served as an Army Corps of Engineers officer in Vietnam and in Germany. Consequently, he brings to the Board the knowledge that comes from serving in combat, in a non-combat overseas duty station, and on assignments to bases within the United States, itself. As an active member of veterans' service organizations, including the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, he is aware of and can bring to the Board the current concerns of the local veterans. He continues to serve our State and our veterans, not only by his participation in the Advisory Board, but he is a dedicated and proud mentor for the Veterans Court on his home island of Hawaii.

It is my pleasure and honor to write this letter in support of Lt. Col. James H. Traxler.

Sincerely,

William C.S. Park (Clay)
Oahu Board Member

April 9, 2018

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental & Military Affairs
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 214
Honolulu, HI 96813

Dear Senator Nishihara and Members of the Military Affairs Committee,
I am submitting this letter for nominee James Traxler in support of his appointment to the Governor's Advisory Board on Veteran Services.

James Traxler is uniquely qualified to represent the veteran community and provide input on veterans' issues because of his past military service, his veteran status, and the relationships he has cultivated in our community. His experience of serving on the board and assisting the Director of Office of Veterans Services contributes greatly in addressing the concerns of Hawaii's veterans and advocating on their behalf.

It has been my honor and privilege to serve alongside James Traxler and I fully support his reappointment.

Sincerely,

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