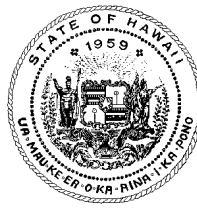


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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 567 AND 568,
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO
THE REENTRY COMMISSION,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE NORIKO NAMIKI.

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Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

Thursday, March 28, 2019; 1:15 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee:

The Department of Public Safety supports the nomination of Noriko Namiki to the Reentry Commission. Ms. Namiki's broad experience in working with large and small businesses, community volunteers, and state agencies, and as CEO of one of Hawaii's oldest and highly-respected nonprofit organizations, the YWCA of Oahu, make her ideally suited for service as a member of the Reentry Commission.

While serving as commissioner on an interim basis, Ms. Namiki has not only demonstrated a keen awareness of the social issues facing exiting offenders, she has showed interest, compassion, and an energetic drive in assisting and guiding the fledgling Reentry Office in its efforts to provide effective and innovative programs to aid offenders returning to the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



GM567/GM568

**SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE REENTRY
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The Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) **SUPPORTS** GM567 and GM568, confirming Noriko Namiki to the Reentry Commission.

As the chief executive officer of the O‘ahu YWCA, Ms. Namiki oversees the administration of the very successful Fernhurst residential program for reentering female pa‘ahao at the YWCA. She would accordingly bring to the Reentry Commission relevant and invaluable experience with programming proven to help women – especially Native Hawaiian women who are disproportionately represented among the inmate population – develop the skills and find the resources they need to successfully reintegrate with their families, secure jobs and housing, and confidently succeed in life outside of prison.

For these reasons, OHA urges the Committee to **PASS** GM587 and GM568 to confirm Noriko Namiki to the Reentry Commission. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.