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Testimony of
David Y. Ige
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS**

March 28, 2019
1:15 pm., Room 229

In consideration of
GM 600, Brigadier General Kenneth S. Hara
as the
Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense

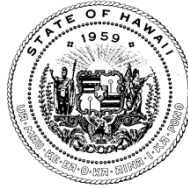
Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in reconfirming Brigadier General Kenneth S. Hara as Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense. Hara has served in this position since January 2015.

In addition to his extensive service background, Hara has been recognized with various awards and decorations, including the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star. In May 2018, the US Secretary of Defense approved the appointment of Hara to dual status commander for the emergency in Puna.

My administration is committed to reshaping the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I am confident that Kenneth Hara will support our employees at the DOD in this effort. Moving forward together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kupuna, and all the residents of Hawaii.

Mahalo for your consideration.



TESTIMONY BY:

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

G.M. 600

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, KENNETH S. HARA, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** the confirmation of Colonel Kenneth Hara as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense (DOD).

Colonel Hara received his BA from Hawaii Pacific University. In 1987, he was commissioned by the Hawaii Army National Guard Officer Candidate School.

With more than 30 years of service, he has served in significant positions of authority with the DOD whereby the DOT worked alongside him to enhance our ability to face challenges that the state must confront. Colonel Hara's strength is that he is keenly aware of the challenges that Hawaii faces today and those that we will most likely face in the future and the critical role that DOD and DOT will play in meeting those challenges.

In view of the increasing importance of disaster and emergency management, we have made concerted efforts with other stakeholders to coordinate, design, and implement effective measures that can substantially abate losses in the event of a disaster. We have full confidence that under Colonel Hara's continued leadership we will make great strides in increasing the state's capacity to prepare for and deal with the threat of a disaster, man-made or natural.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY
RODERICK K. BECKER
AND
ROBERT YU

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 600

March 28, 2019
1:15 p.m.
Room 229

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY
ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, KENNETH S. HARA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

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

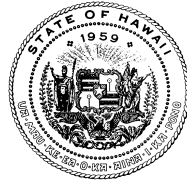
We strongly support the appointment of Brigadier General Kenneth Hara to the position of deputy adjutant general of the Department of Defense (department). We are working with Brigadier General Hara in our professional capacities as Director and Deputy Director of Finance, respectively.

Governor Ige's administration is committed to addressing the many issues facing our state in a direct and forthright manner. We strive to do the right thing, the right way to achieve our shared goal of a healthy, sustainable economy to support our keiki, our kupuna, and the disadvantaged.

Brigadier General Hara is an integral part of a team that is committed to achieving the goals of this administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsive manner.

Brigadier General Hara has many years of military service and has served as deputy adjutant general since January 2015. Brigadier General Hara's military experience and knowledge of the department will benefit the State; therefore, we support confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.



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Testimony in SUPPORT of GM600
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Adjutant General of the
Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, KENNETH S. HARA, for a term to
expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

SENATOR CLARENCE NISHIHARA, CHAIR
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS

Hearing Date: March 28, 2019

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1 **Fiscal Implications:** N/A.

2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health supports the nomination of Kenneth S.
3 Hara for Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense.

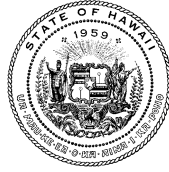
4 Mr. Hara has maintained a collegial and cooperative relationship with the Department of Health
5 during his tenure on the Cabinet, and in support of public health preparedness and response. His
6 military and professional achievements are numerous, and include natural disaster relief during
7 Hurricane Iniki and the recent Kilauea eruption response, done in cooperation with the
8 Department of Health, and for which his leadership and organization were key factors to
9 restoring community resilience.

10 Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM600.

11 **Offered Amendments:** N/A.

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DAVID Y. IGE
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
CURT T. OTAGURO, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

MARCH 28, 2019, 1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 229, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 600
SUBMITTING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY
ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, KENNETH S. HARA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 600. I support the nomination of General Hara to the position of Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense.

General Hara has served as Deputy Adjutant General since January 2018. He also has been serving as the Commander of the Hawaii National Guard since February 2018. Previously, General Hara has held positions of increased authority and responsibility from platoon leader through Chief of the Joint Staff. In addition, General Hara has been involved in numerous Federal mobilizations and State missions in support of local authorities.

He holds a Masters Degree of Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College and a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Human Services from the Hawaii Pacific University. General Hara's educational background and experience makes him an ideal candidate to serve as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

DAVID Y. IGE
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Re: GM 600 BRIGADIER GENERAL KENNETH S. HARA

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee, my name is Linda Chu Takayama, Director of Taxation, and I offer this testimony in strong support of Brigadier General Kenneth Hara's confirmation as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense

It has been my privilege to work with the General since I joined this Administration nearly 4 years ago. As the deputy commander of the 5,500 soldiers and airmen of the Hawaii National Guard, he has done an outstanding job of maintaining our safety and security through uncertain times and several natural disasters. He has been unhesitating in taking on difficult assignments when needed and completing them with excellence. His talent and dedication are essential to the continued stability of our state.

I look forward to continuing to work with the General and urge your favorable consideration of his nomination.

Thank you.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor

JOSH GREEN
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**TESTIMONY OF PHYLLIS SHIMABUKURO-GEISER
CHAIRPERSON, BOARD OF AGRICULTURE**

**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL, & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**MARCH 28, 2019
1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 229**

**GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 600
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY
ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, KENNETH S. HARA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022**

Chairperson Nishihara and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 600, submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kenneth S. Hara, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022. The Department strongly supports this measure.

General Hara has served as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense since January 2018. He has served as the Commander and Deputy Chief of Staff for the Hawaii National Guard. General Hara will be vital to supporting the State of Hawaii as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



March 28, 2019

TO: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS
Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair
Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair

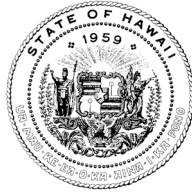
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SUBJECT: GM 600- Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy
Adjutant General of the Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee,
BRIGADIER GENERAL (BG) KENNETH HARA, for a term to expire 12-5-
2022.

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

I would like to express my wholehearted **support** to BG Kenneth Hara for his confirmation as the Deputy Adjutant General of the State Department of Defense. I have known BG Hara for over 12 years and served with him in uniform and as a member of the State Department of Defense. He is a passionate leader who has earned the respect of his troops and all he comes into contact with. As the current Commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard, Indo-Pacific Command Mobilization General Officer for the Republic of Korea and Deputy Adjutant General, he has worked in multiple jobs simultaneously and has excelled. As the Joint Force Commander managing military, State, county, and federal agencies in dealing with the lava flow in Pahoa on the island of Hawaii, he ensured residents in the affected area were safe and protected from the devastating affects of one of the largest natural disasters this State has ever faced. He thrives in critical and stressful environments and can be counted on to provide the right decisions at the right time.

I have also personally worked with BG Hara on several important Veteran initiatives and have found him to be very supportive when it comes to helping our Veterans. He has gotten directly involved in our quest for our second State Veterans Home working with legislators and with members of the community. His work in defining and orchestrating the Strategic Communications Plan for the State Department of Defense has helped immensely by unifying all six divisions with a common site picture in supporting our communities. I am confident he will excel and continue to do very well in supporting and shaping our future as the Deputy Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii.



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Testimony of
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY
AFFAIRS

Thursday, March 28, 2019

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 600
Gubernatorial Nominee Kenneth S. Hara

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and members of the committee:

I am testifying in strong support of Kenneth S. Hara, nominee for Deputy Adjutant General, Department of Defense, State of Hawaii. General Hara previously served in that role since 2015, overseeing most of the department's major operations, initiatives, and projects.

He has held many positions of increasing authority at every command level throughout his 30-plus-year career in the Hawaii National Guard, receiving many military awards and commendations. He has distinguished himself through exceptional service during three federal combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He is well-respected by his peers, subordinates, and superiors.

General Hara has applied his broad military experiences to planning and supporting National Guard domestic operations, responding to disasters that included earthquakes, hurricanes, and the most recent volcanic eruption on Hawaii Island, where he coordinated National Guard, military, state, county, and federal agency activities.

I strongly urge the committee to favorably consider General Hara's nomination, as he brings a proven record of achievements and leadership to the Deputy Adjutant General position.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this nominee.



March 28, 2019

Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Chair Sen. Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair Sen. Glenn Wakai and Committee Members
Public Hearing, March 28, 2019, 1:15 p.m., Conference Room 229, State Capitol

TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM F. ANONSEN
IN SUPPORT OF G.M. NO. 600
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE BRIGADIER GENERAL KENNETH HARA

My name is William F. Anonsen, the Managing Partner/Principal of The Maritime Group, and the Chair of the Hawaii Advisory Council on Emergency Management (HACEM). It is a privilege and with great pleasure that I express my personal unequivocal support for the consideration and confirmation of Gubernatorial nominee Brigadier General Kenneth Hara for reappointment as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Hawaii Department of Defense for a term to expire December 5, 2022.

I have the upmost respect for Brigadier General Hara and his insightful ability to serve our state in a time of crisis as clearly demonstrated by his military and public service. His accomplishments, experience and stellar senior leadership continue to be important in supporting the Adjutant General overseeing the mission of the Hawaii National Guard and the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA). He understands the multitude of roles and responsibilities of the Hawaii Department of Defense. For the past four years BG Hara has been an integral part of a collaborative team that is committed to achieving the prescribed goals of the administration in an honest, transparent, accountable, and responsible manner.

I personally have found Brigadier General Hara to be a dedicated individual who performs his professional responsibilities with a sense of commitment and personal pride. He has the characteristics necessary that have made him an outstanding Deputy Adjutant General, but I will mention a few that stand out. He is intelligent, loyal and remains very dedicated to the mission of the Department of Defense and HI-EMA. He has been a pivotal part of the successful execution of the mission of the Department of Defense and HI-EMA distinguishing himself through exceptional service when responding to and coordinating the response to a multitude of natural disasters.

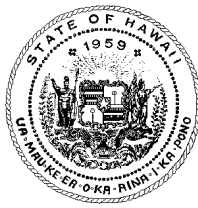
BG Hara is an individual of unquestionable integrity and fairness and has my personal vote of confidence in this appointed position. I wholeheartedly support his reappointment and thank the committee for their dedication in seeking the most qualified individual to serve our state. BG Hara has been and I'm confident will continue to be a tremendous asset in service to our state as our Deputy Adjutant General.

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this distinguished gubernatorial nominee

Sincerely,

William F. Anonsen

DAVID Y. IGE
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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 600,
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE KENNETH S. HARA.

by
Nolan P. Espinda, Director
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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 (PSD) supports the nomination of Brigadier General Kenneth Hara as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense (DOD).

Since January 2018, General Hara has served as Deputy Adjutant General as well as commander of the Hawaii National Guard; dual-hatted since February 2018. He has been deployed extensively, in both Federal mobilizations and on several State emergency missions, and has been duly recognized with numerous Decorations and Merits. PSD also notes General Hara's promotions to positions of increased authority and responsibility as evidence of his strong capabilities.

The Department respectfully urges General Hara's confirmation as Deputy Adjutant General.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



RYKER WADA
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March 21, 2019

TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL,
AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
For Hearing on Thursday, March 28, 2019
1:15 p.m., Conference Room 229

By

RYKER WADA
DIRECTOR

Governor's Message 600
(WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY)

Dear Chair Nishimoto, Vice-Chair Wakai and Members of the Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

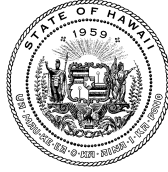
RE: Consideration and confirmation of Kenneth S. Hara, for Deputy Adjutant General of
the Department of Defense

I submit this testimony in **Strong Support** of the confirmation of Kenneth Hara as
Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense. I have had the opportunity to
work with Kenneth Hara over the past two years as Deputy Adjutant General. I have
found him to be a dedicated, knowledgeable, measured and a well-prepared person
who is well suited for the position of Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of
Defense.

I support the confirmation of Kenneth Hara as the Deputy Adjutant General of the
Department of Defense.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 600
and Kenneth S. Hara.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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TESTIMONY
OF
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TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
ON
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019, 1:15 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 229, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 600

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, **KENNETH S. HARA**, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

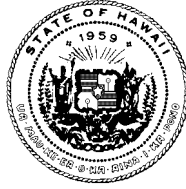
Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 600. I strongly support the nomination of **MR. KENNETH S. HARA** to the position of Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense.

I have known Deputy Adjutant General Kenneth S. Hara since 2015 in his present capacity. We've worked on several community projects together and each time, Deputy Hara was "hands on" to every detail to help make the project a successful event. Deputy Hara has been on several state missions i.e. to help with Hurricane Iniki, with the 2006 earthquake that struck the island of Hawaii, gave support for the Kilauea volcanic eruption, and in 2018, gave support for Hurricane Lane.

Deputy Hara has gained a wealth of knowledge, skills and hands on experience from all his dealings and leadership positions in the military service. He will truly be an asset to the Department of Defense and to the State of Hawaii.

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

DAVID Y. IGE
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March 23, 2019

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

FROM: Pankaj Bhanot, Director

SUBJECT: **GM 600 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the
Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense,
Gubernatorial Nominee, Kenneth S. Hara, for a term to expire at
noon on 12-05-2022.**

Hearing: March 28, 2019, 01:15 p.m.
Conference Room 229, State Capitol

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: Aloha Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, my name is Pankaj Bhanot and I am the Director of the Department of Human Services (DHS). The DHS is in strong support of GM 600 submitted by the Governor for consideration and confirmation of Brigadier General Kenneth S. Hara as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Hawaii Department of Defense, for a term to expire at noon on December 05, 2022.

Brigadier General Kenneth S. Hara assumed his duties as the Assistant Adjutant General - Army, on January 1, 2018, He is also the commander of the Hawaii National

Guard; dual-hatted, February 2018 - Present, Deputy Chief of Staff, Army National Guard, Operations/GS, Eighth United States Army Korea, Camp Humphreys, South Korea; and serves as the Deputy Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense.

General Hara received his commission as a Second Lieutenant of Infantry through the Hawaii Military Academy, Officer Candidate School, Hawaii Army National Guard in 1987. He has served in numerous positions of increased authority and responsibility from platoon leader through Chief of the Joint Staff including other key staff positions. In 2005, he deployed as the commander of the 2nd Battalion 299th Infantry to Baghdad, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. In 2008, General Hara deployed to Kuwait as the deputy commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. In 2012, General Hara deployed a third time as the commander of the Operations Coordination Center - Regional Command South, Security Forces Assistance Advisory Team, Kandahar, Afghanistan.

In addition to his Federal mobilizations, General Hara served on several state missions in support of local authorities. Most notable were his duties as the Dual Status Commander of Joint Task Force - 50 in support of the Kilauea volcanic eruption response and Hurricane Lane response in 2018.

I have the privilege and honor of working collaboratively with Brigadier General Hara, in his capacity as the Deputy Adjutant General, and member of the Cabinet, on various issues impacting Hawaii, including the Kilauea volcanic eruption and Hurricane Lane and its aftermath and human response. Throughout my interactions with Brigadier General Hara, I found him to be an extraordinary human being with unmatched passion to serve Hawaii and the United States with Aloha and courage.

I request the full Senate and Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to unanimously confirm my colleague and friend Brigadier

General Kenneth S. Hara as the Deputy Adjutant General.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of GM 600.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**Thursday, March 28, 2019
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 600
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS
THE DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
KENNETH S. HARA,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 600 nominating Kenneth S. Hara as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of the Defense, for a term to expire at noon on December 5, 2022.

Brigadier General Hara has extensive leadership and disaster response experience throughout his military career. He has served through three deployments as the commander of the 2nd Battalion 299 Infantry to Baghdad, in support of Iraqi Freedom; the deputy commander of the 29th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in Kuwait; and as the commander of the Operations Coordination Center-Regional Command South, Security Forces Assistance Advisory Team, Kandahar, Afghanistan.

In addition to his federal deployments, Brigadier General Hara served with the 2nd Battalion, 299th Infantry following Hurricane Iniki on Kauai; as the Task Force KOA commander following an earthquake struck Hawaii Island in 2006; and more recently as the Dual Status Commander of Joint Task Force 50 in support of the Kilauea volcanic eruption and Hurricane Lane response on Hawaii Island in 2018. His deployments and steady rise through the ranks ensure that he will be an asset to meeting the mission of the Department of Defense.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's strong support of Governor's Message 600, nominating Kenneth S. Hara as the Deputy Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii.

SUZANNE D. CASE
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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March 22, 2019

To: The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Chair,
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and
Military Affairs

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

From: Scott T. Murakami, Director
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: G.M. No. 600 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy
Adjutant General of the Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, KENNETH
S. HARA**

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

My name is Scott T. Murakami, and I am the Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. I am testifying in strong support of Governor's Message 600, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kenneth S. Hara, as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense (DoD).

Brigadier General Hara has demonstrated that he has the leadership and experience to assist in leading the DoD. As the Deputy Adjutant General, General Hara is the Commander of the Hawaii National Guard. In addition, General Hara's leadership of the Joint Task Force 50 during the Kilauea Eruption and extensive service in the Hawaii National Guard show his commitment to the State and to assisting the Adjutant General in preparing for and addressing disasters and emergencies.

I urge you to confirm General Hara to serve as the Deputy Adjutant General of the DoD so that he may continue to provide leadership and service to the public.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify in strong support of General Hara.



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Statement of
Mike McCartney
before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS**

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

in consideration of
GM 600
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as Deputy Adjutant General of the
Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee,
KENNETH S. HARA, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.**

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

I **support** the appointment of **Kenneth S. Hara** to serve as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense.

Major General Hara has over three decades of service in the armed forces where he has collaborated and led organizations in his many varied positions. In his current roles as the Assistant Adjutant General for the Army and Commander of the Hawaii National Guard, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army National Guard and Deputy Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii, Department of Defense, Major General Hara has had to assist in multiple natural disasters within the State and with teams on each island. His multi-faceted experience is critical in delivering the mission of the Department of Defense and in serving the people of the State of Hawaii.

For these reasons, I urge his confirmation for Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

DAVID Y. IGE
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STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

TESTIMONY ON GM 600

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

BY

THOMAS L. TRAVIS
ADMINISTRATOR, HAWAII EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (HI-EMA)

MARCH 28, 2019

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

I am Thomas Travis, Administrator of the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency. I am testifying in SUPPORT of GM600 and the confirmation of Colonel Ken Hara as the Deputy Director of the Department of Defense and the Deputy Adjutant General for the State of Hawaii.

I urge the committee to recommend approval to the rest of the Senate on this nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in strong **SUPPORT** of GM600.

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TESTIMONY OF JOBIE M. K. MASAGATANI, CHAIRMAN
HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION
BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY,
INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
HEARING ON MARCH 28, 2019 AT 1:15PM IN CR 2259

IN SUPPORT OF

GM600

for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of
Defense,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **KENNETH S. HARA**,
for a term to expire 12-05-2022

March 28, 2019

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

It is an honor to provide this testimony in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Kenneth S. Hara as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense (DOD).

General Hara's years of assignments both in Hawaii and deployed, show his sense of responsibility especially in times of challenge. At present, he has two commands, that of Deputy Adjutant General, Hawaii National Guard, and that of Deputy Chief of Staff, Army National Guard, Operations/GS, Eighth United States Army, Korea. He has deployed three times: to Iraq, Kuwait, and Afghanistan. He served on Kauai following the devastation of Hurricane Iniki, directed Guard Domestic Operations after an earthquake struck West Hawaii, and was Commander of the Joint Task Force response to both the Kilauea eruption, and Hurricane Lane. He is most qualified and we commend his service.

We respectfully ask your committee to advise and consent to this nomination, and we thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

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March 27, 2019

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The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
The Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
and Members of the Committee on Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs
State Senate
415 South Beretania Street, Room 229
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

SUBJECT: GM600, Relating to the Nomination of Kenneth S. Hara

The Department of Emergency Management (DEM) is submitting testimony in strong **SUPPORT** of GM600, relating to the nomination of Brigadier General Kenneth S. Hara to be the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense.

Under General Hara's leadership, the Department of Defense has assisted the City and County of Honolulu in enhancing our homeland security and emergency management programs during our preparedness efforts. In times of emergencies and disasters, General Hara can be counted on to provide leadership at the state level in support of the counties.

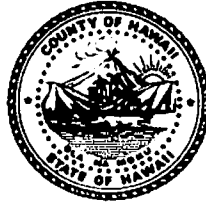
We have been fortunate to have General Hara as the Deputy Adjutant General for the past four years and we strongly urge the Senate to confirm his appointment to continue in his position for the next four years.

Sincerely,

For 

Hirokazu Toiya
Director

Harry Kim
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Paul K. Ferreira
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March 22, 2019

Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Senate Committee On Public Safety, Intergovernmental, And Military Affairs
Chair and Members
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Room 229
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

Re: GM 600, Gubernatorial Nominee Kenneth S. Hara, Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense

Dear Senator Nishihara and Members:

The Hawai`i Police Department **strongly supports** the appointment of Gubernatorial Nominee Kenneth S. Hara, as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense.

We believe that he possesses the knowledge and skills that are necessary to be the Adjutant General of the Department of Defense and will be a very valuable asset to the State of Hawai`i. On a personal note, I have had the distinct honor and privilege of professionally knowing Mr. Hara while serving in my various capacities within the Hawai`i Police Department and have always known him to be of the highest moral character.

For the reasons above, we strongly urge this committee to approve the passage of GM 600, the confirmation of Kenneth S. Hara, as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense.

Thank you for allowing the Hawai`i Police Department to testify on this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul K. Ferreira".

PAUL K. FERREIRA
POLICE CHIEF



KAUA'I EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY
THE COUNTY OF KAUA'I

DEREK S. K. KAWAKAMI, MAYOR
MICHAEL A. DAHLIG, MANAGING DIRECTOR

ELTON S. USHIO
ADMINISTRATOR

Testimony of Elton S. Ushio
Emergency Management Administrator, County of Kaua'i

Before the
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

March 28, 2019; 1:15 pm
Conference Room 229

In consideration of
G.M. 599 and G.M. 600 RELATING TO CONFIRMATIONS OF GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEES FOR ADJUTANT GENERAL AND DEPUTY ADJUTANT GENERAL OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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

I am Elton Ushio, Administrator of the County of Kaua'i Emergency Management Agency (KEMA), testifying in **SUPPORT** of G.M. 599 AND G.M. 600.

As KEMA Administrator, I have worked closely with Adjutant General Arthur J. Logan and Deputy Adjutant General Kenneth S. Hara for the durations to date of their respective tenures.

Both have demonstrated the highest levels of professionalism, competence and diligence in the performance of their roles related to Emergency Management and Homeland Security, most recently exemplified by their outstanding leadership and support during the multiple disasters affecting the County of Kaua'i and/or other jurisdictions in 2018.

It is my sincere wish that the legislature will see fit to reconfirm these excellent leaders to the positions they currently hold.

Sincerely,

Elton S. Ushio
Emergency Management Administrator



TESTIMONY OF DAMIEN ELEFANTE
TO THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND
MILITARY AFFAIRS
THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019 1:15 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 229

GOV. MSG NO. 600

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY
ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, GUBERNATORIAL
NOMINEE, KENNETH S. HARA, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai and members of the Committee. I am
testifying as an individual and I am in strong support of Kenneth S. Hara's confirmation
as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense.

I have known General Hara, since I became the Deputy Director of Taxation for
the Department of Taxation. During his time at the Department of Defense, I have
witnessed his professionalism and ability to help lead the department. He is dedicated
to actively improve the administrative process and procedures of the department. He
has a commitment and determination to work towards establishing and achieving goals
for the department. His professional military experiences are a vital asset and resource
for the State.

I urge you to support the confirmation of Kenneth S. Hara as the Deputy Adjutant
General of the Department of Defense.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

GM-600

Submitted on: 3/26/2019 6:23:41 AM

Testimony for PSM on 3/28/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jan TenBruggencate	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Thanks for this opportunity. I strongly endorse Kenneth Hara for Deputy Adjutant General. As a member of the state Advisory Council on Emergency Management, I have had the opportunity to work with him, and find him an excellent candidate for reappointment.

--Jan TenBruggencate, Lihu`e, Kaua`i

TESTIMONY OF JO ANN UCHIDA TAKEUCHI
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

Thursday, March 28, 2019 1:15 PM
Conf. Rm 229

G.M. 600

**Testimony in support of Governor's Message No. 600
Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Adjutant General of the
Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, KENNETH S. HARA,
for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022**

TO THE HONORABLE CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, CHAIR,
TO THE HONORABLE GLENN WAKAI, VICE CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

I am writing to express my **support** of the appointment of KENNETH S. HARA to serve as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense, for a term to expire on December 5, 2022. My name is Jo Ann Uchida Takeuchi and I am submitting this supporting testimony in my personal capacity.

I have worked with Deputy Adjutant General Hara over the past four years in his capacity as Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense and in my capacity at Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, primarily in the context of disaster preparedness. Deputy Adjutant General Hara has played a leading role in providing and soliciting feedback to and from state agencies to improve emergency preparedness protocols and has been consistently collaborative, highly professional, and generous in sharing his knowledge and expertise.

I believe Deputy Adjutant General Hara is and will continue to be a valuable public servant and an asset to the administration and to the state, and respectfully request that you recommend advise and consent of his nomination as Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of GM 600.

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

The Thirtieth Legislature
Regular Session of 2019

Thursday, March 28, 2019
1:15 p.m.

Testimony on **Governor's Message No. 600**, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation as the **Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense**, Gubernatorial Nominee, **Kenneth S. Hara**, for a Term to Expire on December 5, 2022.

To the Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair, the Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Catherine Awakuni Colón, and I am writing in **support** of the appointment of General Hara to serve as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense, for a term to expire on December 5, 2022.

Over the last four years, I have had the opportunity to work with General Hara, the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense, and observed him to be helpful on matters that crossed jurisdictions with the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. General Hara takes initiative, is thoughtful in his approach, and has demonstrated he possesses the skills needed to assist in leading the Department of Defense.

I firmly believe General Hara will continue to be a valued and highly productive member of Governor Ige's cabinet, and respectfully request that you recommend approval of his nomination as Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense.

Thank you for the opportunity to support G.M. No. 600. I would be pleased to respond to any questions that you may have.

Governor's Message 600: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, KENNETH S. HARA, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Chair Nishihara, Vice Chair Wakai, and Members of the Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs:

My name is Galen Yoshimoto, a Hawaii Air National Guard and Hawaii Emergency Management Agency retiree.

I am providing written testimony in **support** of Kenneth S. Hara's nomination to continue as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense.

General Hara continues to build a record of achievements in his military service. Senior leaders recognized his leadership and management skills early in his military career. He has been assigned to key leadership and staff positions as he rose in rank; excelling at each assignment. He currently serves as the commander of the Hawaii Army National Guard.

General Hara has deployed overseas to Iraq (2005), Kuwait (2008) and Afghanistan (2012). In Afghanistan, he served as the commander of the Operations Coordination Center - Regional Command South, Security Forces Assistance Advisory Team.

In Hawaii, he has been activated for state emergencies many times in his career. Most recently, he was the Dual Status Commander of Joint Force 50 (JTF 50). As the JTF 50 commander, he directed the support to the Kilauea eruption and Hurricane Lane response in 2018.

I urge committee members to recommend Senate confirmation on the nomination of Brigadier General Kenneth Hara to continue his service as the Deputy Adjutant General, State Department of Defense.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support** of Brigadier General Hara's nomination.

GM-600

Submitted on: 3/27/2019 5:16:03 PM

Testimony for PSM on 3/28/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Neal Mitsuyoshi	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Individual Testimony for GM600, Confirmation as the Deputy Adjutant General of the Department of Defense, Gubernatorial Nominee, KENNETH S. HARA, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Presentation to the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

By

Neal S. Mitsuyoshi, Commander, 103rd Troop Command, Hawaii Army National Guard (HIARNG)

March 28, 2019, 1:15 pm

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

I am Colonel Neal S. Mitsuyoshi, Commander of the 103rd Troop Commander, HIARNG and former Chief Engineer for the Department of Defense. I am a brigade commander with over 27 year of military service and a veteran, having served on two combat tours and having served in all 3 components of the Army— Active Duty, US Army Reserves and the National Guard. I appreciate this opportunity to provide written testimony in support of GM600, confirmation of BG Kenneth Hara as Deputy Adjutant General for the Department of Defense.

I have known BG Hara for my entire 20 years in the HIARNG and served with him on multiple combat deployments, as well as his Deputy Title-32 Commander during last year's lava disaster on the Big Island. He has always displayed the characteristics of integrity and the interests of the National Guard, and I strongly support his continued service and leadership as our Deputy Adjutant General in his current capacity.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of BG Hara's confirmation.