

May 11, 2020

Hearing on GM 572 and GM 573

Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs

Scheduled for May 13, 2020, 3:00 p.m., Conference Room 229

Consideration and Confirmation of **Gary Yamashiroya** for the Law Enforcement Standards Board.

Dear Senate Chair Clarence Nishihara and Committee Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony in support for Gary Yamashiroya to the Law Enforcement Board. My name is Julie Ebato and I am submitting this testimony in my personal capacity. I have known Mr. Yamashiroya for the last three years in his position at the Department of the Attorney General as the Hawaii Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) Coordinator and the Hawaii Sexual Assault and Response and Training (HSART) Program Coordinator. During this time, he has worked with local stakeholders on improving Hawaii's criminal justice system's multidisciplinary response to sexual assault, specifically working with the police, victim service providers, forensic/nurse examiners, and prosecutors.

Mr. Yamashiroya brings a unique perspective to the Law Enforcement Standards Board with over 28 years of law enforcement experience with the Chicago Police Department that includes positions as a police Academy Commander, a Detective Division Commander, and a District Commander. He has also worked with the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board.

I hope you will favorably consider Mr. Yamashiroya for the position.



Julie Ebato