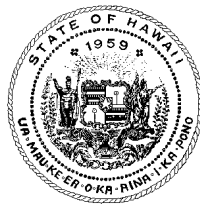


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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 620,
NOMINATION OF CHERYL INOUE TO THE HAWAII PAROLING AUTHORITY.

by
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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 19, 2020; 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** Governor's Message (GM) 620, nominating Cheryl Inouye to the Hawaii Paroling Authority (HPA).

Ms. Inouye's background in social work and extensive knowledge in the area of probation will add value and greatly aid the Authority in its deliberations.

The Department strongly endorses the nomination of Ms. Inouye to the Hawaii Paroling Authority and respectfully urges the Committee to advise and consent to her nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.



GM 620 Hawaii Paroling Authority Nominee: Cheryl Inouye

Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs

- Senator Clarence Nishihara, Chair; Senator Glenn Wakai, Vice Chair
- April 13th, 2020 at 3:00 pm
- Conference Room 229

Hina Mauka Supports Hawaii Paroling Authority Nominee Cheryl Inouye:

Aloha Chair; Vice Chair; And Distinguished Committee Members. My name is Alan Johnson, CEO of Hina Mauka. We are one of the largest prevention and treatment agencies in the State, providing substance use disorder and mental health disorder treatment to almost 2,500 adults and adolescents per year as well as prevention to thousands more youth and parents.

We highly recommend Cheryl Inouye for a member of the Hawai'i Paroling Authority:

- Having extensive experience with the Judiciary dealing with felony sex offenders and high risk probationers, Cheryl Inouye will bring an important perspective to the Hawaii Paroling Authority.
- Cheryl Inouye has been a strong advocate for community safety while simultaneously advocating for strong supervision of parolees that includes substance use disorder treatment, mental health support, and reentry housing and jobs. Ms. Inouye understands that safety includes both appropriate retention and supervisory release.
- Cheryl Inouye was instrumental in developing new creative ideas such as the Hawai'i's Opportunity Probation and Enforcement (HOPE) program as well as a significant contributing member of the Criminal Justice Interdisciplinary Team.
- Also, Cheryl was a major reform advocate by developing and implementing probation systems to provide criminal justice inventory assessments that can measure risk for re-offending, motivational interviewing techniques so probation officers could be more effective, and promoting Cognitive Behavioral Therapies to address offender criminality risk factors. These are remarkable accomplishments.
- Developing and administering the first ever drug offender probation unit is a large task worthy of acclaim.
- As a creative implementor for effective and structured reentry programming, Cheryl Inouye has the experience and the vision to improve parole systems.

We fully support Cheryl Inouye's nomination and believe that she will be a helpful resource for the Hawaii Paroling Authority.