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

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**Governor's Message No. 639 and Title:** Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Compact Administrator of the State Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles, Gubernatorial Nominee, Kristin Davidson, for a term to expire June 30, 2022.

**Judiciary's Position:**

The Judiciary strongly supports the confirmation of Ms. Kristin Davidson for a term to expire on June 30, 2022 as the Compact Administrator for the State Council for the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ). Ms. Davidson is currently the Social Services Manager for the Juvenile Client Services Branch of the First Circuit, a position which oversees all juvenile services for Family Court, First Circuit. Ms. Davidson has the experience, knowledge, skills, and expertise to make decisions as compact administrator of the ICJ and has ten plus years of experience that qualifies her to serve as the Compact Administrator for the State of Hawai'i. Ms. Davidson is driven by vision, purpose, and the



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mission of the Family Court and the ICJ, to ensure the best interests of our juveniles are prioritized and not by personal alliance, agendas or self-interests

Nathan Foo had been serving as the Compact Administrator from April 17, 2017 until his retirement from the Judiciary on July 1, 2019. In light of Mr. Foo's retirement, we recommend the appointment of Kristin Davidson as the new Compact Administrator. Ms. Davidson was recently hired to replace Mr. Foo as the Social Services Manager for the Juvenile Client Services Branch of the First Circuit. She oversees the juvenile detention facility and youth shelter, the juvenile probation and status offender units, the Juvenile Drug Court and Girls Court, as well as the special services unit that handles child abuse and neglect cases, the Zero to Three Court, the Permanency Court and Imua Kakou (a program for young adults exiting foster care). Ms. Davidson has a wealth of experience and knowledge in child welfare and juvenile justice, both as a Case Manager for social service organizations, a Juvenile Probation Officer, and Juvenile Probation Officer Field Supervisor.

Under Ms. Davidson's leadership and management, Hawai'i will continue to fulfill its responsibilities to promote public safety, protect the rights of victims, control movement of offenders, provide for effective tracking of offenders, and engage in the supervision and rehabilitation of offenders.

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