

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1547

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: GOV. MSG. NO. 713

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Governor's Message No. 713, submitting for study and consideration the nomination of:

CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

G.M. No. 713 WILLIAM PUETTE,
for a term to expire 06-30-2025,

begs leave to report as follows:

Your Committee has reviewed the personal history, curriculum vitae, and statement submitted by the nominee and finds William Puette, Ph.D, to possess the requisite qualifications to be nominated for reappointment to the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of the nomination for the reappointment of William Puette from the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission; Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawaii State AFL-CIO; United Public Workers, AFSCME Local 646, AFL-CIO; and two individuals.

Upon review of the testimony, your Committee finds that Dr. Puette brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission, as well as an impressive record of demonstrated commitment to civil rights for the people of the State. Your Committee notes that Dr. Puette has been a Commissioner since 2019, and that his background in labor education and as a professional parliamentarian have added valuable perspective to the work of the Commission. Additionally,



Dr. Puette is a faculty member at the University of Hawai'i West O'ahu Center for Labor Education and Research, and the principles of fairness and equity permeate his work at that institution. Your Committee further finds that Dr. Puette's experience, professionalism, and commitment to advancing civil rights for the people of the State will continue to be great assets to the Hawai'i Civil Rights Commission.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee, after full consideration of the background, experience, and qualifications of the nominee, has found the nominee to be qualified for the position to which nominated and recommends that the Senate advise and consent to the nomination.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



