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February 1, 2021

TESTIMONY TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

For Hearing on Wednesday, February 3, 2021
3 p.m. via video teleconference

By

RYKER WADA
DIRECTOR

**Governor's Message 505: Submitting for consideration and confirmation as
the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations,
Gubernatorial Nominee, JOANN A. VIDINHAR,
for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.**

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice-Chair Ihara and Members of the Committee:

I submit this testimony in **Strong Support** of the confirmation of JoAnn A. Vidinhar as Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. I have had the opportunity to work closely with Ms. Vidinhar since her appointment this past summer and have found her to be a dedicated and knowledgeable public servant who is well suited for this role.

Ms. Vidinhar's background and lifelong career in the public sector will be a great asset as she partners with Director Perreira-Eustaquio to lead the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations during these trying times.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 505 and JoAnn A. Vidinhar. We humbly ask for your favorable consideration.



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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts
Wednesday, February 3, 2021
3:00 p.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 505, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE JOANN VIDINHAR,
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 5, 2022**

Chair Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jo Ann Uchida Takeuchi, and I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (Department). The Department strongly supports the confirmation of Ms. Vidinhar's appointment as Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Ever since Ms. Vidinhar began work as the acting Deputy Director in September 2020, she has been a collaborative, helpful, knowledgeable and personable representative of her department. Despite her enormous workload, Ms. Vidinhar was always gracious in following up on inquiries and requests for assistance, and she readily shares her knowledge and opinions during discussions among deputy directors. Her extensive enforcement, planning and managerial background make her well suited to the myriad responsibilities that come with her new position.

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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message 505 in strong SUPPORT of the confirmation of JoAnn Vidinhar as Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor

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

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

**FEBRUARY 3, 2021
3:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 225**

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 505

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOANN VIDINHAR, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Chairperson Taniguchi and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 504, consideration and confirmation as Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOANN VIDINHAR, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022. The Department strongly supports this measure.

Ms. Vidinhar's 25 years of public service in state and municipal government provide make her an ideal candidate to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR). She led DLIR's Disability Compensation Division as its Administrator since 2015, and began her service as the Deputy Director on an interim bases in September of 2020. She has served in both positions admirably. The Department supports consideration and confirmation of Ms. Vidinhar's nomination.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.





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DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

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

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE, AND ARTS

February 3, 2021
3:00 p.m., Room 225

In consideration of
Governor's Message 505

Submitted for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Gubernatorial Nominee, JoAnn Vidinhar

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and committee members:

I respectfully request your support in confirming the appointment of JoAnn Vidinhar to serve as the Deputy Director, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

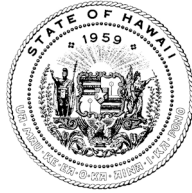
Ms. Vidinhar is a dedicated public servant who has provided managerial oversight to municipalities for the past 25 years. She was born and raised on Oahu and has developed strong leadership values in her commitment to her community through employment and community service opportunities. Ms. Vidinhar most recently served as the Administrator for the Department's Disability Compensation Division where she administered and enforced work programs (WC, TDI, PHC), oversaw the Division's Modernization Project, and handled legislative and other public matters. In 2018, she was named Manager of the Year for the State of Hawaii.

Prior to coming to DLIR, Ms. Vidinhar was with the City of Bremerton's Department of Community Development where over several years she served as the Assistant Director, City Building Official, and Development Manager and Planner.

My administration is committed to transforming the culture of government by embracing and accelerating change. I'm confident that Ms. Vidinhar will support our employees in the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations in this effort. Together, we can build a better home for our keiki, kupuna, and all the residents of Hawai'i.

Mahalo for your consideration.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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Testimony of
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Before the

SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2021

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE No. 505
Gubernatorial Nominee Joann Vidinhar

Dear Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and members of the committee:

I am testifying in support of JoAnn A. Vidinhar as the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations' (DLIR) deputy director. She has served as administrator for DLIR's Disability Compensation Division since 2015.

In 2018, Ms. Vidinhar was named State Manager of the Year as an administrator at DLIR, recognized for her fresh, innovative leadership to improve the division's business processes, reduce delays for injured workers to receive compensation and implement a \$3.3 million modernization project.

Ms. Vidinhar has demonstrated her ability to lead and will be a tremendous asset as deputy director at DLIR.

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

January 29, 2021

To: The Honorable Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Senator Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair
Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

From: JoAnn A. Vidinhar, Nominee for Deputy Director of the State of Hawaii
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

RE: Support of GM 505 - Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOANN VIDINHAR, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Hearing: February 3, 2021 at 3:00 PM
Conference Room 225, State Capitol

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and members of the Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts,

With much respect, I request your support for my Gubernatorial Nomination for the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

I am honored and humbled for this opportunity to submit testimony for your consideration.

I was born and raised on Oahu where I developed strong leadership and moral values through my humble upbringing, private school education, and commitment to my community through career and church service opportunities.

For the past 25 years, I have dedicated my career as a public servant. My professional career started when my husband and I moved to Washington State in search for better opportunities for our family, especially our three children. My career path has always been guided by positions that protect and promote the safety, health and welfare of citizens. Being in the public sector, I have always conducted my activities in a manner that encourages citizen involvement, enhances public trust, and promotes transparency and law enforcement.

My time as a Land Use and Environmental Planner provided me the privilege to oversee effective and efficient government services through community planning, fostering economic and growth management, and sustainability for the benefits of current and future generations. As a Planner, I worked with local agencies, including the Department of Health, the Fire Department, Department of Labor (DOL), along with various State agencies to promote fair and proper regulations and economic vitality. The key to my success was fostering employment development and producing significant positive results and lasting benefits for our citizens.

My career path led me to be the Assistant Director for the City of Bremerton's Community Development Department and the City Building Official. In the honorary role as the Building Official, I was privileged to administer and enforce all adopted building codes. This provided me the opportunity to work closer with

the Departments of Health, Fire and Labor. In this role, I worked with the DOL's workforce development in implementing job sharing programs and relocating injured government workers.

After returning back home, I was honored to serve our community as the Administrator for the Disability Compensation Division (DCD) for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. I am at awe with the dedication and work ethic that is embodied in the Department. I am proud to work alongside these good people.

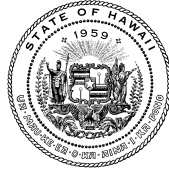
I have used my experience in streamlining and optimizing business processes to lead DCD's modernization project. This project is in its third year, of four years, and is currently on budget and in scope. The ultimate goal of the modernization project is to provide Hawaii's labor force with an enhanced customer service experience through a secured online portal, accessible at all times of the day and from various devices.

As the Deputy Director, I will continue to work within the department to improve business processes and work to cultivate an atmosphere of change to encourage Hawaii's economic recovery and revitalization.

Working for the State of Hawaii allows me to exemplify the aloha I feel for the people of Hawaii and my culture. These cultural beliefs are also exemplified in Anne Perreira-Eustaquio, who I support as the Department's Director. I have watched Anne as she has brought stability to the department in her time as Deputy, Acting Director and Director. I appreciate and respect her goals, values, and leadership style as they align with mine. I believe together we can unite the department and re-build the public's confidence and trust in these trying times through honest and transparent decisions.

I thank you for this opportunity to testify and leave you with my commitment to continue to serve the people of Hawaii with honor and respect.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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TESTIMONY
OF
AUDREY HIDANO, DEPUTY COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2021, 3:00 PM
CONFERENCE ROOM 225, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 505

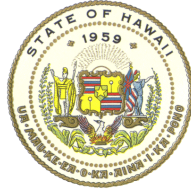
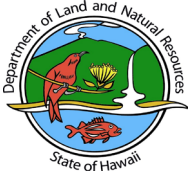
Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 505.

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Gubernatorial Nominee, **JOANN VIDINHAR**, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Testifying in **SUPPORT** of G.M. 505 for JoAnn A. Vidinar. I've come to know Ms. Vidinhar in her new role as Deputy Director for Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Ms. Vidinhar is a very dedicated public servant and is committed to working for the Department and the State of Hawaii.

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

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
LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 505
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE
JOANN A. VIDINHAR
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources strongly supports Governor's Message 505 nominating Joann A. Vidinhar to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for a term to expire at noon on December 5, 2022.

Ms. Vidinhar previously worked as a senior planner and building and planning supervisor with Kitsap County's Department of Community Development, and as an assistant director, city building office, as well as a development manager and planner with the Department of Community Development for the City of Bremerton in Washington.

Ms. Vidinhar brings a fresh perspective and outlook to addressing Hawaii's workforce issues. The Department of Land and Natural Resources is confident that she will serve the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations admirably as its Deputy Director.

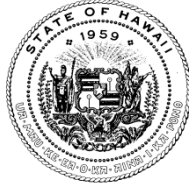
Thank you for your consideration of the Department's strong support of Governor's Message 505, nominating Joann A. Vidinhar as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

SUZANNE D. CASE
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
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February 3, 2021
3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Teleconference

G.M. 505

Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOANN VIDINHAR, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and Arts

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** Joann Vidinhar as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR). Ms. Vidinhar

Ms. Vidinhar has been a public servant for over 25 years. Prior to joining the DLIR in 2015 as Administrator of the Disability Compensation Division, she worked at the Department of Community Development for the City of Bremerton in Washington, where she was an assistant director and city building official, as well as a development manager and planner. Prior to that, Ms. Vidinhar worked with Kitsap County's Department of Community Development where she served as a senior planner.

In 2018, Governor David Ige, recognized Ms. Vidinhar as Manager of the Year for her fresh, innovative leadership to improve the division's business processes, reduce delays for injured workers to receive compensation and implement a \$3.3 million modernization project.

The DOT believe that Ms. Perreria-Eustaquio and Ms. Vidinhar will be an effective team to address the critical challenges of the DLIR and restore public trust in government.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

TESTIMONY

**Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts
Wednesday, February 3, 2021
3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**GM 505, Consideration and Confirmation of
JoAnn Vidinhar
As Deputy Director of the Department of
Labor and Industrial Relations**

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and Committee Members:

I have worked as a Deputy Attorney General representing the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations for the past 26 years and am currently a Supervising Deputy Attorney General. I am writing to express my strong support to confirm JoAnn Vidinhar as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR).

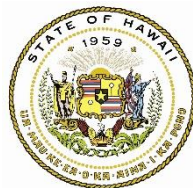
I have had the privilege of working with JoAnn over the past several years when she was the Administrator of the Disability Compensation Division (DCD), one of the biggest divisions of the DLIR. Among the main responsibilities of the DCD is the administration of the workers' compensation program. Although JoAnn's background was not in workers' compensation, she quickly learned the program and the laws. Furthermore, she quickly familiarized herself with the mission and needs of the other DCD programs. JoAnn's ability to address difficult situations in a calm and confident manner are qualities needed for the position of Deputy Director and the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations would be extremely fortunate to have JoAnn as Deputy Director.

I respectfully urge you to confirm JoAnn Vidinhar as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on GM 505 and for considering my testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

JOSH GREEN
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



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February 1, 2021

To: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2021
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: Conference Room 225

From: Allicyn Tasaka, Executive Director
Hawaii Workforce Development Council

Re: GM 505 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Gubernatorial Nominee, JoAnn Vidinhar, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

This testimony is in strong support of JoAnn Vidinhar as Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Ms. Vidinhar was hired as Administrator of the Disability Compensation Division around the same time I started with the Workforce Development Council. I have gotten to know her as a colleague who is hardworking, trustworthy, inclusionary, strategically focused and thoroughly professional.

Ms. Vidinhar and Ms. Perreira-Eustaquio work well as a team and complement each other's leadership styles and it is effective. I have little doubt that together they will ably guide the organization through the current challenges faced by every state labor department in the country due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony in strong support. I urge the Committee to confirm Ms. Vidinhar as Deputy Director.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

JOSH GREEN
LIEUTENANT
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February 1, 2021

To: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair,
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2021
Time: 3:00 p.m.

From: Damien A. Elefante, Chair
Labor and Industrial Relations Appeals Board

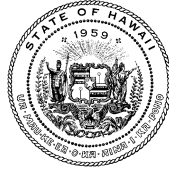
Re: Support of GOV. MSG NO. 505

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and members of the Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts. I am testifying in support of GM 505 for the confirmation of JoAnn A. Vidinhar as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

In my capacity as LIRAB Chair, I have worked with Ms. Vidinhar and witnessed her commitment and leadership to the Department. The leadership ability was recognized by the State in 2018 when she received the Governor's Manager of Year Award. Ms. Vidinhar is a dedicate public servant who has served in multiple managerial position in the state and county level. Her experiences and skills will help and contribute positively for the Department.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony for GM 505 in support of the confirmation of JoAnn A. Vidinhar as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



CURT T. OTAGURO
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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
OF
CURT T. OTAGURO, COMPTROLLER
DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES
TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

FEBRUARY 3, 2021, 3:00 P.M.
CONFERENCE ROOM 225, STATE CAPITOL

G.M. 505
SUBMITTING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS DEPUTY
DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS,
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOANN VIDINHAR, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON
ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on G.M. 505. I support the nomination of Ms. Joann Vidinhar to the position of Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR).

Ms. Vidinhar has led the DLIR as Deputy Director since September 2020. She has also served as Disability Compensation Division Administrator since November 2015. In addition, Ms. Vidinhar has also worked as an Assistant Director and City Building Official for the City of Bremerton's Department of Community Development since 2007.

She has a proven track record of team leadership within state and county organizations. Ms. Vidinhar would be leveraging over 25 years of managerial experience within DLIR to improve the organization as well as restore the public's trust in government.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR



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AND
ROBERT YU
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE

TO THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 505

February 3, 2021
3:00 p.m.
Room 225

SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION AS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, JOANN VIDINHAR, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE AT NOON ON 12-05-2022.

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committee:

We strongly support the appointment of JoAnn Vidinhar to the position of deputy director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relation (DLIR).

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.

Ms. Vidinhar 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.

Ms. Vindinhar has been serving as deputy director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations since September 2020. Prior to that, she served as administrator of DLIR's Disability Compensation Division since 2015. She previously worked in various capacities in Washington at the Department of Community Development for the City of Bremerton and Kitsap County. Her work experience will benefit the department and the State; therefore, we support her confirmation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR



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DIRECTOR

JOANN A. VIDINHAR
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February 2, 2021

To: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair,
The Honorable Les Ihara Jr., Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: Conference Room 225, State Capitol

From: Maricar Pilotin-Freitas, Administrator
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations Workforce Development Division

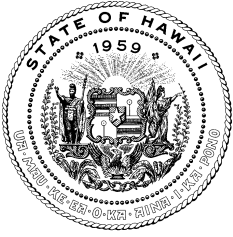
GM 505 JoAnn Vidinhar to Serve as Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara Jr., and Members of the Committee:

My name is Maricar Pilotin-Freitas and I am the Administrator for the Workforce Development Division of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR). I strongly support the confirmation of Ms. JoAnn Vidinhar as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations. Ms. Vidinhar has been with the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations since 2015 serving as the administrator for DLIR's Disability Compensation Division (DCD) prior to her current role as the Acting Deputy Director for the department. Ms. Vidinhar's extensive experience in community development, and planning is essential in leading the department.

I urge you to confirm Ms. JoAnn Vidinhar to serve as the Deputy Director for the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations where, if confirmed, she will be a great asset in helping to lead the department during the next two years.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Ms. JoAnn Vidinhar.



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before the
SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS
Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 3:00 PM
Via Videoconference

In SUPPORT of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 505, JOANN VIDINHAR
As Deputy Director, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
(Written Testimony Only)

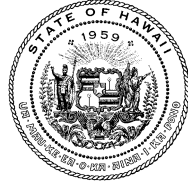
Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committee, I am writing in support of the appointment of Ms. Vidinhar to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Ms. Vidinhar has admirably served as acting Deputy Director these past few months, especially through the COVID emergency. Her previous experience in the Department as the Administrator for the Disability Compensation Division serves her and the Department well for her as Deputy Director. She is proactive and collaborative with other departments and understands the department needs, strengths, and areas for improvement.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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To: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair;
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair;
and Members of the Senate Committee on Labor, Culture, and the Arts

From: Isaac W. Choy, Director
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Date: February 3, 2021
Time: 3:00 P.M.
Place: Via Videoconference, Hawaii State Capitol

Re: G.M. 505, Submitting for Consideration and Confirmation of the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Gubernatorial Nominee, Joann Vidinhar

I am in strong support of G.M. 505 and the confirmation of Joann Vidinhar as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR).

Ms. Vidinhar has served at the DLIR since 2015 and has been a public servant for the past 25 years. Prior to being appointed to the position of DLIR Deputy Director, she served as the Division Administrator of the DLIR Disability Compensation Division. I believe Ms. Vidinhar's strong work ethic and commitment to public service makes her an excellent candidate for this position.

Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony in support of the confirmation of Joann Vidinhar as the Deputy Director of the DLIR .

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To: The Honorable Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair,
The Honorable Les Ihara, Jr., Vice Chair, and
Members of the Senate Committee on Labor, Culture and the Arts

Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2021
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Place: Via Videoconference

From: Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR)

**Re: G.M. No. 505 Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy
Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Gubernatorial
Nominee, JOANN A. VIDINHAR**

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and Members of the Committee,

The DLIR is testifying in strong support of Governor's Message 505, Gubernatorial Nominee, JoAnn A. Vidinhar, as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations.

JoAnn has demonstrated that she has the leadership and experience to assist in leading the DLIR. Before serving as the Deputy Director, JoAnn served as the Administrator of the Disability Compensation Division (DCD). As the DCD Administrator, JoAnn shepherded the modernization project and increased employee morale by fostering opportunities for professional growth and promotion.

As the Deputy Director, JoAnn assists the Director by providing guidance and counsel on legislative and personnel matters. She understands the State's dire economic condition and proposed creative solutions that will enable the DLIR to continue to perform its core functions. She also works closely with the offices to ensure that critical positions are filled with qualified individuals who will be successful. JoAnn remains a strong advocate for the DLIR and a source of strength during this challenging time.

We urge you to confirm JoAnn to serve as the Deputy Director of the DLIR so that she may continue to provide leadership and service to the public.

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

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WRITTEN TESTIMONY BY

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TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE AND THE ARTS

February 3, 2021

3:00 p.m.

Conference Room 225

Submitting for consideration and confirmation Governor's Message 505 as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Gubernatorial Nominee, JOANN VIDINHAR, for a term to expire at noon on 12-05-2022.

My name is Joseph H. Campos II, and I am the Deputy Director of the Department of Human Services. I am testifying in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 505, Gubernatorial Nominee, JoAnn Vidinhar, as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR).

Ms. Vidinhar has demonstrated that she has the leadership and experience to serve as the DLIR Deputy Director, especially in time of crisis such as the pandemic. Ms. Vidinhar served as the DLIR Administrator for the Disability Compensation Division from November 2015 through September 2020, and DLIR Deputy Director from September 2020 through present. Ms. Vidinhar's experience at DLIR, as well as her substantial previous experience in public service, show her extensive knowledge, passion, and commitment to address the complex issues before DLIR and her dedication to public service. I have seen her commitment to the people of Hawaii and have been impressed with her willingness to work with other departments and ensure that issues are addressed to facilitate the timely processing of Unemployment Insurance Benefit applications.

Thank you for allowing me to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of Governor's Message 505 and Ms. Vidinhar.



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Wednesday, February 3, 2021
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
GM505
**Submitting for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, Gubernatorial Nominee,
JOANN VIDINHAR, for a term to expire at noon on 12-5-2022.**

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara and members of the Committee.

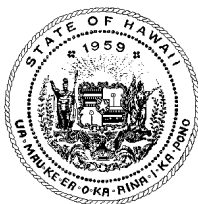
I am writing in support of JoAnn Vidinhar, to serve as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR).

JoAnn has been the acting deputy director since September of 2020 and the disability compensation administrator prior, where she oversaw the department's modernization project and was the State of Hawai'i's manager of the year recipient. Her understanding of the department and its current challenges will help to continue the momentum towards transforming the department and building the public's trust.

I strongly support the confirmation of gubernatorial candidate, JoAnn Vidinhar, as Deputy Director of the Dept. of Labor and Industrial Relations.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 505
NOMINATION OF JOANN VIDINHAR
DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

By
Max Otani, Director

Senate Committee on Labor, Culture, and the Arts
Senator Brian T. Taniguchi, Chair
Les Ihara, Jr. Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 3, 2021; 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225

Via Videoconference

Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and Committee Members,

The Department of Public Safety supports the nomination of Joann Vidinhar as Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR). Ms. Vidinhar's work experience in government administration, most recently as DLIR's Administrator of the Disability Compensation Division, has prepared her well to support Director Perreira-Eustaquio in leading the Department.

DLIR is currently facing unprecedented challenges due to the coronavirus outbreak, and this experienced and dedicated team deserves to continue its important efforts in serving Hawaii's people. PSD urges the Committee's vote to recommend the Senate's confirmation of Ms. Vidinhar as Deputy Director of DLIR.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM J. AILA, JR, CHAIRMAN
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BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, CULTURE, AND THE ARTS
HEARING ON FEBRUARY 3, 2021 AT 3:00PM IN CR 225

IN SUPPORT OF

GM505

for consideration and confirmation as the Deputy Director of the
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations,
Gubernatorial Nominee, **JOANN VIDINHAR**,
for a term to expire 12-05-2022

February 3, 2021

Aloha Chair Taniguchi, Vice Chair Ihara, and members of the Committee:

We provide this testimony in support of Governor Ige's nomination of Ms. JoAnn Vidinhar as the Deputy Director of the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations (DLIR).

Ms. Vidinhar has worked at the DLIR since 2015 as the Administrator of the Disability Compensation Division. In September 2020, she became Acting Deputy Director of the Department. As the Deputy, she administers the Department's work programs and assists the Director in leading the Department. Prior to her work at the Department, Ms. Vidinhar gained experience analyzing and interpreting codes and regulations, managing projects, and administering programs, which makes her well qualified for this nomination.

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